

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome Back to you all!

I hope you had a good Easter break.....it felt like a good long holiday, so I am sure you are eager for things to get back to normal. For those of you who celebrated Eid El Fitr over the break, I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful celebration.

Our INSET today was an opportunity for our Federation Teachers to gather at Lauriston to do some moderation work. It is always lovely to mix up the schools, network and learn from each other. These sessions were led by leaders from each school. Our support staff have also been doing a variety of workshops around school development priorities. Our Colvestone Team has been planning the term ahead and making sure they have time to talk and prepare for what is ahead.

The Summer Term is always busy as we prepare for our end of year assessments, and most crucially, the Y6 SATS which take place during the week of the 13th May. Before that, each school will do a practice SATS Day where we run things as if it were the real thing. Each school will confirm information to the Y6 children and parents and carers. Be sure to look at the website calendars for individual school dates and events.

Last week, I went on a research trip led by Hackney Education to Vancouver. What an experience! The Canadian education system is so very different from the UK, and this took a little bit of getting our 'head' around. Whilst the UK has many strengths, we took a great deal from the schools we visited. The group was made up of primary and secondary Head Teachers, Deputies and Governors as well as officers from Hackney Education - 15 people in total. We had the opportunity to visit several schools and observe the learning and their approaches. Our focus was looking at how a research tool 'The Spiral of Enquiry' led by the University of British Columbia, has been used to improve schools across areas of Richmond & Delta in Vancouver. In addition, how their national curriculum has been designed to focus on 'truth and reconciliation' for the indigenous population and in reflecting on colonialism and the impact this had. Furthermore, looking at how gaps between pupil groups have been narrowed. I made some good professional connections and formed some great relationships. All good!

I took a great deal of learning back from my visit and have shared some high level stuff with the Federation teaching staff this morning. One of the leaders said to me, she asks herself everyday, 'What have I done

today which has made a difference.' I will be looking at some aspects of this with the Heads of School over the coming weeks after reflecting on my trip. To quote one of the principles, 'when you're a fish swimming in the water, you can't see the water,' so I will be returning to this. If you have a spare five minutes and want to see what we got up to, there is an X and Instagram account called @VancHackTales.

A reminder, the consultation for the [Sebright Children's Centre Daycare](#) is still open. Please make your representation to this proposal. You can feedback your thoughts on this at this [link](#).

As always, don't forget, our Federation website www.blossomfederation.com, plus 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:

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Have a great start to the term!

Yours sincerely,



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