

Stormont House School

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

St Joseph's Hospice



On Tuesday 7 December pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 went to St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney to sing to the day patients. The patients at St

Joseph's are each facing a very difficult time, and it was wonderful to see the joy that our pupils brought to them. The pupils sang the songs they will be performing at the Christmas Concert next Tuesday evening. The group took gifts of chocolate for the patients and were rewarded for their singing with hot and cold drinks, biscuits and crisps. The pupils mingled with the patients before and after the singing, chatting and enjoying the refreshments. The patients were delighted by the singing and impressed by the pupils' behaviour, saying it was brilliant! Once again the pupils were a credit to the school and their families.

Remember you can hear the songs at our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 14 December

**Bazaar 4.30 – 6.00
Concert 6.00 – 7.00**

Christmas dates for your diary

Wednesday 15 December:

Pupil Reward Outings
Has your child earned their place?

Thursday 16 December:

Christmas lunch for pupils and staff

Friday 17 December:

Carol Service 11.00 – 11.45am: all parents / carers welcome.

School finishes for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

Pupils return to school after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 4th January 2011

Sports Results

Indoor Rowing:

Eleven pupils from across the school took part in the Hackney Borough Indoor Rowing Competition after school on Monday 6 December, against mainstream schools. Every pupil did the school credit. We won the three events:

Shauna: 1st Year 10 girls
Gin Hang: 2nd Year 11 (2,000m) boys
Kiya: 3rd Year 9 girls

Hackney Inclusive Football tournament:

Our team performed really well at this event on Thursday 2 December, taking 2nd place.

Hackney Wheelchair Basketball tournament:

Once again our team gave their best and we took joint first place with Horizon School

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in these events

Christmas Bazaar

If you have any items you would like to donate for our Christmas Bazaar, please send them into school as soon as possible for the attention of Tracy Napier.

Thank you

School Dentist



The mobile dentist was on site on Monday 6 December. Twelve pupils visited the dentist for a check up and to have a protective fluoride coating applied to their teeth, the dentist is back again next Monday and in January to see more pupils. If you would like to arrange an appointment or would like details of the service, please ring the Dentist team on (020) 8121 4289

STOP PRESS

Despite the snow and bad weather, 54 pupils had 100% attendance last week!!

WELL DONE!

Breaking news

A Christmas Carol: 14 December

Year 8 pupils will be performing A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. This will be a fantastic production with the pupils wearing beautiful period drama costumes. Some of the scenes have been filmed and will be shown on screen, whereas others will be performed live on stage in the concert after our bazaar on Tuesday 14 December.

Tommy-Leigh, our work experience pupil for the last two week, helped Teaching Assistants to make some of the sets for the performance, including a fireplace and fake turkey! **Thank you Tommy-Leigh.**



Congratulations to Class 7C

Ms Chenard would like to congratulate to class 7C for consistently getting 6 ticks a day this half term.

Well done class 7C!



Stormont House School Council

Stormont House has an active School Council, which meets approximately every three weeks. The Council consists of a representative from each class. Issues that arise in class meetings are taken forward to Council meetings, where the representatives discuss and involve themselves in the matters of concern for their fellow pupils. The School Council meets with Ms Carter.

Representatives:

Yr11 : Jake Corbett
Wayne Tredgett
Yr 10: Maaz Manga
Shane Luscombe
Yr 9: Matthew Haines
Yumun Khan
Yr 8: Adam March
Luke Brewer
Yr 7: Jamie Patterson
Muhammad Boulis

Free School Meals – We can help Make sure you claim!

If your child is at school full-time, you can apply for free school meals if you receive one the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your income is £16,190 or less (this figure changes each April).
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive any of the above and are not currently claiming free school meals please speak to Monica (Receptionist) who will be able to provide an application form and help you to complete it. Alternatively you can download a form from www.learningtrust.co.uk or pick one up from The Learning Trust offices at 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.

How much money could I save?

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you could save on average £10 per week or £390 per year.

Year 9 get 'WICKED'

Year 9 pupils were lucky enough to go to see the West End production of Wicked with Ms Mpisaunga and Mr Chambers. It wasn't just for fun though, the year group have been writing a ballad of their own, supported by their tutors and two musicians, Rachel Bennett and Mike Comber. The pupils plan to set their ballad to music and are excitedly awaiting delivery of a cd containing guitar music written by Rachel and Mike.



Rachel Tucker who stars as Elphaba in Wicked at the Apollo Victoria Theatre

If we need to close the school early, or we are unable to open the school due to bad weather, we will notify you using the text messaging service. If you do not have a mobile phone the text message will be sent to your land line. The message will be sent to the first priority contact, so please make sure that your contact information is up to date, if you are not sure you can ring the school to check the information we have. In addition to the text message you can look on the Learning Trust website, which lists all school closures in Hackney.

The web address is: www.learningtrust.co.uk