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Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Narrowboating on Regent's Canal – A Year 9 Excursion

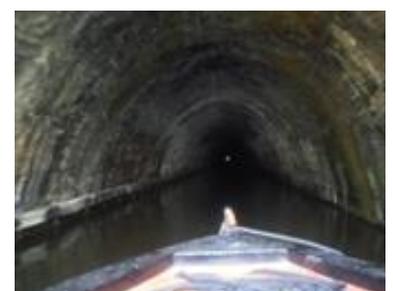


Year 9 had a wonderful day out on the Regent's Canal travelling from the Laburnum Boat Club to the Canal Museum at King's Cross. Each class had a narrowboat to themselves because numbers were limited due to the need to wear buoyancy aids (life jackets).

While sailing on the canal the pupils had the chance to function together as a team in order to work the lock gates. They opened them by pushing in unison – it was hard work! They also used the paddle to close and open the water chutes to let the water in or out as was needed.

The trip was an eventful one as the narrowboat in front was able to rescue two kayakers that had capsized in a tunnel. The tunnel, which was 1000 yards long, was pitch-black as it was unlit. But we could hear the faint sounds of people crying "help" ahead and eventually we were able to see the two people in the water. It was a very hair-raising experience but everyone was very pleased when they were safely out of the water! We dropped them off on the towpath outside of the tunnel and then continued on to the canal museum where we had our lunch and looked around at objects and a half narrowboat. It was amazing to see how tiny the space was for living and to consider that a family would have lived in it!

After the museum visit we got back in our boats and made our way back along the canal. Many of the pupils also experienced what it was like to steer the narrowboat using the tiller. Happily they were all very good at it and no-one crashed!



Inter-borough Athletics Championships



On Wednesday 4 May students from Stormont House took part in the London Youth Games Interborough Athletics Championships at Jim Peters Stadium, Mayesbrook Park in Dagenham. Our team had a very successful event with the following winners:

Tekia 100m/200m/Long Jump Gold
Kereece 200m Gold
Shaquille 100m/200m Gold
Warren 200m/100m Bronze/Long Jump Silver
Jamie 200m/100m Silver
Aaron B 200m/100m/Javelin Gold
Nanak Javelin Silver
Lorell Shot Put Silver/Javelin Bronze
Victoria 200m/100m Gold/Long Jump Silver
Lesny 200m Silver/Long Jump Gold
D'yah 200m/100m Bronze

Noreen Javelin Bronze

Mr Hajdrych and Mr Ramphul accompanied the athletes to this event and were both very proud at the commitment and energy the students put into competing in this championships. Well Done to everyone who took part.

KS3 Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science

Key Stage 3 Maths, English and Science tests will be taking place during the weeks beginning 16th May 2016 and 23rd May 2016. These tests are important for the teachers to evaluate the progress your child has made this year and to help plan the next learning steps for your child. The tests will take place during normal Maths, English and Science lessons.

Sports Clubs in Hackney

The following sports clubs are run in Hackney during term time:

No Limits – Pan Disability Multi Sports Club

Monday 4 – 6pm at Clissold Leisure Centre, 63 Clissold Road N16 9EX

Attendees help choose the sports played from the following: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Dodgeball, Football, Goalball and Badminton

No Limits 2 – Pan Disability Multi Sports Club

Thursday 4 – 6pm at Britannia Leisure Centre, 40 Hyde Road N1 5JU

Attendees help choose the sports played from the following: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Dodgeball, Football, Goalball and Badminton

For more information please contact Alan Walsh on 07974 891 932 email: Alan.Walsh@learningtrust.co.uk

For parents/carers - Note about an incident today

A small number of students today witnessed an incident that is likely to have upset them, namely a student looking like he might jump from the staircase and hurt himself. Staff responded calmly and kindly as he was obviously distressed. Although we did not think there was any real risk of him deliberately hurting himself, we did call the emergency services as a precaution. The student then came down and began to talk about what was upsetting him, which was not related to school. Although we have spoken to the small number of students that witnessed this, others may have become aware of it. If your child does talk to you about it, please reassure them that everything is now ok. If they do become upset, please let us know so we can follow it up on Monday.

Kevin McDonnell
Headteacher