

## Lanya Junior High Annual Visit

On Monday 6 July our friends from Lanya Junior High School from Taiwan came to visit Stormont House School for the third year in a row. This year the group consisted of 21 pupils and 3 members of staff led by Ms Alice Lai the Taipei Connecting Classrooms coordinator.

The Lanya students were able to experience a range of subjects from our curriculum including - Art and Design (Batik Art), PE, Food Technology and Maths. Our students enjoyed learning more about the Taiwanese culture from the Lanya students who had created PowerPoints about their lives in Taipei. The Lanya students led a creative session on Chinese Calligraphy and papercutting which is one of the most popular decorative Chinese handicrafts.

On Tuesday 7 July, our Year 7 students and the Lanya group travelled to Southend for the day, where they were able to experience a typical English seaside resort. All of the students went onto Southend Pier which is the longest pier in the world at 1.34 miles in length.

On Wednesday 8 July the Lanya students visited the Hackney Museum with Mrs Napier to view exhibits about Hackney through the ages. The pupils were able to dress up in traditional costumes from the Victorian era. On their return the students joined the Indoor Rowing / Wheelchair Basketball Club to experience an after school provision. They had joined in with our Cricket Club on Monday and had thoroughly enjoyed playing a sport which is considered to be the national sport in Taiwan.

On Thursday 9 July, Year 7 and the Lanya group travelled to Legoland in Windsor to experience an English theme Park. On their last day with us the Lanya students experienced a day full of creativity and excitement with sessions that included drama, circus skills and music. To end their visit the Lanya students put on a performance for the whole school, the students performed pieces on the piano, drums and recorders with a finale performed by two of the boys who showed their prowess at diablo juggling.

A gift ceremony took place on the final afternoon where the Stormont House and Lanya students exchanged gifts. We are looking forward to Ms Lai bringing another group of students in July 2016.



## Arty-Fact Theatre Performance



On Monday afternoon Years 7, 8 and 9 watched a theatre performance from Arty-Fact Theatre company called the 'History Detectives'. They learnt about The Stone Age and how to be an archaeologist. The pupils absolutely loved the performance and were able to talk about what they had seen and learnt. A particular well done to Niccole in year 7, Conor in year 8 and Brett in year 9 who became history detectives and took part in the performance. The theatre company praised our pupils for their excellent behaviour and how well they joined in with the show. A great afternoon was had by all. Well done Key Stage 3!

## Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 12 Expedition



On Tuesday 22 September our Year 12 students embarked on their practice expedition as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students had to plan, train for and complete an expedition through their own physical effort and with minimal intervention from adults. Their expedition started at Forest Rise in Epping Forest where from this point they had to use their orienteering skills to navigate their way to Gilwell Park Scout Camp using a map and compass, all the while carrying their rucksacks with equipment for the overnight stay. The students spent one night camping in Gilwell Park where they

had to put up their own tents, cook their own evening meal and breakfast. On Wednesday morning they had to pack up camp and make their way to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge which marked the end of their practice expedition. They then travelled back to school by train from Chingford Station. The Year 12 will have to complete their qualifying expedition in April 2016 making sure they use what they have learnt on their practice expedition. Well done Year 12!

Ms Thakaberry, Ms Christie and Mr McDonnell were delighted with every student's response to the challenge!!



## Stormont House School Rules - Reminder

### Chewing Gum and Food

Under no circumstances are food, drinks or chewing gum allowed on school premises. We encourage students to use water bottles with their own names on.

### Jewellery

As part of the School Code there is a "NO Jewellery" policy, this includes chains, bracelets, rings and large hooped earrings. The only exception is a single pair of small studs and small hooped earrings.

### Electronic Equipment

E.g. mobile phones, MP3, DS - Games Equipment

Must be handed in to reception on entering the school premises.

**Can you please remind your child about the school rules. Any items brought into school in breach of these rules may be confiscated until collected by parents / carers (Sweets etc. will be disposed of).**