

Stormont House School Matters

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

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Year 7's Woodrow High House Adventure - What a Great Trip!!!!

On Wednesday 7 March, Year 7 students set off to begin their first Stormont House residential adventure. Although it was raining when they left school and it rained nearly all the way back again, the group were really lucky during their stay because so many activities were out in the fresh air. The students learnt bushcraft they built shelters in the woods, and they gathered sticks and learnt how to build and light a fire safely. On the first evening everyone sang, danced and toasted marshmallows round the campfire. After an impressively good night's sleep, day 2 was spent tackling the rope swing challenge, giant see-saw and 'Titanic' task, as well as archery and an invention activity where the students had to build a device to protect a water balloon. On Thursday 8 March it was Tyshan's 12th birthday, everyone celebrated with a cake and a disco in the evening, during which Kishone was announced winner of the musical chairs competition, in spite of Miss Driver's best efforts to beat him! For the final day the Year 7's had a great indoor swimming session and a long woodland walk, where they were encouraged to use mud camouflage to blend in with the tasks; a number of brave students overcame

were encouraged to use mud camouflage to blend in with the tasks; a number of brave students overcame their squeamishness to have a go. The staff at Woodrow High House were really friendly and helpful and the Year 7's really rose to the occasion, building new friendships across the classes and encouraging each other to try new things and help each other. Well Done Year 7!



World Autism Awareness Week - Monday 26 March to Monday 2 April 2018

World Autism Awareness Week takes place on 26 March - 2 April 2018. To celebrate and raise awareness at Stormont House School, all of the classes will be learning about Autism during their tutor time sessions. Students will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about Autism by adding to the awareness tree.

FAST FACTS

- Autism affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.
- Autism is much more common than most people think. There are around 700,000 autistic people in the UK - that's more than 1 in 100.
- People with Autism may find some things hard and other things really easy. No two people with Autism are the same, just like we are all different from each other.
- 4 Satoshi Tajiri, the inventor of Pokémon, is autistic.
- Mozart, Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton had autistic characteristics and would probably be diagnosed with autism if they were alive today.
- 90% of autistic people have sensory issues. This means they experience the world really intensely but they sometimes find it too bright, loud and confusing.

To find out more you can look at this video at home on You Tube ' A Teen's Guide to Autism' - the link to follow is: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-I19CKISg</u>

Log on to www.autism.org.uk to find out how you can support students with autism.



Easter Sports Activities - Access to Sports Project

This week you will have received the enrolment forms for the Easter Sports Activity Sessions which are run at Stormont House School by 'The Access to Sports Project' team of coaches. The project is completely **FREE** for our students to attend, they will be able to experience a wide variety of sports activities.

Week 1 - Tuesday 3 to Thursday 5 April 2018 - 1.30 to 3.30pm

Week 2 - Monday 9 to Thursday 12 April 2018 - 1.30 to 3.30pm

If you would like your child to attend please return the 'Access to Sports' forms to school or call the project on 020 7686 8812 or via email to <u>info@accesstosports.org.uk</u>



Term Dates for your Diary

Reward Outing for Year 12 Year 8 Parent/Carer Meeting Kench Hill Residential Reward Outing Years 7-11 Year 7 Easter Play End of Spring Term Start of Summer Term Monday 26 March 2018 Tuesday 27 March 2018 - 3.30pm to 4pm Wednesday 28 March 2018 Thursday 29 March - Assembly time 10am Thursday 29 March 2018 - School closes at 1.20pm Tuesday 17 April 2018