

### Jack Petchey Award Winner - Lily Year 9



For a full story of the interview featured in the Hackney Gazette please visit the link below

On Tuesday 30 September Stormont House School was visited by Shekha Vas (Reporter) and Arnaud Stephenson (Photographer) from the Hackney Gazette Newspaper. They come into school to interview Lily in Y8 our January 2014 Jack Petchey Award winner. They have been visiting schools across Hackney to complete reports on the Jack Petchey Award winners from each school to write a feature report which is in the Hackney Gazette that will be in the issue that is dated Thursday 2 October 2014.

Lily was photographed and interviewed, she coped wonderfully - she informed Ms Vas that she had felt great when her name had been announced as the winner of the monthly Jack Petchey Award. Lily had £200 to spend, she decided to speak with her class teacher Ms Cross and her classmates to get their ideas on how to enhance their classroom. She decided to purchase, Lego, Knex, jigsaws, board games and 2 comfortable bean bag chairs.

We are very proud of all of our Jack Petchey Award winners from 2013/14, their achievements will be celebrated at the Hackney Jack Petchey Awards Evening on Tuesday 7 October at Stoke Newington Town Hall. A report reviewing the event will be in next week's issue of School Matters.

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### Congratulations to all winners of the Jack Petchey Awards



### Attendance News

Last Year our overall attendance was **94.5%** our highest ever! This term the attendance to date is **95.8%**; lets keep it up! School is open to all pupils from 8.30am for breakfast if they wish and morning registration is at 8.55am. If for any reason your child is absent please remember to inform the school. You can leave a message on the school answerphone or call the office at 8am.

#### **A Reminder to Parent/Carers**

Any **urgent** medical appointments made during school hours can only be authorised by a medical card showing the date and time. During Exam season please try and make every effort to make appointments outside of the exams time. Please also be reminded that **No Holidays** should be taken during term time. Any exceptional circumstances will need to be authorised in conjunction with our Attendance Officer at the Learning Trust.

## Dinner Money & Free School Meals

**Reminder:** Dinner money is payable on a Monday morning. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the envelope. Dinner money is £1.70 per day a weekly amount of £8.50.

If your child is at school full-time, you can apply for free school meals if you receive one of 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 Guaranteed 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](http://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.**

## Awareness/Safety on the Internet

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 or any other social networking site, please help them to check their privacy settings.**

## Next Week School Events

- ✚ Mon 6 October Year 9 Humanities trip to Museum of London
- ✚ Tue 7 October Jack Petchey Award Ceremony
- ✚ Wed 8 October 7M Trip to Hackney Museum
- ✚ Fri 10 October Year 11 & 12 University Rowing Challenge at University of East London Campus

## Term Dates for your Diary



**Year 12 Prospective Pupil Info Evening**  
**Half Term**  
**Parent/Carer Evening Year 12**  
**Parent/Carer Consultation Eve**  
**Parent Carer Consultation Day**  
**Year 11 Work Experience**  
**Reward Outings**  
**Carol Service**  
**Christmas Dinner**  
**Spring Term Start**

Thursday 23 October  
**Monday 27 – Friday 31 October**  
Thursday 13 November  
Thursday 13 November (Evening scheduled appointments 3.45-8pm)  
Friday 14 November (scheduled appointments throughout the day)  
Monday 1 December - Friday 12 December  
Wednesday 17 December  
Thursday 18 December  
Friday 19 December  
Monday 5 January 2015