

# Brownlow Integrated College

## Newsletter

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## The Great Brownlow Bake Off 2013!



Competition has been stiff in BIC's Home Economics department as the annual Year 10 Chocolate Cake Competition kicked off! The standard was extremely high this year with one class even having a professional judge – not Mr Mulholland but Liz Brown from LMC, who commented that the 10E entries were outstanding and ended up picking three winners as she

couldn't pick just one! Mrs Fitzsimmons has been booked into post-chocolate cake therapy after making what felt like tonnes of butter cream – we're hoping she will have recovered in time for the Yr 9 Bake Off at Easter! Well Done Year 10! 10E Winners Ieva, Cara and Emily are pictured on the right with judge Liz Brown from the Livestock and Meat Commission.



## Christmas Carol Service 2013



The annual Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 18th December with contributions from staff, pupils and invited guests

including local clergy. Special thanks must go to the Icthus group for their hard work in organising the service and to the Music department

## Charity Fund Raising

£250 was raised by Mrs Hamill after the sale of Christmas snacks and a ballot for some cuddly toys. Proceeds will go to World Vision and the Simon Community. Simon Postie is in action again this year to post our cards and parcels in school for a few pence. All money raised from the postal service will help feed and house some homeless people over the Christmas period. This is organised by our intrepid Charity Coordinator, Miss Gilmore.

## Former pupil wins a British Dance Title

Brownlow College former student RYAN MC SHANE has just won the British National Amateur Latin Championship in Latin American Dance at the Wintergarden in Blackpool.

Ryan is a former Northern Ireland, All Ireland and UK Champion, but took the ultimate prize at the Wintergarden last month. He and his lovely dance partner Ksenia are now the British

National Champions 2013. Ryan has performed at the Ritz, the Royal Variety and so many other amazing venues. They are now invited to China before Christmas and there is much more to come. So give them your support and follow them on their website Ryanksenia.

The staff and pupils of BIC would like to congratulate Ryan and Ksenia and wish

the every success in the future. Ryan is an example of what can be achieved with hard work, dedication and talent.



## Build a Bridge Project for International Integration Week

All BIC pupils and staff have created a link for a chain which will eventually form a symbolic bridge on 7th March 2014 at Stormont for International Integration Week. All pupils in all integrated schools are taking part in the project, where they design their own chain link and say why they like their

school and why integration is important to them. Some of the comments are very inspiring and range from the wonderful teachers at BIC to good friendships to meeting people from lots of different backgrounds and cultures. Look out for our section of the bridge in March....it'll be in the Brownlow colours!

Well done to Kaithy Dundon 10E who designed the school Christmas card this year, which will be sent out to other local schools and businesses on behalf of the staff and pupils of BIC. Her card was chosen from among all of the junior school entries to a competition which takes place every year.



## Rewards Day Thursday 13th December 2013

Up to 300 pupils will head to Victoria Square in Belfast together this week to celebrate their good behaviour and hard work.

Year 8 pupils will have lunch in McDonald's and return to school for an afternoon of

games with their form teachers and year Head, Mr Smyth.

All other year groups will have lunch in the various eateries in the food court, followed by an afternoon of shopping for presents for their favourite teachers.

All pupils will return to school in time for the buses at 3.15. Bring your own spending money!



## Local Primary Schools get a taste of BIC

The Primary School Transition Programme is funded by the Area Cluster group for Extended Schools Programme. Those involved are: Dickson, Drumgor, Carrick, St. Anthony's St. Brendan's and Tullygally primary schools.

The pupils took part in 4 weeks of workshops in I.C.T., Art and Science. So a huge thanks to Mr. Smyth, Miss Bowman, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Porter for being wonderful teachers and sharing their enthusiasm!

This was an opportunity for P6 and 7 pupils to see what secondary school is like and it is safe to say that Brownlow Integrated College was by far their favourite secondary school visited!

## Year 12 Work Experience 2013: What a hard-working Bunch!

Year 12s were out on work experience from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. They were scattered all over the county and will hopefully tell us more about their experiences in next month's Newsletter. Meanwhile here are some lovely photos of Paige Adams and Emma McCormick, looking very mature and hard-working in their respective placements!

Emma spent the week in the Pet Department at Jolleys in Lurgan and Paige was helping out in the Nursery Department at Dickson Primary School.



Year 11 and 12s don't forget that "mock" exams will be taking place in January, soon after our return from the Christmas holidays. You need to work hard for these upcoming exams as they will be close to the "real thing" in terms of the papers that you will sit in all of your different subjects in May and June.

Take a short break over the holidays but detailed, meaningful revision is **ESSENTIAL** for your success.





## Iothus Club Christmas Dinner 2013

It's that time of the year again when the shops become crowded, the trees go up and we all eat a little bit too much! However in the midst of all the chaos of the season our Iothus group have been learning all about the true meaning of Christmas... as well as the taking part in the eating too much and having fun! This year our Christmas theme is 'Christmas Unwrapped'. As a group we have been learning all about how our Christmas traditions are linked to the birth of Jesus, reminding ourselves that it isn't all about the presents and the turkey but rather it's a celebration of Christ's birth.

Our activities included a craft activity with Mrs Watson - everyone loved the candy canes she brought along and we learnt how they represent a shepherd's crook - 'J' for Jesus ; Red for the blood Jesus shed for us and white represents His purity. As always Christmas dinner, complete with crackers, party poppers, and at least one Christmas jumper (Thomas!!), was the highlight of our celebrations. Miss Craig's room, however, looked like a giant party popper had exploded! As the term draws to a close we are looking forward to our annual trip to the Christmas markets and the Carol Service. May we as a group take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Some Photos of The Christmas Dinner





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## Open Morning

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**10.00am to 12.00pm**

**P6, P7 and Year 10 Junior High**

**Pupils**

**&**

**Parents Welcome**

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