

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



4th May 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend and that our Muslim families had a wonderful Eid celebration.

I have been on some training with other leaders this week as I begin the National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership. As always, it is very helpful to network with other leaders and to discuss the challenges and rewards of leading multiple schools. I felt both inspired and wise!

Across the Federation SATS season has begun. Our Y2's will be doing some assessments across the month of May. These are very low key and complement our ongoing teacher assessment. Each school has hosted meetings for parents and carers, but if you have any questions about this, please ask.

Next week, Y6's all across the country undertake their end of Key Stage SATS - this first time since before the pandemic. Our Y6's are more than ready to show their best and the whole school community is behind them. We have been communicating to the children that whilst these assessments are important, they do not tell us anything we don't know, or encapsulate how amazing they are as individuals. I have sent a separate communication to Y6 parents and carers about our preparation towards this week. I am sure you will join me in wishing the children a successful week.

Our OPAL Stay and Plays have been a huge success. It is very evident the changing play landscape in each school and we are confident this will lead to happy children and good learning outcomes. Thank you for supporting us. A big thank you Amrika and the OPAL Teams within each school for their ongoing work with this.

We have finalised our school budgets this week, and whilst this has been very challenging, we have made the best of the situation and have clear plans in place to ensure the schools continue from strength to strength. In my training this week, it has been comforting to know we are not alone - not just in inner London but in schools around London - but that we are doing a good job amidst the difficulties of school funding.

The warmer weather is optimistic and makes us look forward to all the very exciting and fun summer plans we have this term. A reminder that our Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday is on Friday 27th May - each school will be closed before half term.

Have a good rest of the week.

Yours sincerely,

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

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Executive Head Teacher

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