



# Stormont House School Matters

## Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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**Tuesday 14 March - Parent / Carer Evening for Years 7/8/9 - 3.45 to 6pm**

## **World Book Day 2017!**

**On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book day. Please dress up as your favourite book character. The winning costume will receive a prize! We will also be having a 'book swap' at lunchtime on Thursday. Please donate any old books from home that you would like to swap.**

## **Connecting Classrooms - Lanya Junior High School**

Since 2009 Stormont House School has been linked to Lanya Junior High School in Taipei, Taiwan as part of the 'Connecting Classrooms' project. Each year our Year 7/8 students create links to their pen pals at Lanya - initially by writing letters introducing themselves. This progresses to regular SKYPE calls where the students get to talk face to face to their pen pals - swapping information about their hobbies, favourite subjects and foods etc. Recently we received cards and 'red envelopes' to celebrate the Chinese new year of the rooster. A red envelope contains money that is given to children by their parents and grandparents to celebrate New Year. The red envelopes sent to our students contained a pretend \$500 note.



In July this year we will be welcoming our friends from Lanya Junior High as they will be visiting us for 5 days - it is a way of our students being able to experience Taiwanese culture and giving the Lanya students a taste of what it is like to be a student at Stormont House School.

## **Jack Petchey Award Winner for January 2017**

Ms Driver put forward Lewis in 7D as the Jack Petchey Award winner for January 2017. Lewis is an excellent role model for the other children in his class. He always does his best in lessons and works to his best ability. He is caring and thoughtful, he always looks after his friends.

Lewis always gets 30 ticks and helps his friends to be good and focus in lessons too. Lewis is a very popular member of his class who helps and cares for others. He is great fun and enjoys playing with lots of different children.

Ms Driver is very proud of his achievements at school.  
Well Done Lewis.



## #lotsofsocks - World Down's Syndrome Day Tuesday 21 March 2017

In the UK the Down's Syndrome Association is holding an 'Awareness Week 2017' this year they are focusing on enabling people with Down's syndrome of all ages and abilities to express themselves and, importantly, to be heard so that others understand their needs, thoughts and opinions.

**"What I want people to know about me"**

There are many ways to express an opinion and it is vital that individuals across the UK have the right support and advocates to help them do just that.

Why not take part in the '#lots of socks' initiative to raise funds for the Downs Syndrome Association UK - last year over 3,300 people wore the official 'Lots of Socks' socks, with thousands more people wearing their very own versions to mark Day. You can purchase the socks from the following link:

<http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/about/campaigns/awareness-week-2017>



# Down's Syndrome Association

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## Calling all Parents, Carers and Families

Please come and join us for a coffee morning on Tuesday 7 March from 9.30am - 10.30am. Miss Driver and Mrs Napier will be talking about how to use the school website and twitter page and asking you what you would like more of in school for parents and families. We would love you to join us for a chat with free tea, coffee and biscuits! See you on the 7th March.



Website

E-mail



**INSET DAY Friday 31 March 2017 / Last Day of Spring Term Thursday 30 March 2017 - School will be closing at 1.30pm**

## Term Dates for your Diary

World Book Day

Panathalon Multi Sports East London Final (Mixed Team)

Year 7 British Museum Trip

Year 8 Canal Museum and River Cruise

**Parent Carer Evening Year 7/8/9**

Year 11 visit to ELATT

National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships

St Patrick's Day Assembly (Hackney St Patrick's Day Dance Troupe)

Panathlon Multi Sport - East London Final

Red Nose Day

Swimming Panathlon Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Reward Outings

**Last Day of Spring Term (School closes at 1.30 - Transport arranged)**

Thursday 2 March

Friday 3 March

Friday 3 March

Thursday 9 March

**Tuesday 14 March**

Wednesday 15 March

Friday 17 March

Friday 17 March

Tuesday 21 March

Friday 24 March

Friday 24 March

Tuesday 28 March

**Thursday 30 March**

