

Friday 5th July 2024

Update Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week! The energy, passion and sense of fun began last Saturday with our wonderful *Fiesta* inspired Summer Fair. I am running out of superlatives to describe our PTA events! We had nearly 2.7million (forgive the slight exaggeration) visitors and everyone was dancing, celebrating and having a great time. The Summer Fair is fast becoming a must attend neighbourhood event...a huge thank you to the PTA for their vision and dedication to pull it off. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported by volunteering their time or expertise and thank you to the staff and site team who helped with logistics. A team effort which created a truly wonderful Saturday afternoon for our school community and raised an eye watering sum of money to support playground development.

We then had two further spectacular events...because why stop at one?! Wednesday saw the return of the **Great Lauriston Bake Off** which raised almost £500 and delighted children across the school. Then after school on Wednesday saw us launch a new event...the **SENDsational Talent Show!** This was a spectacular success with pupils performing a range of innovative and creative acts in front of a packed playground of adoring fans. Providing magic moments for pupils is so important and these memories really do matter. A huge thank you to Ms Louis, our SENCo who pitched the idea to me a few months ago and worked hard and with great enthusiasm to bring it to life.

On Thursday the pupils across the school got to spend time with their new teachers. The feedback from the pupils has been so positive and it was lovely to walk around the school and see all the collaborative and creative activities happening. Lots of bonding, laughter and exciting challenges.

Despite the very busy week, we had time on Tuesday for our Hackney School Improvement Partner, Laleh Laverick, to visit the school. Laleh met with me, other senior leaders and completed a Learning walk of the school. She was very impressed with the adapted support for all pupils, the behaviours for learning and the consistency of provision across the school. It was a lovely opportunity to showcase the school.

Not wanting to leave Wednesday out...we had a Governing Body meeting in the evening where the Federation Schools all presented around "Pupil Voice". Our presentation can be seen following this link: Pupil Voice - Lauriston Primary School

Grounds Development:

Two bits of exciting news! Firstly, the next phase of our playground development is very close to being agreed. We are just waiting for final confirmation of one element of the design and then it will be full steam ahead over the summer! I will share design pictures with you when I have them next week.

Secondly, we will be having the toilets which back onto the playground refurbished during October Half-term. This is very exciting news!

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Please note the dates below for your chance to meet your child's new teacher in September, listen to curriculum plans and ask questions.

Hopefully the sun manages to keep shining over the weekend and I look forward to greeting you all on the gates on Monday for another fun packed week!

Key Dates:

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Event	Date / Time / Location
Year 6 Disco	Tuesday 9 th July (Hall)
Reports sent to parents	Monday 15 th July
Please send your child in with a strong carrier bag	Week Beginning 15 th July (Books sent home on
to take home their school exercise books	Friday 19 th)
Lost Property Items must be collected	Available daily from 15.07 till end of term
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 16 th July 6pm (Hall)
Summer Class Parties	Monday 22 nd July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 23 rd July 2:30pm (Playground)
Last Day of Academic Year	Wednesday 24 th July (1:30pm Collection)
Autumn Term '25 for pupils begins	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 6	Monday 9 th September 2pm – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 5	Tuesday 10 th September 9am – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 4	Tuesday 10 th September 2pm – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 3	Wednesday 11 th September 9am – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 2	Wednesday 11 th September 2pm – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Year 1	Thursday 12 th September 9am – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Reception	Monday 23 rd September 9am – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Nursery	Monday 23 rd September 2pm – School Hall
Meet the Teacher Meeting – Reception	Monday 23 rd September 9am – School Hall

Best Wishes,

Louis Harris

Head of Lauriston School