



**STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL**  
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# Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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**The staff at Stormont House School would like to wish all Students, Parents and Carers Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Students will be returning to school on Monday 4 January 2016**

## Great Britain Long Jumper - J J Jegede Visits Stormont House School

On Friday 11 December J J Jegede visited Stormont House School to undertake a whole school assembly, JJ is one of Great Britain's leading athletes who specialises in the long jump. JJ has competed in many national and international competitions his life time best is 8.11metres.

JJ was brought up in Hackney, he finished his school career in Barking where he tried many sports, he at first wanted to be a footballer and had trials with Tottenham and Norwich whilst in his teens. It was only when JJ's PE teacher put him into an athletics competition, competing in the long jump that JJ found a sport in which he excelled.

JJ will be working with us in the Spring term 2016, he is inspired to help the community and young people in the area in which he grew up, he does this through a charity called 'Olympic Heroes'. Through this project JJ undertakes coaching to inspire children to participate in sport and to help them make positive decisions in their lives. In the assembly JJ showed the students how far he can jump, in his presentation he showed the picture below where he helped launch the MINI London 2012 edition by jumping three mini's placed side by side in the shadow of Tower Bridge.



## Jack Petchey Winner - November 2015



Our Jack Petchey winner for the month of November 2015 is Jojo he was selected by Ms Cross - Form Tutor 8C.

Jojo was selected to receive the award because he is a great friend to the other students in his class, he is always happy and instills this happiness in everyone around him. Jojo is a very hard worker who tries his hardest in every class.

Well Done Jojo you are a worthy winner of the Jack Petchey Award.

## Children in Need

On Thursday 19 November, pupils and staff took part in a 'Children in Need - Invent Your Own Superhero Day'. The pupils were allowed to come into school dressed as their favourite superhero / or in non-uniform. The pupils had a fun session in class making superhero masks and drawing their own superhero. In order to take part the pupils bought in £1 and members of staff who took part paid £2. The funds have been counted and we raised £96 from the day. The money that we raised will hopefully go to help the following projects in London - The Children's Trust, Greenwich Powerchair Football Club, Haven House, Safer London Foundation EMPOWER, Playskill, WAC Wonderweb, Centre 404 and Code 7.



## Free Activities for the Christmas Holiday

If you are struggling to find activities to do over the Christmas period - take a look at the following website they list 101 free things to do in London: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/budget-london/101-free-things-to-do-in-london>. It includes:

- Harry Potter fans can push a trolley through to a magical world at the wall marked Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  at King's Cross.
- See amazing exhibits - like the Apollo 10 command capsule and Stephenson's Rocket - at the Science Museum.

**Free Swimming** - All under 18's are able to swim for free at Hackney Swimming Pools including Britannia Leisure Centre, Clissold Leisure Centre and Kings Hall Lesiure Centre. Most boroughs have a similar scheme.

**Museums** - Remember that all of the major museums in London are free to enter and have wonderful exhibits for the Christmas period. In Hackney, museums to visit include - The Geffrye Museum, Hackney Museum, Sutton House and The V & A Museum of Childhood.

## Year 11 External Work Experience - Starts Monday 11 January 2016

When we return for the Spring Term the Year 11 students will have one week to finalise their planning for their external work experience placements. The students have been working hard to prepare for their placements which will start on Monday 11 January 2016 and will end on Friday 22 January 2016.

The placements this year include: St Scholastica's RC Primary School, Williams Lea, MIND Shop, Access to Sport, Millfields Children's Centre, Spitalfields City Farm, T A Motors, Linklaters, I AM Security, The Salvation Army, WAC Arts, Jewish Museum London, Play On Sports, Morningside Primary School and Children's Centre and Millfields Community Primary School.

The students have been arranging interviews for their placements to take place this week and in our first week back at school in January 2016. We wish all of the Year 11 students success on their placements.

