

European Stars - Brussels Conference 2016

During the recent Spring half term Zoe and Jamie accompanied by Mrs Napier travelled to Brussels to attend a Stars Europe conference where schools from Milan, Madrid, Krakow, Noord Brabant (Netherlands), Bielefeld (Germany), Budapest, Edinburgh and Hackney joined together to review their initiatives which had been taking place in their own schools and countries. The aim of the project has been to promote active travel e.g. cycling in schools and to deliver travel / road safety advice to school communities.



The conference took place on Thursday 18 February, Zoe and Jamie travelled by Eurostar on Wednesday 17 February to Brussels. On the morning of the conference they travelled to the EU Parliament building to meet the students and staff from the eight other European cities. They toured the visitors centre which included displays about the journey of the European Union and the impact it has on our everyday lives.

From the EU Parliament building the group walked through central Brussels passing - the Royal Palace of Brussels, Grand Place - which contains the City Hall and the Palace of Justice.

They walked to a building called De Markten which is a cultural centre in Graanmarkt, the building was once owned by Christallerie du Val - Saint Lambert - leaders in the Belgian crystal glass industry.

Each of the schools presented either films or powerpoints about the initiatives that had taken place in the last year. Zoe and Jamie presented in front of an audience of 100 students and staff. They both did extremely well and presented very confidently.

After the speeches the students went on a tour of Brussels some by bike and others on foot. At 5.30pm everyone made their way to the BiP building which is the seat of the Government of Brussels - Capital Region.



All of the students joined the delegates from European Stars / PTP (Personalised Travel Planning)- Cycle and MOBI - (promoting smart mobility to employees) to listen to an open debate on real experiences from each of the initiatives.

This was followed by an award ceremony where each of the schools received awards for their participation in the EU Stars project. The awards were presented by Dr Didier Gambier - Department Head of LIFE and H2020 Energy and Environment Resources.

On Friday 19 February Zoe and Jamie travelled back to London, tired but pleased that they had taken part in such a prestigious event. Well Done Zoe and Jamie.



Skype Calls to Taiwan - Year 7 prepare for Lanya Junior High's visit in July 2016

Over the next few weeks Year 7 will be continuing to contact their penpals (via skype) from Lanya Junior High School in Taipei, Taiwan. Since October 2015 the students from Year 7 have been talking to their penpals about themselves and their families, hobbies, favourite colours, foods and animals. This term the students will start to talk about the forthcoming visit by the Lanya students to London.

The students and staff from Lanya will be visiting Stormont House School from Monday 4 to Friday 8 July 2016, they will take part in a variety of activities both in school and off site. In July 2015 the students went on a day trip to Southend and to Legoland, Windsor.

We are all looking forward to the visit by Ms Lai and her staff and students, we hope that they will once again show us their skills in calligraphy and paper cutting.



World Book Day

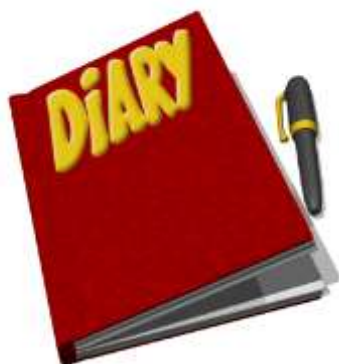
On Thursday 3 March we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' in school, we would like to request students to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book. There will prizes for the best costumes which will be given out in the whole school assembly on Friday 4 March.

We would also like to request that students bring their favourite book into school so they can talk about it with their classmates. Students will be able to discuss their books in the first period of the school day.

During next week we are arranging the opportunity for students to go to a local Stoke Newington book shop to buy a book with their 'World Book Day' vouchers. The students will be able to choose from the following books:



Dates for Your Diary



Spring Term 2016

Thursday 3 March - World Book Day

Wednesday 9 March - Year 8 Visit to the Tower of London

Monday 14 March - Year 8 trip to the British Museum

Friday 18 March - Sports Relief Day

Wednesday 23 March - Spring Term Reward Outing Day

Thursday 24 March - Last day of the Spring Term - 1.15pm Finish

Summer Term

Monday 11 April - First day of the Summer Term - Normal school opening times