

A London Celebration

On Friday 25 September Stormont House had its first "Stop The Clock" event this year, the aim was to celebrate living in London.

We were visited by Mrs Jackie Murphy who is the Pearly Queen of Hackney, who visited school in full costume to talk to the students about the history of the Pearly Kings and Queens. Mrs Murphy married into the Hitchen family whose ancestors were first crowned as Pearly Kings and Queens in 1894, she was chair of The Original Pearly Kings and Queen Association until recently, ensuring the London tradition is kept going by younger generations.



Mrs Murphy has raised thousands of pounds for charities by performing, singing and representing Pearlies at key events including the London 2012 Opening Ceremony.

Mrs Murphy spoke about cockney rhyming slang and gave the students a few examples:

apples and pears = stairs
dog and bone = phone
barnet fair = hair

After the talk by Mrs Murphy the students were able to enjoy a traditional London Fete, where they took part in a variety of activities: tug of war, welly wanging, bean bag throwing, splat a rat, treasure hunt, beat the goalie, play your cards right and curling. Everyone had a really good time. Thank you to Ms Driver who organised the event.



On the same day Year 12 did an amazing job organising a cake sale stall to raise funds for the Macmillan Trust. Thank you to all the parents / carers who donated cakes for this event.



Investor in Careers Award

Investor in Careers is a quality standard for the management of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) and is now the most widely used quality award of its kind recognised nationally.

During this academic year Stormont House School will be working towards achieving the Investors in Careers Award. Careers guidance is very important to young people and there is a large amount of evidence which suggests that good careers guidance develops the skills, attitudes and motivation that enable students to progress to further education, training and employment.

Stormont House School is committed to delivering a comprehensive careers and work related learning programme throughout the school and we are working hard to embed careers education, information, advice and guidance into the whole curriculum.

We believe that Investors in Careers will help the school improve on its good careers provision and make it great. It will not only help us raise the standards of CEIAG management and delivery but it will most importantly improve career outcomes for students, therefore enabling a more successful transition from learning to the world of work.

We hope all Parents and Carers will support the school decision to improve our careers education further and in turn achieve the Investors in Careers Award.



Cricket Club Returns

On Monday 5 October the Stormont House School Cricket Club will be starting; our coach will be Daniel Lineker who works for 'Cricket For Change'. We are part of the 'Hit The Top' programme which aims to have a positive long term impact on the lives of young people with a physical, visual or learning disability by giving them independence, confidence and new friendships through sport.



We have been part of the 'Hit The Top' programme since 2011, during this time we have been able to take part in regular cricket tournaments, our cricket squad has always done really well. In 2014 they won the team award which was presented at the Mayor of London's Office, City Hall, London Bridge.

If you would like your child to join the Cricket Club please contact Mrs Napier - please remember that your child has to be either an independent traveller or a parent /carer has to collect from school. (The club starts at 3.30 and finishes at 5pm).

Black History Month - Thursday October 1 to Saturday October 31, 2015

Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987 and is annually celebrated in October in the UK and February in the USA. It is the time of year when the culture, history and achievements of black and ethnic minority communities take centre stage. Our students will look at the following people: Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid revolutionary, Beyoncé Knowles, bestselling music artist, Louis Armstrong, jazz pioneer, Maya Angelou, award-winning writer and poet. In Stormont House School we are celebrating BHM by presenting a whole school assembly. The students will also be experiencing a Caribbean lunch which will include: : Fried Fish / Fried Dumplings / Salt Fish / Ackee / Calaloo / Bread Fruit / Yam / Sweet Potato / Plantain / Caribbean Fish / Fried Chicken and Jollof Rice / Curried Goat / Salad / Carrot Cake and Custard / Ginger Beer.

