

Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Week ending 01/04/2022

St Patrick's Troupe

On Friday 18 March Stormont House hosted the 'St Patrick's Troupe' who have visited us every year for over 20 years to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The students were treated to traditional Irish songs and dancing – the dancers wore two types of shoes; hard shoe (or heavy shoe) and soft shoe (or light shoe - ghillies) to perform their amazing dances. The students were taught how to say 'Happy St Patrick's Day 2022' in Irish - Lá Fhéile Padraig Shona Dhurt 2022! As you can see from the pictures the troupe played a variety of instruments including: Celtic Harp, tin whistles, Bodhrán (a Celtic drum), fiddle, accordion and concertina. All of the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance and cannot wait for the troupe to return next year. Ms Kathy Walton the troupe leader informed SHS staff that the students from Stormont had engaged wonderfully, with the added bonus provided by Otto (8C) who decided to join in with his own interpretation of Irish dancing.



Comic Relief 2022



On Friday 18th March we held a non-uniform day and a Bake Sale in support of Red Nose Day. Students and staff dressed in red, and staff and parents kindly donated cakes and cookies for to be sold at our Yr 12 bake sale which the students organised, set-up, and ran during break and lunch time. Over £200 was raised for the cause.



Stormont House Artists...

Last week 10M took part in a workshop with local artist Henny Beaumont. The workshop is for 'See You in Stokey,' a business and community group supported by Hackney Council. The work students produce will be selected by this group and then exhibited in Stoke Newington, Church Street. They created imaginative mixed media pieces about what they love about Hackney and what they enjoy doing in the local area. Students had a great session and produced some lovely work.



Dates for
your
diary.....

End of Term – Friday 1 April – early finish at 1.15pm (Student transport has been informed)

All students return to school – Tuesday 19 April

Year 10 Parent/Carer meeting regarding Residential trip – Monday 25 April 3.30pm

Year 10 Residential trip – Monday 9 – Friday 13 May

Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh expedition - Wednesday 18 – Thursday 19 May

Well done to our Jack Petchy winners!



The Jack Petchy Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchy to inspire and motivate young people to do their best and reach their full potential. Below are the winners for January and February 2022, with the reasons for why they were given the Jack Petchy Award.



Jaden, Year 7 – January 2022

Jaden has made incredible progress since he arrived at Stormont House. He is regulating his emotions very successfully and finding ways to stay calm. He has been kind to his classmates and always polite and respectful to adults. We are very proud of him.

Olivia, Year 8 – February 2022

Olivia has been consistently hard working and has set an exemplary standard of behaviour this year.

She is calm, thoughtful and kind and always tries to help others in her class, if she can. She is an all-rounder when it comes to her achievements in school.

Not only has she tried really hard in her academic subjects, but she has excelled in sport as well and has been chosen for swimming and football teams.

Olivia loves drawing and is very creative. She has made huge strides in her confidence since she began at Stormont House. She began Year 7 as a shy and very quiet student.

She is now happy to speak up, to attend meetings and to represent her class on the school council and take part in assemblies.

The 8C team are very proud of her and it is a great pleasure to nominate her for this award.



Chefs In Schools book launch

Did you know we work with the charity Chefs In Schools to make our food as good as it can be? And did you know they have an amazing cookbook coming out - which features our fabulous chefs?

Feed Your Family is a brilliant book bursting with tips, tricks and family friendly recipes - and each sale supports the vital work the charity does to transform school food, ensuring kids are getting the best lunch possible!

The book is available on Amazon and in other book shops but we have a few copies to give away - enter the competition here: <https://gleam.io/LhO92/pavilionfeed-your-family-competition>

Read more about the book here: <https://chefsinschools.org.uk/the-chefs-in-schools-cookbook/>

Go On, give it a try! And if you manage to get a copy of this amazing book, go and check out our very own Sara's Ethiopian recipe.

HEAD CHEF CHARLIE AND SOUS CHEF SARA, STORMONT HOUSE SEN SCHOOL



"Everyone at Stormont House loved Charlie from the beginning. When he smiles, there is such a feeling of warmth that it's contagious. Like many of the team, Charlie wanted to work in school food to make a difference. I knew he would fit in perfectly."

Sara is now Charlie's second-in-command. They are doing extremely important work, helping kids with additional needs to enjoy many different types of food. They encourage them to smell, taste and touch new ingredients, showing how playing with food can be a good thing!

Sara and Charlie remind me of the power that food has to bring people together. When Charlie walks around the canteen, all the kids will call him over and ask about their meal. They want to know everything! But when the food is served up, the room falls silent... everyone eats! Nicole

SARA'S ETHIOPIAN CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Berbère spice blend is a fragrant mix typical to Ethiopian cuisine containing chilli, black pepper, cumin, coriander, fenugreek, allspice, cloves, ginger, cardamom and nutmeg. With this recipe, you need to allow time for marinating and should ideally begin it the day before you want to serve it.



This recipe is on the following page

FEASTING 99

Holiday message

HAPPY RAMADAN!

We would like to wish all of our families who are joining in with this special time of year a very Happy Ramadan.

As you begin the holy month of fasting, we wish you, along with the millions of Muslims around the world a blessed and generous month.

HAPPY EASTER!

We would like to wish all our families a Happy Easter.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and the new beginnings that Spring brings.



Sports Competitions



Pentathlon Football Tournament – 10/03/22

On 10th March 12 students represented Stormont House in the first post-Covid Pentathlon Football tournament at the Newham Powerleague Norwegian Playing Fields. We played against 8 teams from schools across East London. Our Under 16's started the competition but despite their best efforts they lost against a very strong team. The team did not let the defeat stop them from working hard and, as a result, they went on to win the rest of their games. Our Under 13's led by Ms Barrett were undefeated with only one draw. Both teams performed exceptionally well, showing strong team spirit, and supported each other throughout the competition. As a result, we **WON** the whole event and qualified to the finals which will be held at Wembley on the 12th May.

The teams were:

Under 13 team: Taylor, Diego, Amos, Julian, Jem, Kai

Under 16 team: Joshua, Alisha, Josh, D-Angel, Leona, Corey-John



East London Secondary Swimming Finals – 18/03/22

We did it again!! On 18th March our swimming team represented Stormont House in the East London Secondary Swimming finals. The team: Arjun, Zak, Anthony, Callum, Jose, April and Olivia came together as team and demonstrated a swimming masterpiece and their performance resulted in us winning the competition and qualifying for the London Secondary Swimming Finals in April, where we will compete against winners of other galas from Surrey, Suffolk and Essex.



Middlesex Tennis Awards

Stormont House have been selected as the County 2022 LTA Tennis Awards Winner in the category of "School of the Year." Mr Hajdrych attended the awards ceremony on the 12th March to receive the award on behalf of the school.



Mr Hajdrych said "I am delighted with the achievements of our students this term. It has been a tough two years for everyone, with all sporting events being cancelled for the most part of it, but our students have gone straight back out there to compete after a long break and have demonstrated professionalism, great effort and a strong team spirit. They continue to make us unbelievably proud."