

9th November 2023



'It Takes a Village...' 2023 – Reach for the Stars

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to formally invite you to attend our virtual **'It Takes a Village...' 2023** event hosted by Daubeney Primary, members of our federation sister school communities (Colvestone, Lauriston and Sebright) are more than welcome to join the virtual meeting next **Wednesday 15th November at 18:00 – 19:30.**

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For those of you not familiar with ITAV, it is specifically aimed at improving outcomes for Young Black Men here at Daubeney, and similarly for our sister schools within their settings. Each school has a YBM action plan which ties into our themes for this year's event – **'Reach for the Stars'.**

'It Takes a Village...' (ITAV) is now in its sixth year and sits under the umbrella of Hackney Education's (HE) Improving Outcomes for Young Black Men (YBM) initiative of which you can learn more about by accessing the link. <https://hackney.gov.uk/young-black-men>

We will have **Jules Kirby & Lauren Mills**, Founder and Trustee respectfully (Education, Community & Inclusion), of **Natuural Neighbours** as a keynote speakers. <https://www.naturalneighbours.org.uk/>

We will also have **Julius Monero**, local business owner and volunteer here at Daubeney.



There will also be an opportunity for you tell us what we can do better to improve the outcomes for our YBM.

As a federation, we also desire to **improve parental engagement** and as such, we want to hear your suggestions on the day, as **key stakeholders** in each school, on discussion points such as:

- What does it mean to truly belong?
- What can be done to improve a sense of 'belonging' for our YBM?

Tell us the answers to these questions and more via a discussion on the evening.

As parents, and major stakeholders in our school community, you are all warmly invited, especially those of African/African Caribbean heritage and/or those who have a desire to contribute to improving the lives of YBM, to attend the meeting and share your views for us to implement in our individual schools, as we all know, 'It takes a village... to raise a child.'

It Takes a Village: Order of Events	
18:00 – 18:10pm	Welcome from Mr Logan
18:10 – 18:30pm	Guest Speakers Lauren Mills & Jules Kirby Natural Neighbours
18:30 – 18:40pm	Audience Q&A
18:40 – 19:00pm	Guest Speaker Julius Monero Business owner and volunteer
19:00 – 19:10pm	Audience Q&A
19:10 – 19:30pm	Closing remarks, farewell & thank you from Mr Logan

As a bonus on the night, all who attend will be provided with a link to watch the Windrush 75 in the Hall of Fame performance before being shared with the wider Blossom Federation community.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,



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