

Stormont House School

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

Important Reminder for ALL Parent/Carers

School closes for pupils at 1.15pm next Friday, 28 January, for staff training.
(All transport services have already been notified)

Success at Hackney Trailblazers 2011



The achievements of sixteen Stormont House pupils were recognised at the Trailblazers 2011 Awards ceremony held at the Hackney Empire on Monday 127 April. 8 of these pupils received their awards in the Outstanding Team category and 11 were individual awards in the following categories:

Academic achievement

Sport

Achieving against all odds

Music

Creative arts

**Turning your life around
outstanding achievement**

Outstanding team

Emma and Abel, who left Stormont House last June, are our Trailblazers in the Academic Achievement category. They were nominated for this award for their GCSE and ASDAN work.



Abel is one of our highest achievers with his GCSE and ASDAN results, he succeeded in obtaining 6 A-C's, including A*'s in English and Spanish. Abel is a wonderfully creative and capable student who has always demonstrated a mature and responsible attitude to his studies this aptitude will enable him to achieve everything he applies himself to in the future.



Emma was a very motivated student who worked diligently to achieve her results. Emma was determined to succeed in everything that she attempted in her time at Stormont, she worked independently in her own time to make sure that all her GCSE and ASDAN work was to a very high standard. Emma was a vital element in her class she motivated and supported her peers to get the most out of their time at Stormont House

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) We need your Views!

As you are aware Stormont House School is part of the government 'Building Schools for the Future' scheme. Despite the recent cuts, plans are still going ahead for us to have a new school and recently a revised proposal has been put forward to move the school slightly further back into the park. This will allow us to remain on our current site while the new school is built behind us, once the new school is built we will move into it, the current school will be demolished and the land returned to common land. There is currently an informal consultation taking place; the council are consulting with local residents, park users and other organisations regarding the position of the school within the park. We will be sending home copies of the consultation documents to allow you to read the proposals and have your say. Please look out for this information in the next few days.

**A drop in session is being held tonight, Thursday 20th January,
between 6.00 – 8.00pm.**

Sports News

The East London
Panathlon starts on
25 January at
Langdon Secondary
School in East Ham.
Stormont House
pupils are
competing as part
of the Hackney
Borough Team.
Pupils will be
competing in events
including football,
new age curling
athletics, cricket
and various table
top games.



Reminders

Contact Details

It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you on our records in case of emergency. We also need to have second emergency details on record for your child. Please remember that if your change address, telephone number or any of your contact details please let the school know immediately.

Art visit

Year 8 have been studying Abstract Art and will be visiting the Tate Museum next Wednesday as part of their project they have been working on.

Achievements

Congratulations

Ms Mpisaunga would like to congratulate Year 11 for doing well in their English mock exams on Tuesday. Well done!

Attendance

All pupils need to attend school regularly; we are pleased to see that in the two weeks since the beginning of the Spring term **90 pupils have achieved more than 95% attendance**. Well done to those pupils, let's see if we can get that figure higher for the end of term!

LOST PROPERTY

If there is a specific item your child has lost please ring Monica Irwin (receptionist) who will ask the appropriate teaching assistant to help your child look through the lost property to see if it can be found. Please help us to help you by writing your child's name on a label on any items.

Year 8 take on the London Symphony Orchestra



This term Year 8 pupils will be involved in a project working with the London Symphony Orchestra. Members of the orchestra will be working with us in school and then, later on, will attend a concert at the Barbican.

The London Symphony Orchestra is widely regarded as one of the world's leading orchestras. Its many activities include an energetic and ground-breaking education and community programme, a record company (LSO Live), and exciting work in the field of information technology, so we can't wait to work with them again.

School Life: Speech & Language Therapy

Our two Speech and Language Therapists are:



Clare Parkinson



Laura Blackman

The therapists are in school for a total of 5 days per week. They work directly with pupils but also work closely with teachers and teaching assistants to support our pupils to improve their communication, in class, in the playground and at home. Pupils with all types of speech, language and communication needs - including attention and listening; understanding; sequencing; social communication and Autism - can benefit from speech and language therapy.

The therapists also liaise with parent/carers and other professionals as part of our multi-disciplinary team. They are also usually available at our parent/carer evenings and drop-in sessions and would be very pleased to see you then.

Term Dates

The Spring term runs from Tuesday 4 January 2011 to Thursday 7 April 2011 with the following closures:

Friday 28 January 2011 – school closes at 1.15pm for staff training

Friday 18 February 2011 – school closed for staff training

Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011

As you may know, there is an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 29 April due to the Royal Wedding. Because of this, we plan to move our training day planned for Tuesday 26 April, otherwise pupils would only be in school for 2 days that week. **ALL pupils should return to school on Tuesday 26 April** after the Easter break. We will let you know as soon as possible the rearranged date for the staff training day.