

## Stormont House School

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

### NEW! Stormont House School Website

Stormont House School website has just been launched. The website contains important dates and news about school events, a showcase of curriculum work as well as our weekly newsletters and a page dedicated to Parents and Carers. This is an exciting new development showing the whole world just how great the pupils and staff at Stormont House School are.

Please visit us at [www.stormontouse.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.stormontouse.hackney.sch.uk)

### E-Safety Awareness

Tuesday 8 February is International Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised annually by [Insafe](http://www.saferinternet.org) to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, particularly among children and young people. It is supported by countries throughout Europe and beyond. During the week of SID, a range of activities will be taking place across the continent to help protect young people online. Visit their website to find out more about the activities that are taking place [www.saferinternet.org](http://www.saferinternet.org). Please keep up to date with your child's safety online and follow the link below.

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

### SPORTS NEWS

Update on the Panathlon competition at Langdon School. Stormont House team members were awarded the following medals which were presented in assembly on Tuesday morning:

**Cricket Table** - Gold medals went to Sasha, Billy, Lanre, Tariq, Chan and Philip all in Y9

**New age curling** - Gold medals went to Brandon and John in Y8

**Boccia** - Bronze medal went to Ebere in Y9

**Football** - Bronze medal went to Christine in Y8

**Athletics** – Christine in year 8 and Daniel in Y11 both won gold for running. Daniel won a further two gold medals for shot-put and Javelin.

**Congratulations to all team members**

### Success at Hackney Trailblazers 2011



Last week we told 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 Shauna and Ismail who both received recognition in the category of **Sport**.



Shauna

Shauna is an incredibly hard worker who tries to achieve to the very best of her ability. Shauna is a highly talented indoor rower who has become a role model to other pupils at school. She won the Hackney Borough and London Youth Games Rowing Competitions in 2010. She has also taken part in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Competition obtaining excellent results.

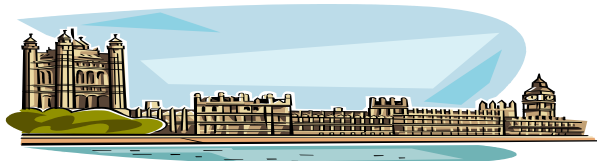


Ismail

Ismail is a young man who he is both determined and committed to succeed in indoor rowing. Ismail has made fantastic progress in the indoor rowing team at school, he has represented school in many competitions with very impressive results. Ismail has been determined to improve his attitude towards physical activity by putting in 100% effort in every aspect of PE.

## Forthcoming Events

### Y10 at the Houses of Parliament



As part of their Citizenship work in PSHCE, Year 10 will be visiting the Houses of Parliament this Friday. The aim of the visit will be to introduce the pupils to how the Government operates and how laws are made. They will also have a discussion to explain to them the importance of voting in elections.

### Year 11 visiting London Glassworks

As part of their GCSE Art coursework 11M will be visiting London Glassworks in Walthamstow this Friday. 11C will be visit next month.



The pupils have been exploring the works of the artist Dale Chihuly. Dale is a glass artist who uses glass blowing for some of his exhibits. During the visit the pupils will be able to watch a demonstration of glass blowing.

### Year 8 Art Trip to the Tate Modern

This academic year, year 8 have been studying abstract art. They have looked at the work of abstract artists Wassily Kandinsky, Jackson Pollack, William de Kooning and Mark Rothko and completed their own abstract art work. Last week the pupils went on a trip to the Tate Museum. This was an opportunity for pupils to look at and discuss their views on modern art.



**Joel & Liam**



**John**

## School Life

### Art Therapy Service

**Sylvia Maska and Rosie Crust, Art Therapists at Stormont**

ASpace for Support is an art therapy service currently operating at Stormont House. Two art therapists come into school on Monday and Tuesday each week to work with pupils who have been referred to them by teaching staff. Art therapy is used as a way to express feelings on paper and in different media, for example sand, clay, or water. The therapy is not about learning more about art or being good at art, it is about discovering things about feelings and relationships. Working with a therapist allows pupils to talk through emotions and about relationships in a setting that is not a lesson or counselling session. Pupils who go to art therapy generally find it very enjoyable and helpful. If your child is referred for art therapy you will be sent a letter asking for your agreement before they attend any sessions.

## Stormont House School Council

Stormont House has an active School Council, which meets approximately every three weeks. The Council consists of representatives from each tutor Group. Issues that arise in class are taken forward to Council meetings, where representatives discuss and involve themselves in matters of concern for their fellow pupils. The School Council is facilitated by a member of the teaching staff. Previous discussions have included:

**Building Schools for the Future (BSF)** ideas about the new school.

**Wet play activities** – suggestions on activities indoors.

**School council budget** – ideas on how it should be spent.

**Our current council members are:**

**Y11** Wayne and Jake,

**Y10** Maaz and Shane,

**Y9** Matthew and Yumun,

**Y8** Adam and Luke

**Y7** Muhammad and Jamie

### 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

