

## Mencap National Athletics Championships

Very early (5am) on Saturday 25 June Mr Hajdrych, Mr Ramphul and Ms Danskin set off with Shaquille, Jamie, Warren, Kevin, Aaron B, Victoria, Tekia and Malachi to travel to Barnsley. The students had been selected to take part in the 'Open National Athletics Championships' which took place at the Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre in Cudworth, Barnsley.

After a slightly problematic start when their train was cancelled, the team managed to get on a replacement train which got them to the stadium with minutes to spare. All of the students performed very well and were fantastic ambassadors for Stormont House School.

Due to our involvement in national competitions many of our students are known for their sporting prowess by the other teams that took part in the championships, this competition was a chance for them to meet up with athletes from all over the country who they have previously competed against. The students took part in a number of events which included both track and field events. Everyone who attended performed to the best of their ability and personal bests were achieved by several students. Shaquille (Year 12) achieved an amazing personal best in the 400m event - he recorded a time of 55 seconds to finish in first place.

Our students achieved the following results:

Shaquille: 400m, 100m and 200m - Gold

Aaron B: 200m and Javelin - Silver, 100m - Bronze

Victoria: 100m and 200m - Gold

Tekia: 100m and 200m - Gold, Long Jump-Silver

Mr Hajdrych would like to congratulate every member of the team, he is looking forward to next year's competition in the hope that our students can perform to the same high standard. Well Done to all of the students who competed at the National Athletics Championships, you are wonderful ambassadors for Stormont House School.



**Please remember if you would like to sign your child up for the 'Access to Sport' Summer Sports Programme on WEEK 1: MON 25 – THURS 28 JULY / WEEK 2: MON 1 – THURS 4 AUGUST (Daily from 11am to 2pm) you can contact Mrs Napier at school for an application form.**

**Fun games, skills, competitions and much more!!**

## 'Bugsy Malone' - Mousetrap Theatre Experience

On Wednesday 6 July a selection of students from years 7 - 10 were able to go into London's West End to the Lyric Theatre to see a performance of the musical 'Bugsy Malone'. We received the tickets for the performance from 'Mousetrap Theatre Project Company' who work with secondary special schools, enabling students to see top productions and the opportunity to take part in-school creative learning projects. Our students took part in a drama workshop on Friday 17 June where they worked on improving speaking and listening skills, unlocking creativity and imagination, increasing confidence and collaboration skills.



## Hackney Schools Music and Dance Festival 2016

Stormont House School students have been participating in the Hackney Schools Music and Dance Festival for the last 18 years. This year, the nineteenth year of the Festival, continued to be one of the largest gatherings of Hackney students where each student is able to celebrate their own musical achievements.

The festival took place over two weeks starting from Tuesday 28 June and finishing on Friday 8 July 2016, during which time approximately 4,500 students descended on the Round Chapel Performing Arts Centre in Lower Clapton to delight the audiences made up of parents / carers and family guests with their talents and creativity. The festival included singing, dancing and instrumental music.

Ms Cross was very impressed by the 22 students who sang at the Round Chapel for the Hackney Singing Festival on Thursday 30th June. Our students were singing in a group of over 150 students from nine other schools. They sang an amazing selection of songs styles ranging from Rap, Folk, Gospel and Ballads, to songs from High School Musical and the Little Shop of Horrors. All the students sang their hearts out from 2pm until 6.20pm with only a short break for tea. They also sang a beautiful traditional song in Urdu and 'El Condor Passa' in Spanish. All of the staff were very pleased with the magnificent singing, the exemplary behaviour and participation of all of the students.



## Dates for your Diary



### Summer Term

12/07/16

Sports Day

20/07/16

Reward Outing Day

22/07/16

**Last day of term (School closing at 1.15pm)**

25 - 28/07/16

**Week 1 Access to Sport Programme**

01 - 04/08/16

**Week 2 Access to Sport Programme**

### Autumn Term

05/09/16

**INSET Day (School is closed to students)**