



STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
achievement for all

Stormont House School

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Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

An outstanding October!

October has been a busy month of learning for everyone at Stormont House; with Black History Month offering so many opportunities for students and staff to share experiences, reflect, and celebrate. We've also learned all about the story behind Diwali, thanks to 11M, and enjoyed a delicious Diwali feast from our amazing kitchen staff!



We won't be dressing up in school when we return on Monday 31st, but for those who celebrate Halloween, or Diwali (24th Oct), we hope you enjoy any festivities over the half term! We're looking forward to a day of fun and fundraising for **Children in Need on Friday 18th November** so look out for more details nearer the time.



Timings of the School Day

Monday to Thursday: 8:50 am - 3.25pm

Friday: 8:50am - 3.00pm

Breakfast from 8:35am

Please report student absences to the school office before 9.00am on

020 8985 4245

On-line payments for school lunches through Pay360



All parents/carers should have received a validation letter to allow them to log on to Pay360 on-line for school lunches. If you are having issues validating your account, please contact Mrs Kaur in the school office on 020 8985 4245.

*Dates for
your
diary.....*

Last day of half term

Friday 21st October 2022

Return to school

Monday 31st October 2022

Friends of Stormont House
Initial meeting

Wednesday 2nd November 5pm

Autism Education Trust Parent Session
'Making Sense of Autism'

Tuesday 8th November 4-6pm

Children in Need Dress Up Day

Friday 18th November 2022

Black History Month at Stormont House

We kicked off Black History month with an assembly by 9G, who told us all about Mary Seacole and her amazing contribution as a nurse in the Crimean War, despite the discrimination she faced. Take a look at the amazing presentation they made for us all.

JAMAICA

- Mary Seacole was born in Jamaica in 1805.
- Her father was Scottish and her mother was Jamaican.



Nurse

Her Mum taught her to be a nurse.

Her mother was also a healer and taught her skills using traditional Jamaican medicines.

Mary practised medicine on her doll, pets and on herself.

Some of the ingredients she used included:

- Aloe Vera
- Ginger
- Lemons
- Okra



Helping People

Mary Seacole helped many people and set up many businesses.

In 1853, Mary went to Panama. There she opened a store selling food and goods to gold miners.

She also did some gold mining herself.

She owned property, a boarding house in Kingston and later a hotel in Panama.



Travelling

Mary loved to travel at a time when many black women did not.

She visited many countries.

She went to England, Haiti, the Bahamas, Cuba, Panama and the Crimea.



Coming to Britain

Mary Seacole travelled from Jamaica to England 3 times.

She fell in love with London.



Racism

Mary Seacole wanted to be a nurse in the Crimean War.

But they didn't accept her to be a nurse just because of the colour of her skin.



The Crimean War

Mary Seacole applied to the War Office to be a nurse but was refused.

So she paid her own way to the Crimea.

There she set up the British Hotel and tended to wounded soldiers.

She nursed sick soldiers so kindly that they called her 'Mother Seacole'.



The British Hotel

The British Hotel was a safe place for sick and recovering soldiers.

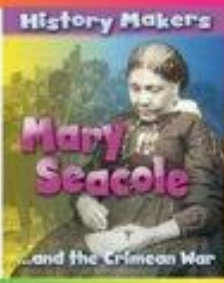
At the time, Mary was as well-known as Florence Nightingale.

Mary visited the battlefield to nurse the wounded and give them food and drink.



Sarah

On the battlefield, Mary was helped by a 14 year old girl called Sarah, also known as Sally.



STATUE

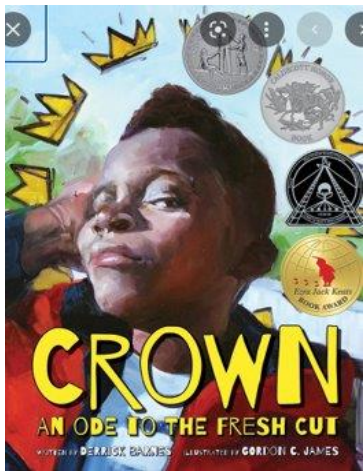
- To honour Mary Seacole a statue was made of her.
- It is at St Thomas' Hospital in London.
- It faces the Houses of Parliament and it lights up after dark.
- You can make shadows behind the statue using the lights.



Things you can do at home

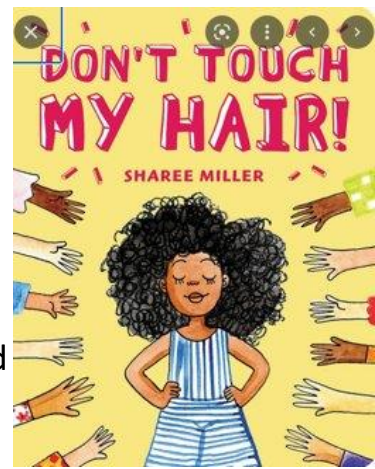


Ask your child what they remember about Mary Seacole.
How does it make them feel when they hear about her life?
Is there a figure from history they would like to learn more about?
They could try making their own presentation/poster/book about someone from history who is important to them.



Celebrating Black Voices

In the Year 7 English curriculum in the Autumn term, the topic is Celebrating Black Voices, where learners read texts written by black authors. Two of these texts are 'Crown, An Ode to a Fresh Cut' and 'Don't Touch My Hair'. We've created a display celebrating afro-textured hair, and have included photos of some of our staff and their wonderful styles.



At Stormont House we celebrate all types of Afro-hairstyles, and we recognise that afro-textured hair is an important part of our staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities. **We welcome afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to; afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves and wraps**

Black History Month Events

If you're looking for things to do over half term, check out the free exhibitions and workshops being held at the Museum of London.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/london-black-history>



Hear the voices of the Windrush generation, learn about dub reggae's influence on the capital and explore the heritage of Black Londoners thanks to our on-site programme and online resources.



WORKSHOP
For: Families
Rec age: 7+
Duration: 45 mins
Entry type: Free advanced booking



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opVXPauKd3A>

A Journey through Hackney's African and Caribbean History - is a powerful and engaging video, and so important to experience. It's presented by Donna Powell, aka Bad Lay-Dee.

We met Donna at the "Roots, Rhythms and Records" exhibition at the Hackney Museum in 2018, and she performed some of her Spoken Word poetry in one of our assemblies back then. She also did some poetry workshops with our students afterwards.



Homework



Thank you so much for supporting your child to complete their homework this half term! Don't forget, weekly English and maths homework is set on Mathletics and Reading Eggs. One other subject will set paper-based homework each week.

WEEK BEGINNING	CURRICULAR AREA
7TH NOVEMBER	Art or Food Tech
14TH NOVEMBER	PSD
21ST NOVEMBER	Computing
28TH NOVEMBER	PE
5TH DECEMBER	Science
12TH DECEMBER	Humanities

We promote independence at Stormont House so please encourage your child to complete the tasks to the best of their own ability, as that will give their subject teachers a better indicator of their current understanding.

Students who regularly complete their homework on time and to the best of their ability will receive a reward at the end of the term.

If you have any queries about any of the homework, please contact your child's form tutor and we will try to assist in any way we can.



To see what your child will be learning about this term, check out their class curriculum overview on the school website www.stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk/website/curriculum_overview_autumn_1/622073

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FRIENDS OF STORMONT



JOIN US FOR THE FIRST MEETING

WHO?

**ALL
PARENTS &
CARERS
WELCOME**

WHEN?




**WEDNESDAY
2 NOVEMBER

5PM - 6PM**

WHERE?

**STORMONT
HOUSE SCHOOL**

WHY?

-  To be in an environment where all parents/carers feel welcome, contribute and feel a part of the STORMONT HOUSE FAMILY!
-  An opportunity to meet and chat with other parents & carers
-  A chance to use your skills to help organise fundraising events & activities which will help our school community grow.

GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

MAKING SENSE OF AUTISM WORKSHOP

SESSION
DELIVERED
BY
HACKNEY
PROFESSIONALS

**TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022
4-6PM**

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STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL



**Autism
Education
Trust**



**DO YOU WANT TO GAIN A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING & AWARENESS OF AUTISM
AND THE WAY IT AFFECTS YOUR CHILD?**



OPPORTUNITY TO:

MEET OTHER PARENTS - SHARE EXPERIENCES - ACCESS SUPPORT

**ALL PARENTS & CARERS ARE WELCOME
TO SIGN UP TO THIS WORKSHOP**

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT GO TO:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/445329000027