

## Stormont House School

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



### Beryl Grosvenor retires

On Friday 22 October a retirement party was held for Beryl Grosvenor, Deputy Headteacher, who retired after 28 years at Stormont House School. Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who contributed towards her leaving gift, a beautiful Swarovski bracelet, which she can be seen wearing in the photo above. During the week of her retirement Beryl received many messages and gifts from past and present pupils which she really appreciated. On Wednesday 20 October, a special assembly was held, followed by lunch with all the pupils, staff and some governors. Throughout the day Beryl was presented with a flower from each pupil, giving them the opportunity to say goodbye to her in person.



*Some of the flowers presented to Ms Grosvenor during 20 October*

### Christmas events and information

*Tuesday 14 December:*

Christmas Bazaar 4.30 – 6.00pm

Christmas Concert 6.00 – 7.00pm

*Wednesday 15 December:*

Pupil Reward Outings

*Thursday 16 December:*

Christmas lunch for pupils and staff

*Friday 17 December:*

Carol Service 11.00 – 11.45am

School finishes for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

**Pupils return to school after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 4th January 2011**

### Christmas Bazaar

If you have any items you would like to donate for our Christmas Bazaar, please send them into school as soon as possible for the attention of Tracy Napier.

**Thank you**

### Work Experience

Currently all our year 11 pupils are doing work experience, the placements include working in a local shop, a garage and a catering company, Hackney City Farm and Williams Lea, a city company. We even have one pupil doing their work experience in school with the premises manager and teaching assistants. Each placement is for two weeks and is an opportunity for pupils to experience working life.

### Oklahoma World Creativity Forum

On Sunday 14 November a group of 5 pupils and 2 staff left on a trip to Oklahoma. The group attended the Creativity World Forum in Oklahoma City, where they made a presentation to delegates from all over the world, putting forward their ideas on the role of creative learning in schools. Prior to the trip, the schools involved – three in the UK and three in Oklahoma – had been interacting, exchanging information, planning and developing their ideas via online blogs, Skype-ing, email and facebook. The trip was an outstanding success, our pupils performed well and were a credit to the school and their families.



### Jack Petchey Award

The Jack Petchey Award for November was presented to Shaquille Eusebe in year 7. Shaquille received the award for being an excellent pupil, who always works hard and also supports and encourages other pupils. Shaquille was presented with a £100 cheque to be spent on items for the school, which he will choose in consultation with school staff.

### Well done Shaquille!

### Attendance

Every pupil should attend school regularly, we are pleased to see that in the last half term 55 pupils had more than 95% attendance, with 26 pupils having a 100% attendance record. Well done to those pupils, lets see if we can get that figure higher for this half term.

### Bad Weather

Despite the current bad weather conditions it is important that pupils continue to come to school, we will make every effort to ensure the school stays open, safe and warm. When the weather is bad pupils are allowed in to school as soon as they arrive, the premises manager grits the entrance and pathways to the classrooms and the playground if necessary. When it is safe the pupils continue to have the opportunity to play outside at break and lunch times, however they can stay in the dining hall to play games if they wish. If the weather is bad or the playground very wet we have indoor play.

### Extended school information

The following clubs are running each week. If pupils want to join one of the clubs they should speak to Mrs Napier to find out if spaces are still available. Parents/carers must complete and return a permission form before the pupil can start to attend any of the clubs.

Monday:	Homework club
Wednesday:	Football club
	Art GCSE
Thursday:	Indoor rowing
Friday:	Film club

### Reminders

#### Lost property:



Every year we end up with a vast amount of lost property, including coats, hats and trainers. We make an effort to identify the owners, but often without success. Can you please remind your child to look at the lost property, currently on display in the foyer, as any items that remain unclaimed by the end of term will be taken to a charity shop. If there is a specific item your child has lost please ring Monica (receptionist) who will ask the appropriate teaching assistant to help your child look through the lost property to see if it can be found. It is helpful if the name of the pupil could be written on the label of any items as this enables lost clothing to be returned straight to the pupil.

### Forthcoming events

Mobile Dentist on site Monday 6 & 13 December, pre booked appointments only.

### Next term:

Music:

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

Extended schools:

We hope to start a fencing club, watch this space for more information!



*If we need to close the school early, or we are unable to open the school due to bad weather, we will notify you using the text messaging service. If you do not have a mobile phone the text message will be sent to your land line. The message will be sent to the first priority contact, so please make sure that your contact information is up to date, if you are not sure you can ring the school to check the information we have. In addition to the text message you can look on the Learning Trust website, which lists all school closures in Hackney. The web address is: [www.learningtrust.co.uk](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk)*