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Stormont House School

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

Important Information / Dates to Remember

- School closes at 1.15pm on Friday 22nd July for the summer holidays
- School re-opens Monday 5 September 2011 for staff training closed to pupils
- Tuesday 6 September pupils return to school for the start of the Autumn term
- Wednesday 14 September Friday 16 September Y7 school journey to Suntrap

SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 20 July was Sports Day and was a great success! There were 6 teams in total competing against each other: Maroon, Blue, Yellow, Purple, Green and Red. It was a whole school participation, staff as well and we all took part in the following events:

In the morning: Cricket and team challenges.

In the afternoon: Shot put, javelin, team relay, standing long jump, basketball shootout, penalties (football) shootout, followed by 100 m race, 3 legged race, sack race, egg and spoon race and 200m relay race.

At the end of the day all teams faced each other in Tug of War. Everybody showed great team spirit and performed at their best!





Inclusive Football Tournament

On Tuesday 19 July a group of our pupils competed in a Football Tournament on Hackney Downs against other Hackney schools, teams consisted of:

Team A: Patrick, Salim & Maaz Yr10, Gin-

Hang Yr11, Raheem Yr7, Troy & Luke Yr9 Team B: Chan Yr9, Jamie, Godswill, Warren, Tyler Yr7, David, Richard & Ismail

Team A managed to win all their games and performed very well in the final winning the whole event!

WELL DONE TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY: PARENTS SAY YES!!

Results of School Uniform Survey there was an overwhelming response in favour of uniform, over 80% of parents agreed!!! More discussions will take place next term as to whether the uniform takes the form of a formal or smart uniform. Ms McNamara will be meeting with Parent Governors to plan the next stage! Some parents did have reservations in terms of their own child's difficulties with change and these will be taken into consideration as we move forward.



HACKNEY IN BLOOM

Hackney in Bloom, the Borough's gardening competition returns this year. Stormont House School has entered once again and the judges will be visiting us on Thursday 21 July to observe the results of our gardening. Last year we won 1st prize for the 'Best Educational Garden in a School setting' (pictured right)

This year we have built on the work already started last year. Whole classes have used the garden as a curriculum resource, embedding a practical approach in English, Maths and PSHCE lessons. This has resulted in two patio gardens being developed within the grounds by both Year 7 and 8. The dome has been widely used throughout the year. It was particularly useful over the past couple of months to Year 10. They were able to propagate seeds and sell seedlings to members of staff as part of their Maths Functional Skills. All produce grown within the school has been used in the kitchen and food technology lessons or weighed and sold to staff. All of this work has allowed the pupils to once again be responsible for their school grounds.



Gardening in English Year 7

Mrs Whitbread's Year 7 English group created a crossword puzzle last week. Here are the solutions from the puzzle last week.

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Summer Activities 2011

Hackney Council has teamed up with The Learning Trust and GLL to provide a wide range of indoor and outdoor events and activities throughout the summer to ensure young people in Hackney have plenty of things to do! A free guide is now available outlining all the activities available over the summer.

Contact the Hackney Service Centre on 0208 356 3000 for further details

Year 10 Trip to France

(Written by Ms McNamara and Tracy Churchill)

Year 10 returned exhausted but happy from their recent trip to Boulogne Sur Mer. A great time was had by all. Each day was filled with a variety of activities and tasks that count towards their AoPE qualification in Year 11. The inclement weather did not stop anyone from enjoying the beach, the walled town, the Aquarium and an amazing firework display on the last evening. Stormont pupils shared the hostel with pupils from the outskirts of Paris: friendships were made and pupils practised speaking French. Football games were won and lost and everyone enjoyed a shared disco.

Year 10 pupils would like to thank all the staff and parents who made such a wonderful experience possible.



And finally.......We wish you all a fantastic summer break see you on 6 September