

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Thursday 9th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I think it is safe to say Autumn 1 was hugely unpredictable and not our normal start to the year.

Well, perhaps that is not entirely true. All the usual start of term things happened, We have had lovely new Nursery and Reception children and families join our schools, as well as a raft of new admissions to other year groups. New and stable staff successfully have got to know their class cohorts and the general direction of school improvement is very positive.

Hot off the back of Lauriston's inspection, then boom! An unexpected OFSTED at Colvestone. Two weeks later, an expected OFSTED at Daubeney - finally! Whilst it was perhaps not the best week to receive the call, the school was ready and the inspection went really well. It was also good to have this complete before half term. We have seen the Daubeney draft report and it should be with you any day now. Colvestone's report will also go to parents and carers tomorrow. Until all are published, we cannot give anything away - we are very pleased - but I can tell you that all of our schools and settings are now good or better!

In the middle of all this, the Windrush 75 Production at the Hackney Empire took place. What an event it was! I felt extremely proud to see so many of our Blossom families and staff coming together, as well as seeing the celebration and excellence from our performers. The quality was magnificent. The attendance of some actual Windrush heroes was a meaningful way of tying the history together and creating a memorable experience for our Blossom community. As we said on the night, there are too many individual thank you's, but a big thank you to everyone who was involved in bringing this vision to life in such a successful way.

I have begun my work with some Southend schools as a School Improvement Partner. It is always good to see other schools and settings to share ideas, as well as generate some income for the Federation. I'm also working with a few Hackney Schools too.

An exciting development this year across Blossom, is our strategy in working with some of our younger children and families in further reducing attainment gaps. We have yet to come up with a snappy strategy title, but myself alongside the Assessment Leaders, Senior Leadership Teams and Class Teachers will be meeting with families to unpick certain barriers to learning and strengthening. Myself and the Governing Body are very excited and optimistic about this process.

The school calendars are full of exciting events between now and the end of term, so please look at these carefully so you don't miss a winter extravaganza, concert or party.

As always, don't forget, a reminder about our social media channels which will show you more of what goes on at the Federation @BlossomExecHT on Twitter and Instagram as well as the school X sites:

@DaubeneyHackney

@SebrightPrimary

@LauristonSchool

@ColvestoneC

@daubeneycc

@sebrightcc

I'm hoping we can launch our new Federation website in the next week or so!!!! Some delays but we're on the case.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Warren
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