

Happy Chinese New Year 2016 - Dragon Dance Celebrations

On Monday 8 February Stormont House School welcomed the Education Group Company, who undertook an amazing 'Dragon Dance' workshop with all of the classes, the sessions were full of Chinese dragons, parasols and fan dancing. The aim of the workshops was to give our students an understanding of the celebration of Chinese New Year. The students continued their celebrations by making Chinese lanterns and dragons in the classes that followed their workshops.

At lunchtime everyone was treated to a Chinese menu which included: Sweet and Sour Chicken, Vegetable Rice Noodles, Spring Rolls, baby carrots and sweetcorn. For dessert the students were given fortune cookies.



Chinese New Year celebrations began on the 8th February 2016 and last for the next 15 days. Traditionally, this is a time for Chinese people to pray to their ancestors and to their gods.

A highlight of the celebrations is the Lantern Festival which takes place on the 15th night, on this night families spend time together, eat lots of food and are extra kind to their dogs (the second day is believed to be the birthday of all dogs). If you would like to see a fantastic Chinese New Year celebration take a trip to Central London on Sunday 14 February to see the festivities in Trafalgar Square, Chinatown and across the West End. The event is free to attend and takes place from 10am to 6pm.

'Access to Sport' Half Term - Multi-Sports Sessions

During the February half term holidays the 'Access to Sport' team will be coming into Stormont House School to offer a wide range of sports activities for our students. The project will take place daily from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 February. It will start at 11am and will finish at 2pm. The project is for students who are 13+.

Sign up sheets were sent out on Wednesday 10 February - if you would like your child to attend please complete the form and contact 'Access to Sport' on 020 7686 8812 to confirm your place. Places are limited so book now if you are interested.

There are no charges for the sessions and your child will be able to take part in lots of fun games, skills and competitions. Your child will need to bring in a packed lunch if they are attending the sessions.



Sporting Success at London Youth Games

On Tuesday 9 February six of our students took part in the London Youth Games - Tennis competition at Westway Sports Centre. Seun, Sunny, Nanak, Lesny, Niccole and Victoria did really well on the day. Sunny and Lesny did exceptionally well they both only lost one of their matches in the competition. All of the students tried their best in a competition which was of a very high standard, the Hackney Borough team came in 9th position out of 12 teams.



On Thursday 11 February four students from Stormont House School represented Hackney Borough in the Boccia competition which took place at Redbridge Sports Centre in Barkingside. Lorell, Connor, Joe and Tauronraj all did exceptionally well. In their first match they beat Haringey 6 - 0, in the second game they beat Tower Hamlets 4 - 0. By winning both games Hackney for the first time ever came first in the Boccia competition, the win means that the team are through to the final on Thursday 10 March at Crystal Palace.

Well Done to both teams that competed this week.

Welcome Back

All the staff and students at Stormont House School would like to welcome back Ms Knight who is undertaking a gradual return to work after recovering from surgery on her foot. It has been a long road back to fitness, but we are all very pleased to see her back in school.

Dates for Your Diary



Spring Term 2016

Half Term - Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2016

Thursday 3 March - World Book Day

Wednesday 9 March - Year 8 Visit to the Tower of London

Monday 14 March - Year 8 trip to the British Museum

Friday 18 March - Sports Relief Day

Wednesday 23 March - Spring Term Reward Outing Day

Thursday 24 March - Last day of the Spring Term - 1.15pm Finish

Summer Term

Monday 11 April - First day of the Summer Term - Normal school opening times