

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Wednesday 14th June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

We've had a busy old week! We have had moderation visits for Y6 at Colvestone and Sebright and Y2 at Daubeney by Hackney Education. Our staff teams were magnificently prepared and made us proud. A big well done to the children for producing such quality writing and for the teachers in delivering the teaching in the first place!

The Y1 Phonics Checks have been going on all week and our Y4 Multiplication Times Table check starts next week.

You may also have heard that the National Education Union are proposing a three day strike the week beginning 3rd July, likely the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week. This has yet to be confirmed, but I will be in touch once we hear one way or another.

This month is Pride Month. One thing I would like to pick up on this week is our Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) curriculum which largely takes place during the summer term. The focus in all primary schools is on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults. This starts with pupils being taught about what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who the people are who can support them.

Teaching about families requires sensitive and well-judged teaching based on our knowledge of our children and their circumstances. Families of many forms provide a nurturing environment for children. (Families can include, for example, single parent families, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst many other structures - all of which feature as part of our family make up across the Blossom Schools. *It is therefore important that children in all families see themselves represented.*

We use Jigsaw largely to teach our [RSE curriculum](#). This also includes the PHSE element about [LGBTQ education](#). You can find out more about the curriculum content on each website and through the links above.

As well as pupil groups such as Junior OPAL Team, Junior Mental Health Team, School Council, Ambassadors etc, Daubeney & Lauriston also has a Pride Youth Network - something we are very proud of at the Blossom Federation. (Colvestone & Sebright will have one next year!) This allows the children to promote inclusivity and tolerance and key learning around LGBTQ education supporting the Jigsaw curriculum. During Pride Month, all the schools will be holding different events - assemblies, cake sales, flag designs, after school fairs, dress up days etc..

The reason I am highlighting this work Federation wide - besides being super proud of what is on offer - is that we have had some requests from parents and carers to withdraw their children from aspects of the RSE provision.

The RSE curriculum is statutory and taught in all schools in the UK. There is no right to withdraw children from RSE, only aspects of Sex Education.

Individual schools will respond to individual parent and carer questions about this and hopefully these conversations will answer those questions. It is the expectation that children will take part in the curriculum offer.

It is important that children see themselves represented in our curriculum and that our provision reflects the society we live in. The world is developing all the time and the key to addressing discrimination is education and understanding We have come a very long way and there is more work to do.

Please talk to us if you would like more information or if there is any feedback for us about this aspect of our provision.

There is lots to look forward to and I am sure there will be lots of photos and news to share of these events in the coming weeks.

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 Twitter sites:

@DaubeneyHackney

@SebrightPrimary

@LauristonSchool

@ColvestoneC

@daubeneycc

@sebrightcc

Yours sincerely,

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

Robin Warren

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