

Stormont House School

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

E-Safety Awareness

On Tuesday it was **Internet Safety Day**. Pupils discussed the dangers of sharing personal information online and what to look out for. Children's privacy can be invaded online in several ways. For example, it can happen when they:

- fill out forms and enter contests on commercial Websites
- provide information when registering for Internet services or software (i.e. file-sharing, instant messaging, e-mail)
- complete a personal profile for an e-mail or instant messaging account
- give personal information to strangers in chat rooms or through instant messaging
- Social networking sites – who are they friends with?

If you know your child uses Facebook, please help them to check their privacy settings. The video link below shows you how to change privacy settings on Facebook.

<http://kidsmart.org.uk/skills-school/>

SPORTS NEWS

After half term our rowing team will be competing in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at Lea Valley Athletic Centre. They will be competing against other pupils across the Country. All members of the rowing team have a training target, one member, Shauna, has just completed 50,000 miles of training on the rowing machine so will be more than prepared for this event!

Success at Hackney Trailblazers 2011



We have been telling you about the achievements of sixteen pupils who were recognised at the Trailblazers 2011 Awards, and gave details of two award winners. This week we are focussing on Daniel and Owen who both received recognition in the category of **Achieving Against All Odds**.



Daniel

Daniel is a student who has cerebral palsy and epilepsy, but he has never let his medical condition stop him from achieving everything he sets his mind to, he engages fully and enthusiastically in all areas of the curriculum. At Daniel's previous school he was the victim of bullying about his medical condition, Daniel has proved at Stormont that he is a stronger person who can achieve even against adversity. His good humour and positive attitude to his learning means he always achieves his best. Even when he finds tasks challenging his determined attitude ensures he succeeds to the best of his ability.



Owen

Owen has made major advances overcoming personal difficulties to be a valued member of his class. He has made great progress both socially and academically to make the most of his time at Stormont House School.

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.

**Please let us know if you need any assistance with your application.
If you are entitled to free school meals but do not apply, you must pay for school meals.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms Mpisaunga would like to congratulate Y11 for completing their coursework and college application forms this week.

Well done Year 11!

Y10 Internal Work Experiences – Assembly
Year 10 presented a fantastic assembly on internal work experience this week. They have currently held their jobs within school since October and have been doing a marvellous job. The school could not run as smoothly as it does without our valuable volunteer assistants. The year 10 group explained to rest of the school, through photos, drama and power point presentations the process they had to complete in order be considered for their positions.

Well done year 10!

Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

At Stormont House School we have a Parent Support Advisor (PSA), Francesca Paliotta, who provides support, information and advice to parents covering a wide range of subjects.

The aims of a PSA are to:

- Improve relationships between school, parents and children, having a positive impact on the attendance, behaviour and educational achievement of pupils.
- Support and empower parents to develop their own knowledge, skills and understanding of the education provided for their children.
- Increase parental participation in the life of school.
- Enable children to reach their full learning potential.

Parents can be referred by a member of staff or can request a meeting with the PSA without a referral, and can attend any activities provided.



Francesca Paliotta

Term Dates

The Spring term is Tuesday 04 January 2011 – Thursday 07 April 2011 with the following closures:

Friday 18 February 2011 – school closed for staff training
Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011
Bank Holidays Good Friday 22 April and Easter Monday 25 April 2011

