



The fortnightly student newspaper for Stoke Newington School & Sixth Form

Stokey hits the slopes during half term!



Sam Foxell & Kyle McCafferty
In the February half term, a group of SNS teachers and students went on a ski trip to Claviere which is on the border

of Italy and France in the Alps.

The trip was amazing and everyone had a good time. You can find out what students got up to on the trip (and hear an

anecdote about one of the students wandering off!), as well as Mr Medway's and Ms O'Malley's thoughts in the upcoming video Spotlighter, out next week!

Dear parents & carers

I am pleased to welcome back all our students from the half term holiday.

I wanted to pass on some advice about homework and your parental role in supporting and checking. Our school policy says that parents/carers will support students to do homework in the following ways (you do not have to do the homework for your child!):

- Help their children plan homework time
- Provide a suitable place for homework to be completed
- Sign the diary once a week
- Ensure that students complete the work set
- Ensure students spend an appropriate amount of time on the homework

- Contact the teacher / tutor if there are any concerns
- Create a [Show My Homework](#) account as required and access all work set online

Just a reminder that homework club is open every day after school in the library.

Please do let me or Ms Bryant know if you have any overall concerns or comments re homework.

Best wishes
Annie Gammon
Headteacher



SNS wins big at prestigious Hackney Sports Awards 2017!



Mr Doherty

At the Hackney Sports Award 2017, Stoke Newington School won the Hackney Challenge Award for the 5th year in a row!

This award goes to the school with the highest number of students who participated in the London Youth Games 2016. We had 62 students in

total who took part in wide range of activities including football, rowing, climbing, cycling, rugby, sailing, canoeing, squash, handball and swimming. A tremendous achievement and a record for Hackney schools! A huge congratulations to all 62 pupils involved and to all the PE teachers who have supported and

developed their talent.

We were also delighted that Ian Bruce received the Hackney Coach of the Year Award, in recognition of the vast amount of hard work, time and effort he has put into developing girls football not only at SNS, but also in the wider community. Well done, Mr Bruce!

Get involved in eco-club and do your bit to help save the environment!



Sam Foxell

Many things threaten the earth, the Yellowstone volcano, Donald Trump, but one thing is tearing apart our world as we know it, more than anything else, leaving their carbon-footprints on the streets, it's us, human beings. I could go on and on. There is pollution, oil, non-renewable energy sources and more. The dark cloud of carbon dioxide is looming, and Stoke Newington School is doing something to stop it. Eco-club is recruiting. Eco-club is held every Tuesday after school and is tackling problems around the school. Look around for the saving energy posters dotted throughout the school.

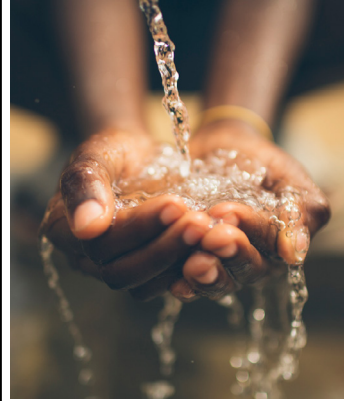
The school has asked some

experts to advise us on how we can lessen our water and electricity use. They have ordered new recycling bins and put signs on taps to turn it off. They are having a rainforest awareness day.

But they can't do it all, WE NEED YOU. Tell your friends, raise awareness and save our environment, after all it's our future.

If you are interested in joining eco-club and saving our planet (it's so important after all) please visit Ms Sutton. The least you can do is try and save energy, turn off the lights and the taps, buy a non-plastic bottle and refill it every day and just be aware of how YOU can help.

7N & 7O plan water saving initiative



Finn Morgan

How hard are we trying to help the planet? 7N and 7O are planning something big!

They are working with a program called Water Explorer to change the way that we think about water, how we use it and where we get it from! Water Explorer aims to educate us about how to save water, how it is used in society and the use of chemicals in farming. On May 9th they will have an assembly to show year 7 what they have done! Their work is important. As a planet we waste too much power and water. So their work can help our school be as kind to the planet as it can. Watch this space!

“Design, engineer, construct” - SNS gets amazing opportunity

Ms Cheetham

In November, SNS worked with the London Legacy Development Corporation and a number of major UK employers at an event designed to show students the exciting range of options available to those who choose careers in the built environment and building design.

There were a variety of

workshops delivered to several schools in London.

The 'Design...Engineer...Construct' Autumn School allowed a group of year 9 and 10 students to take part in hands-on workshops exploring a range of activities involved in the design process from architecture, to project management and structural engineering.

The event took place at Queen

Elizabeth Olympic Park, and throughout the two day workshop students used a range of skills including mathematics, design skills, model making, literacy and communication, design technology, art and science. The students developed a design for a sustainable community building. They also got the opportunity to use the latest computer aided design software, working with

students from Loughborough University's Civil Engineering department to develop and present their project as a 3-D model to industry leaders from companies such as Mace, Balfour Beatty and Allies and Morrison.

At the end of the workshop, Finn Fitzgerald McShane and Redrei Visaya both received

prizes for producing outstanding work. These included West Ham tickets and tickets for the AccelorMittal Orbit!

In January, SNS students were selected as finalists in a competition where industry specialists judged the work from students across London who had attended the workshops.

We are proud to announce that Ciar Wild in year 9 received 3rd prize, and Redei Visya in year 10 received 1st prize. The judges were very impressed with the standard of work produced by all the SNS students who attended.

For pictures of the project, [click here.](#)

Games corner: Switch's ingenuity to revitalise Nintendo?



Henry Allen-Taylor

After disappointing sales of the Wii U, Nintendo's new console might be the saving grace it needs.

In October last year, Nintendo unveiled their new home/portable console, Switch, and then last month they released more details of what's in store. Switch will come out on 3 March and will cost £279.99. It will also feature a paid subscription online service, to debut in Autumn 2017, which will allow subscribers to download a free Super Nintendo or NES game, which you can play for a month. Another good thing about the Switch is that region locking is now a thing of the past.

The battery life of the console when not connected to a power supply will last between 3-6 hours depending on what game you're playing and the screen resolution is a whopping 1280 x 720. Games we can look forward to being able to play on the launch are The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, Super Bomberman R, 1-2 Switch, Skylanders Imaginators, The Binding of Issac: Afterbirth, World of Goo, Little Inferno, Human Resource Machine, I am Setsuna and Just Dance 2017.

Nintendo also showcased some brand new games to be released after the launch. We can look forward to Arms, Splatoon 2, Snipperclips and a brand new

Mario game called Super Mario Odyssey, which is going to be open world and Mario will be going on adventures in a New York inspired city called New Donk City. Mario fans will also be glad to hear that Mario Kart 8 has been re-made for Switch, and will be called Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. It will include new characters and a battle mode.

Something that will please gamers is that one of the most popular games on Xbox and Playstation, Skyrim is coming to Switch. There's no release date yet, but it's sure to be a bestseller.

It looks like the Switch might succeed, but only time will tell. What do you think?



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