Congratulations everyone for enabling Lauriston to receive the School games gold mark 2016/2017

Dates for your diary:

20th July 2017
2pm Yr 6 Graduation
Last day of term

2017 - 2018

4th September 2017
Inset Day
5th September 2017
First day back for children in Years Reception to Year 6
11th September 2017
First day back for Nursery Children
12th September 2017
5pm - 5.45pm Years 1 & 2 meet the teachers
13th September
5pm - 5.45pm Years 3 & 4 meet the teachers
14th September 2017
5pm - 5.45pm Years 5 & 6 meet the teachers

17th September 2017
LSA Table Top Sale (see LSA newsletter)
21st September 2017
LSA Open Meeting for Parents
28th September 2017
LSA AGM
Half –Term Holiday 20th—24th October
Last Day of Autumn Term - 20th December
First Day of Spring Term - 4th January 2018
Half –Term Holiday 12th - 16th February 2018
12th March 2018
11am - 6.45pm Parents' Day - School closed to children
Last Day of Spring Term - 29th March 2018
First Day of Summer Term - 16th April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday - 7th May 2018
Half –Term Holiday 28th May - 1st June 2018
28th June 2018
Yrs R - 6 Seaside trip - Thorpe Bay
Nursery - Victoria Park for picnic and games
Last Day of Summer Term - 17th July 2018

Lauriston School Learn, Love, Laugh

LAURISTON NEWS

Issue 19 Summer 2

Dear Parents/Carers,
As you all know this is my last Newsletter contribution as Head of School. I would like to thank all the staff at Lauriston for their hard work over the last two years. I am really pleased to be able to leave the school in such a strong position. Our recent OFSTED report and end of KS1 & 2 results are a testament to all the staff's commitment and tireless work to ensure that all the children at Lauriston receive a fantastic offer through our creative, engaging and challenging curriculum.
I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have made my time at Lauriston such a wonderful experience. I have appreciated the positive comments I have received since announcing my change of role within the Federation.
Next year Mr Harris will be taking on the role as Head of School and I would like to wish him great success in this role.
Ms Terry Corpe
Head of School

Willow's Sports' Day

Willow children had a fantastic Sports Day in Victoria Park. Although it was a very hot day, it didn't stop the children from participating in all the fun activities. The children enjoyed the sack races, javelin throwing and the egg and spoon races, to name a few. It was also wonderful to see the parents get into the spirit and compete in races with one another.

Meet our Senior Leadership team

Executive Head teacher and Head of school

Mrs Thomas
Executive Head teacher

Mr Harris
Head of school

Deputy Head teachers

Ms Panesar

Mr Naidoo

Assistant Head teacher

Mrs Ali

Inclusion Manager

Miss Milne

Meet our teachers

Year 3

Ms Logue
3L Hazel Class

Ms Williams
3W Birch Class

Year 4

Ms Calliste
4C Maple Class

Mr Naidoo
4JO
Spruce Class

Mr Oyenola
4JO
Spruce Class

Meet our teachers

Year 5

Ms Lowe
5L
Chestnut Class

Mrs Flynn
5F Plane Class

Year 6

Mrs Ahmed
6A Scots Pine
Class

Mr Lopez
6L Oak Class

Meet our teachers

Nursery

Ms Gormley
Willow Class

Ms Fenton
Willow Class

Reception

Ms Molyneux
RM Fir Class

Mrs Bergonzi
RB Larch Class

Meet our teachers

Year 1

Ms D'Arcy
1D Beech Class

Ms Smith
1S Lime Class

Year 2

Ms Begum
2B Poplar
Class

Ms Ali
2JA
Hawthorn Class

Ms Julian
2JA
Hawthorn Class

Lauriston's Got Talent

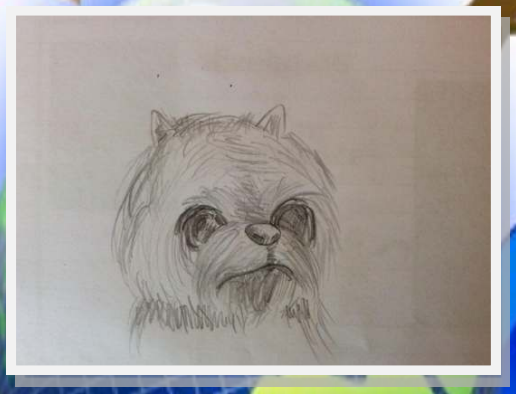
A big THANK YOU to all children for performing so well and representing proudly Lauriston school. It was a fierce competition but Lauriston succeeded in bringing home the trophy. Our very own Year 6 was ultimately crowned the WINNER of the Talent show. Well done!

A huge THANK YOU to Maple class for being a fantastic audience. Your support meant a lot to all Lauriston contestants.

AFRICA

Year 2 have had a great few weeks leading up to the end of term. Our week has been filled with research and lots of creativity. We have been researching West Africa and have made west African prints. In addition to this, we have been working extra hard to practise a popular west African dance (azonto) which we cannot wait to showcase at the carnival. We hope you love our wristbands/headbands which have been designed using these prints.

Year 3 have been looking at poetry and focusing on the work of Benjamin Zephania. They produced some brilliant work based around his poem 'We Refugees'. Their poems were beautifully written and gave their view of how they see London.



In year 5 we have been exploring adaptation and inheritance in science. We have looked at how plants and animals are adapted for some of the most extreme environments and how young inherit certain traits from their parents. In one of our lessons, we looked at the features of different breeds of dog and created our own cross-breeds including a 'Jacklador' an 'Old English Collie' and even an 'English Cocker Bernard'! This picture is one of our very own 'West Highland Danes'!

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KS2 Yellow team, winners of the golden ticket awards enjoyed a game of bowling and then a picnic in the Olympic Park and Foundation stage and KS1 has a lovely time at the Batman Lego movie. All children were really well behaved and it was great to see them supporting each other during play.

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We are very proud to announce on 5th July 13 children from Year 5 took part in the personal best finals. At the end of the competition, Lauriston achieved 2nd place (1 point off 1st).

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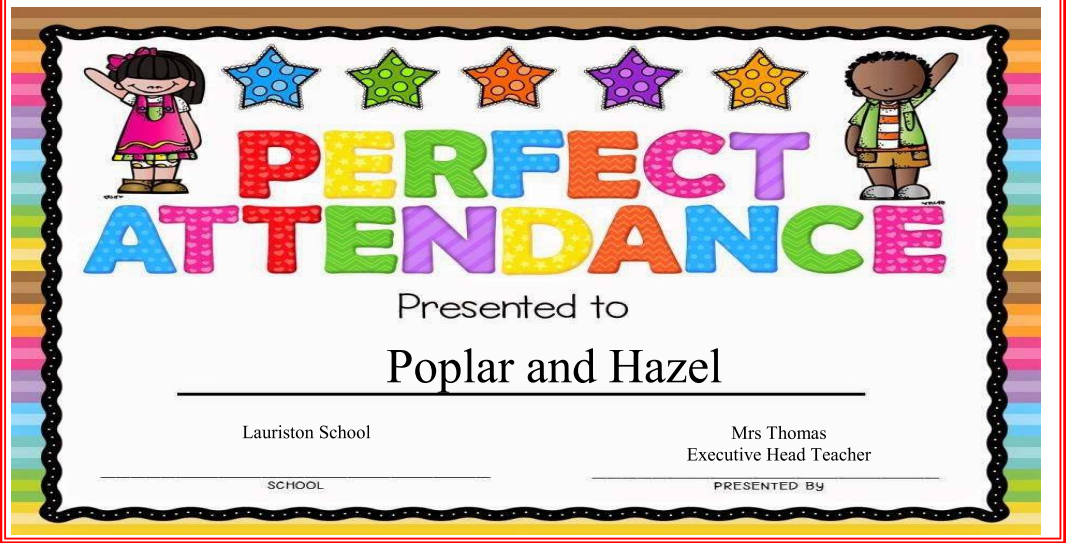
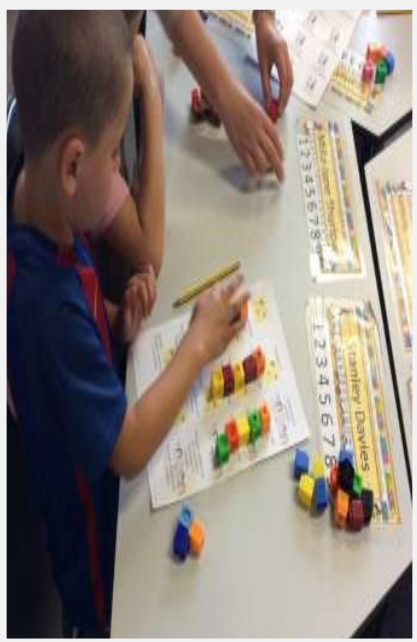
Lauriston QuadKids Athletics Team travelled to Crystal Palace National Centre to represent Hackney.
The team showed 100% commitment and dedication in all the events (600 m, 80m sprint, standing long jump and vortex throw).
At the end of the day we scored 1816 points which meant we achieved 12th place out of all schools completing in London.



Trip to the Seaside

Fir and Larch Class absolutely loved their end of year trip to the Seaside. They spent the afternoon paddling in the pool, digging in the sand, building sandcastles, collecting shells and pebbles and trying to catch crabs. The children had a fabulous time at Thorpe Bay.

Year 1 have been making Chinese symbols and practising our dances for the carnival. We have also been working hard in Maths, sharing objects and investigating division. In English we wrote a recount of an old Chinese story called 'The magic Paintbrush'.



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FREE!

Hackney Council, together with Cycle Confident, is offering a range of FREE cycle training courses for children on Hackney Downs Park throughout the summer holidays.

There are 2-day complete beginner and intermediate off-road courses for children aged 5+ and 4-day on-road courses for children aged 8+. Places are bookable on the Cycle Confident website https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/

or by calling the Cycle Confident office on 020 3031 6730.

Gardening Club

On a very hot day gardening club harvested our first crop (earlies) 6kg of Charlotte potatoes. Here's Dora with the biggest one - a whopper. These were cooked for Wednesday's roast. The second crop (pink for apple potatoes) dug up in September.

Staff Leaving

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to many of our support staff. They have worked tirelessly to support all the children at Lauriston School to ensure that they are well cared for, valued and supported to make progress across all areas of the curriculum.

We thank them for all the devotion and hard work over their years at Lauriston and wish them happiness and success in the future.

A sad and fond farewell to:

Carol Barber, Carol Hill, Diane Russell, Evlyn Carty, Fantu Kifle, Jindeu Sunderland, Pepa Stickland-Bayon, Maggie Piggott, Nouka Kante, Pauline Mallet-Smith, Peppa Mintcheva, Ria Ifill and Shubina Rashid.

We also need to say a big thank you for all their hard work and commitment to the school community and best wishes for the future to some of our teachers:

* Ms Sarah Hopkins is leaving us to travel for a year;
* Mr Ben Bignall will be joining another Hackney Federation;
* Ms Karoline Gadzeicka who was with us as a long term supply teacher;
* Ms Sherine Addai will be joining one of our Federation schools to pursue her teaching career;

Year 2 have a had great summer term! We designed and created our very own board games.

It was great to see the amount of time and effort put into the project at home too.

We had a lovely afternoon playing each other's adventure board games.

ENCORE!

BRAVO!

MAGNIFICENT!

CARNIVAL at Lauriston

Another fantastic carnival at Lauriston. This could have not been achieved without our fabulous children learning dance routines, making banners whilst having so much fun, committed and hard working staff who have worked tirelessly and put in hours and hours of work to make this happen and of course our wonderful parents who have continued to support our amazing school community.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE !

Dear parents and carers of Lauriston,

The staff at Lauriston work hard to ensure your children are provided with a high standard of education and will continue to do so. With this in mind all decisions made in relation to how the school is run are given careful consideration and even though the final decision rests with the school, staff do take parents comments on board. We appreciate your feedback and we value working collaboratively with you.

However, it is essential that for the smooth running of our school we as staff are respected and allowed to do our job to the best of our ability, without fear of verbal abuse or harassment.

If any parent feels concerned or aggrieved for any reason, they have the right to speak to a member of staff or a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Executive Head teacher on an informal basis, or where necessary lodge a formal complaint through the schools complaints procedures. All complaints will be treated fairly with the aim being to ensure a satisfactory conclusion results.

Respect us and work with us as we are here to run this school for the benefit of the only thing that matters, your children.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Janice Thomas
Executive Head teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
And so another year draws to an end, and what a good one it's been!
I'm sure you agree that the Ofsted report, circulated last week, was extremely positive. I think the quote, "Working together, you have developed an approach to teaching that has ensured that pupils have a secure grasp of the core skills they need to enjoy a deep and rich curriculum" shows what the team has achieved. Please take time to congratulate staff on their hard work.

This year the governors and staff have worked hard to improve communication between the school and parents. We have led several meetings to keep parents informed of developments within the school and Louis Harris set up a 'Communication Group' with parents. Feedback is important to us and both the Parent Survey and meeting in June gave us some suggestions for further improvements.

Regarding the decision on the future of Lauriston and whether we consult to federate, we will be sending a communication in the Autumn term.

The summer is a time for farewells; not only are Year 6 moving on but we say good bye to some members of staff. It is always sad when people move on but we wish all those who are leaving every success. We must say goodbye to Head of School, Terry Corpe, who has worked so hard for the last two and a half years to make Lauriston the school it is today. I know it has been challenging at times but she leaves the school in a great position thanks to her commitment to improvement and building the team. Thank you so much Terry.

Lastly, I want to wish all children a lovely summer holiday, especially our Year 6 as they enter a new chapter in their lives. You have all worked so hard this year and deserve a well-deserved rest and I will leave you with one of my favourite quotes from Dr Seuss.
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
Have a great summer and see you in September,

Marisa Childs