

## Stormont House School

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

### HALF TERM

**MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY – (School closes at the normal time)**

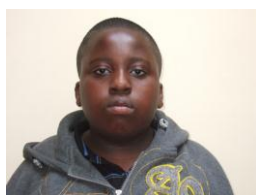
**SCHOOL RE-OPENS MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY AT THE USUAL TIME**

### *The Trailblazers Award Ceremony Hackney Empire*



#### **Success at Hackney Trailblazers 2012**

Last week we told you about the achievements of thirteen pupils who were recognised at the Trailblazers 2011 Awards, and gave details of two award winners. This week we are focussing on Ricky & Mary both in Year 10 who both received recognition in the category of **Turning Your Life Around**.



**Ricky YR 10**  
**Turning Your Life Around**

Ricky has made major advances to overcome personal difficulties by taking responsibility for his recent diagnosis of diabetes. Ricky independently checks his blood sugar levels and has decided to select healthier lifestyle options. Ricky has changed his diet under instruction from his dietician and has enrolled in a gym facility where he attends up to five times a week. These changes have meant that Ricky's diabetes is now under excellent control.



**Mary YR 10**  
**Turning Your Life Around**

Since Year 7 Mary has been exposed to a variety of challenging situations. During her four years at Stormont House School Mary has had to learn how to cope with stressful situations at home and school. She has learnt how to control her temper and has developed a deeply caring side to her personality. This has resulted in Mary becoming an excellent role model to her fellow classmates and to younger pupils within the school community. She is always ready to act as a big sister to other girls in school, listening to their problems and giving good advice. Mary has also made a fantastic transition into Key Stage 4 and is dedicated to working hard for her future

#### **Y10 Music Trip**

On Tuesday 21 February Y10 will be going to the Premises Studio in Hackney Road to see where some of the greatest musicians have recorded music!

#### **Y8 working with Apollo Chamber Orchestra**

On Thursday 23 February Year 8 will be working with Apollo Chamber Orchestra as part of their music project. They will begin working with brass instruments playing them and identifying the different sounds they make. The following weeks they will be exploring woodwind and string instruments.

## **E-Safety Awareness -Stay Safe On-Line**



Children's privacy can be invaded online in several ways. For example, it can happen when they:

- fill out forms and enter contests on commercial Websites
- provide information when registering for Internet services or software (i.e. file-sharing, instant messaging, e-mail)
- complete a personal profile for an e-mail or instant messaging account
- give personal information to strangers in chat rooms or through instant messaging
- Social networking sites – who are they friends with? If you know your child uses Facebook, please help them to check their privacy settings. The video link below shows you how to change privacy settings on Facebook.

<http://kidsmart.org.uk/skills-school/>

## **Stormont House School Website**

Stay up to date with important news and announcements visit our school website at:

[www.stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk)

The website contains news about school events, and a showcase of curriculum works as well as our weekly newsletters, so if you think you may have missed an issue you can look it up on our website!



## **Dates for your Diary:**

- **Tuesday 28 February - KS3 Parent/Carer Evening – 5.30 – 8.00pm**
- **Wednesday 21 March – KS4 English GCSE Entry Level Exam – (Y11 pupils only)**

## **Term dates for Pupils**

Spring Term ends on Friday 30 March with the following closures:

Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February- Half term

Friday 30 March – End of term – school closes at 1.15pm

Tuesday 17 April – Pupils return to school for the Summer term

Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June – Half term

Monday 11 June - Pupils return to school after half term



**Please Note:** School will close to pupils earlier than the original end of Summer term date to prepare for demolition! Please watch this space for further details.