

# Stormont House School Matters



**STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL**  
achievement for all

## Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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## Get ready to join the Big Spotaclar

On Friday 18 November Stormont House School will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for Children in Need - Students will have to donate £1 to take part.

We are asking staff and students to come to school wearing spots - Spotty dresses, spotty ties, even spotty faces – all donations make a massive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK.

## TFL Stars Success - SHS Regional Award Winners - Reach for the Stars

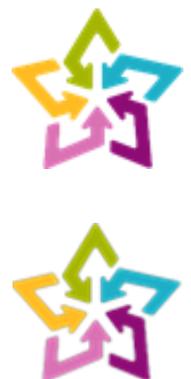
For the past two years Stormont House School has taken part in a scheme called Tfl Stars. Stars is a scheme designed to inspire young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing active travel behaviours like walking, scooting and cycling. Its aim is also to improve pupils' wellbeing as well as reducing congestion at the school gates and improving road safety and air quality.

As part of this scheme two Youth Travel Ambassadors are elected in every year group each year. The ambassadors decide what the schools travel issues are and then organise activities or set up initiatives they will carry out in order to help improve the identified issue.

For the past two years the ambassadors identified road safety as an issue and set a target of increasing the amount of independent travellers here at Stormont. To improve road safety the ambassadors organised Active Travel Days where the whole school took part in different workshops to learn more about the different forms of active travel and improve their road safety.

The ambassadors also helped to increase Independent travel by setting a target for the school of 18 students being independent by July 2016 which we exceeded and by the end of July 2016 we had reached 23 of our students being independent. In the first year the ambassadors achieved Bronze accreditation and last year moved up to Silver.

On Monday 7th November 2016 two of our Youth Travel Ambassadors represented Stormont House School at an award ceremony organised by Transport for London to recognise their hard work as 1 of only 34 of the highest performing schools, out of more than 1,500 participating schools. Stormont House won the School of the East London Region Award and received a certificate signed by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. Well done to all the Youth Travel Ambassadors!



## Lily - National Tennis Champion



The Tennis Foundations National Learning Disability Tennis Championships in partnership with Special Olympic Great Britain took place on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October 2016 in Wrexham Tennis Centre in Wales.

Lily (Year 11) took part in the Women's Division 1 singles competition at the championships where she beat Laura Campbell who was one of Great Britain's gold medalists from the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles. Lily won the competition and returned home with a gold medal.

Lily was invited to attend a special event at St James' Palace on Wednesday 26 October - the event was a celebration for the most successful Paralympic Games ever for players on its World Class Performance Programme.

Lily got the chance to meet some of the athletes who represented Paralympics GB - Gordon Reid, Alfie Hewett, Andy Lapthorne. She was also introduced to Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary President, of the Lawn Tennis Association. Lily spoke to the Duchess about how tennis had helped her to improve her life, through competing she has been able to build her confidence and make friends with people who have the same interest.

## WWI Centenary Drama

On Wednesday 9 November Years 9 and 10 took part in a drama workshop based on WWI, the actor led the students through what it was like to live through the Great War, he talked about his time in the trenches and what his daily life had been like. The students were shown the type of equipment (rifle / food/clothes) the soldiers had to contend with to exist, he informed the students how he had to dig latrines, how he dealt with trench foot and what it was like living with the dreaded rats! More information will be in next week's issue of 'School Matters'.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 13 November and is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
We will remember them."



**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER - CONSULTATION DAY**  
**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO STUDENTS - OPEN FOR CONSULTATION**

## Term Dates for your Diary

### Visible Training Day

Children In Need

Year 7 Step Together Dance Workshop

Football Panathlon Finals - Wembley

Year 8 Kensington Palace trip

### Consultation Evening /Day

Panathlon Swimming - Olympic Park

Yr12 Visiting Morrison Foerster Law Firm

**Tuesday 15 November - School closed to students**

**Friday 18 November**

**Monday 21 November**

**Tuesday 22 November**

**Wednesday 23 November**

**Thursday 24 / Friday 25 November**

**Thursday 1 December**

**Friday 2 December**