

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Thursday 9th May 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

A May Bank Holiday does the trick doesn't it? I hope you made the most of it whatever you got up to.

Next week is Y6 SATS Week across the country. This is the culmination of our children's entire learning journey at primary school and a way of celebrating their very hard work. Whilst SATS are very important to individual schools and for the Federation, let us not forget that they do not tell us anything we do not know already. Formal testing does not measure how fantastic your children are at being a kind friend or having lovely manners, or how confident they are in music or PE or recognise their amazing individual talents in art, dance or drama or science. We know all these things about your children and celebrate these too. SATS is just a snapshot of their achievements.

However, we want all our Y6 children to be well rested for next week and to do their very best. Each school is putting on a special Y6 Breakfast where lots of the staff will be on hand to provide motivation, encouragement and reassurance. The children are all ready and are confident in what they're doing. We know them very well and have thought carefully about what they might need to help them feel at ease. We ask that you make sure they are in school on time, every day and they have had a good night's rest. By Thursday, they will all be done and dusted. Any questions, please see Mr Logan, Ms Corpe, Mr Harris or Miss Lucey on the gates.

In future weeks, we will begin our end of end year assessments at the end of each year, plus the Y1 Phonics and Y4 MTC checks. Plus all the usual end of time fun and mayhem.

Following on from my trip to Vancouver, the Hackney Team are working on a future project for all Hackney Schools. I am excited about this and working with my new colleagues and friends to bring this to fruition. Watch this space! I have also been asked to speak at a *Leadership in Colour* event. *Leadership in Colour* is a project that tackles experiences of racism and disproportionality within London's children's workforce and for children and families in contact with the children's sector. I feel very honoured to be part of this and I shall report back in due course.

Next week, I am accompanying Jason Marantz, Hackney's Assistant Director (and soon to be Director of Education,) on a visit to one of the independent Jewish Schools to see the implementation of our Blossom Phonics approach. I am pleased we are able to support our local family of schools and work together. It is a huge validation for the Federation and staff, many of whom provide additional support for the borough and other schools.

As well as the weekly video updates, as always, please do not 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:

@DaubeneyHackney

@SebrightPrimary

@LauristonSchool

@ColvestoneC

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Have a great rest of the week (and a restful weekend Y6's!)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Warren".

Robin Warren

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