chool Matters: information for parents/carers and pupils 10 March 2011 Telephone: (020) 8985 4245

Stormont House School

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

Attendance/Punctuality-Be on time for learning

As we return from half term some of our year 10 and year 11 pupils are beginning to take their exams. Although pupils should always arrive at school on time it is especially important as we are now in exam season.

Morning registration is at 8.55am and the school is open to all pupils from 8.30am so there is no excuse for lateness!

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, Stormont House School had a special assembly where pupils dressed up as their favourite character from a book, comic or film. Pupils were also be given a £1 book token that may be exchanged for one of six specially produced £1 books, please support your child by taking them to a bookshop so they may choose their free book.

Pupils were treated to their traditional quiz and demonstrated brilliant reading once again.



We then had a 'Cat Walk' around the school and took a look at our staff doing 'Extreme Reading Positions'. Mr Chambers was the winner for the second time in a row.

After School Clubs

The following clubs are running each week. If pupils want to join one of the clubs they should speak to Mrs Napier to find out if spaces are still available.

Parents/carers must complete and return a permission form before the pupil can start to

Monday: Homework club Wednesday: Football club

attend any of the clubs.

Art GCSE

Thursday: Indoor rowing Friday: Film club

A closer look at our Hackney Trailblazers



As you know, the achievements of sixteen of our pupils were recognised at the Hackney Trailblazers Awards in January. Each week we have given you details of two of the award winners. This week we are focussing on Gin Hang & Benjahmen who are both in Year 11 and won the award for **Creative Arts**



Gin Hang

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Gin Hang has shown his commitment and dedication to the creative arts by undertaking an independent travel programme so that he is be able to attend the after school Art GCSE Club. In order to stay after school he also gave up his well-loved activity of Football in order to achieve his full potential in Art.



Benjahmen

Benjahmen has a natural talent for the Creative Arts. He recently attended the Creativity World Forum in Oklahoma where he represented the school together with 4 other Stormont Students, he performed on stage in front of 2000 people. Benjahmen designed the t-shirt that was worn by all the pupils who took part in the forum both from the UK and from the three schools in Oklahoma. Benjahmen constantly strives to achieve to the best of his ability in everything he attempts.

SPORTS NEWS

Rowing

The National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships took place last Friday at the Lea Valley Athletic Centre. 10 Pupils from Stormont House competed in this event. All pupils performed exceptionally well and we even had 2 pupils in the top 30.

Well done to our rowing team

Kings Hall Gym

As part of their P.E. curriculum Year 11 go to Kings Hall Gym every Friday for cardiovascular workouts and train on gym equipment. They will be attending for the whole of the Spring term.

It is an enjoyable lesson of which they all seem eager to participate.

RED NOSE DAY



Friday 18 March is Red Nose Day. Noses will be on sale in school for £1.

Pupils will a pay a minimum donation of £2 to participate in afternoon activities instead of lessons. Pupils can also dress up, have a wacky hairstyle, and bring in cakes for us to sell at break time.

Before the afternoon activities commence each class will do a sponsored event.

If you require a sponsorship form for your child please contact Tracy Napier at the school.

If you would like any more information on Red Nose day, why not visit their website on:

www.rednoseday.com

All proceeds will go to charity.



Y7 trip to London Zoo

Tomorrow Year 7 will be visiting London Zoo in Regents Park as part of their Humanities course work about the Environment and endangered animals. The pupils will then debate the topic for and against Zoos.

Y11 Trip to Hackney Empire to see Hamlet

As part of their English curriculum, Y11 will be given the opportunity of going to the Hackney Empire to see Hamlet Clown Prince on Wednesday 23 March.

Lost Property

If there is a specific item your child has lost please ring Monica (receptionist) who will ask the appropriate teaching assistant to help your child look through the lost property to see if it can be found. It is helpful if the name of the pupil could be written on the label of any items as this then enables lost clothing/property to be returned to its right owner

Term Dates

The Spring term ends - Thursday 7 April 2011 at 1.15pm with the following closures:

Monday 25 April Bank Holiday - Easter

Tuesday 26 April - Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils

Pupils return to school for the summer term 27 April 2011 at the usual time

Friday 29 April - Bank Holiday Royal Wedding

Monday 2 May - Spring Bank Holiday