

Stormont House School

Our school vision: Achievement for all in a unique world class school

Our First Ministerial Visit!



On Thursday 23 June we were delighted to receive a visit from the Minister for Children and Families, Sarah Teather (pictured, far left). The Minister is leading the Government's proposals to change the way special educational needs are assessed and funded by placing children and parents more at the heart of the process.

The Minister was very impressed by the many pupils she met, especially by their ambitions for the future and their obvious commitment to learning. The pupils were very excited to have such an important visitor and pleased that she took such time to speak to them individually. One pupil even took the chance to ask the Minister's views on David Cameron and Ed Balls! On behalf of the whole school community, thank you Minister!



Stormont House take the prize for Indoor Rowing at the London Youth Games in Crystal Palace

On Sunday 3 July, the London Youth Games Indoor Rowing Championships took place at the National Training Centre in Crystal Palace. Amazingly, the Hackney team was completely made up of pupils from Stormont House: Gin Hang Y11, Aydan y11, Shauna Y10, Salim Y10, Ayisha Y9, Chan Y9, Edward Y8, Tori Y8, Shaquille Y7 and Nikita Y7. We were competing against all other London Boroughs and won the event overall! The whole team performed fantastically, and were a real credit to the school. The team won 7 gold medals, 2 silver and 1 bronze in individual races and came first in the relay race. It was a great day for our pupils, our school and Hackney.

London Youth Games –

**The biggest sporting event for young people in Europe.
Well done Stormont House Indoor Rowing Team!!**

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 11 July: Drop in for parent/carers re new school design
- Monday 11 July – Friday 15 July: Year 10 school journey to France
- Friday 15 July: School Uniform Questionnaire return date (attached)
- Wednesday 21 July: Sports afternoon on Hackney Downs
- Friday 22 July: End of summer term, School closes at 1.15pm for pupils

Year 9 School Journey to H5 Adventure



On Monday 13th June Year 9 travelled to Hertfordshire to begin a 5 day residential with H5 Adventure Company. The pupils took part in a variety of outward bound activities that included; Archery, Pioneering, Climbing, Orienteering, Bushcraft, Underground Tunnelling, and Problem Solving. The journey was a resounding success, with every pupil a credit to their class and school.



Have Your Say!

School Uniform Consultation

Please do take a few minutes to have your say on whether we should have a school uniform by completing the attached questionnaire and returning it to school with your child or by post. All questionnaires must be received by Friday 15 July.

If you want to discuss your views or ideas on school uniform, don't forget to mention it to Ms McNamara when you see her!

Once we have collected your views, we will discuss with parent governors what our next steps will be.

School Sports Day 1.45pm Weds 20 July

All parents and carers are invited to attend our sports day from 1.45pm on Wednesday 20 July on Hackney Downs next to the playground.

Year 8 Perform Aaron Copland's 'Appalachian Spring' with the help of the London Symphony Orchestra



Since January, members of Year 8 have been involved in a project with the London (LSO). Gareth Davies (flute) and Matt Gardner (violin) have been into school to conduct workshops with the children who have based their improvisations on the compositions of Charles Ives and Aaron Copland (most famous for variations on the tune, Lord of the Dance). Some of the Year 8 pupils attended a concert at the Barbican (where we had the best seats) and others played with the orchestra at their base in LSO St Luke's near Old Street. Throughout the project, the Year 8 pupils have worked in a mature and co-operative way with the professional musicians who absolutely loved them and have told their conductor that they want to come back and work with the children at Stormont House!

Lost property

Every year we end up with a vast amount of lost property, including coats, hats and trainers. We make an effort to identify the owners, but often without success. Can you please remind your child to look at the lost property at reception, as any items that remain unclaimed by the end of the summer term will be taken to a charity shop.



Term Dates

Last day of the Summer term for pupils is Friday 22 July – school closes at 1.15pm
School re-opens Monday 5 September 2011 for staff training – closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 September pupils return to school for the start of the Autumn term

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'Well Done' to all our new pupils who attended Transition Day today, and many thanks to their parents and carers for completing all that paperwork! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Name of Pupil: _____

School Uniform Survey

Please complete the following

Please **circle** your choice

1. Pupils at Stormont House should wear school uniform:

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

If you do agree with school uniform, please tick your choice

2. Pupils should wear as a uniform:

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Formal uniform: with tie and jacket with school emblem

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Smart uniform: trousers/ skirt with shirt and/or T Shirt sweatshirt with school emblem

3. What colour/colours would you like the uniform to be?

Any other comments:

Signed: _____

Date: _____