

# Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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## Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year was on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February this year. In Brownlow we decided to celebrate with an assembly taken by Mr Smyth who told us we could have a day off! Unfortunately Chinese New Year was a Sunday. We all enjoyed some Chinese food on the Friday in the canteen which was very popular. It was so popular that there was none left when I got to the front of

the queue! 😞 The country of China is in North-east Asia and it is the fourth biggest country in the world. The United States is only slightly larger in size than China. It has the largest population in the world - around 1,306,313,812 and is divided into provinces. The capital city, Bei-

jing, is in the northeast part of the country.

Chinese New Year starts somewhere between late January and Early February. The date changes from year to year because it follows an ancient farmer calendar. Children get little red envelopes with lucky money inside them.



## **Brownlow's Got Talent!**

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February Aimee in 9M sung her heart out with Callum in 9L playing the guitar. Together they were fantastic! I rate them both 5 stars! I predict that she will be selling more tickets than it rains. (And it rains a lot). If you ever want to go to the **lunch time concerts** please see Mrs Norton and if you're lucky Amy and Callum may be performing!

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday was on 13<sup>th</sup> February. 10M lead the assembly for that day, informing pupils about what the

day means to the Catholic community and following this a group of junior school pupils went to St Anthony's to

receive their ashes. Some pupils took part in the service by reading to the congregation.

**Brainiacs club** met after school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb during which they looked at Static Electricity and electrical circuits.

## Brownlow Bathtime!!!

On Thursday 31st January thirty seven pupils from Brownlow IC had their annual cross country bath. In very wet, windy and miserable conditions our runners showed grit and determination to complete the course.

Particularly great performances came from Yr8 **Alexandra Machura** (27<sup>th</sup>), Yr9 **Ryan McClelland** (26<sup>th</sup>) and Yr12 **Michael Fearon** (38<sup>th</sup>) but undoubtedly the star of the show was Yr10 **Jordan-Lee Turner** who finished 6<sup>th</sup> and thus qualified for the **Ulster Finals** in Mallusk on Wed 13th Feb. Good luck to him from all at BIC.

## Key Stage 4 Study Skills

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February the year 12 students were treated to a Young Enterprise Study Skills workshop. Lead by Cathy Morrison, the workshop focused on studying and how best to study to get the GCSEs they deserve. Pupils looked at mind mapping, methods of study, using rhymes to help study, the best study area and how best to manage your time.

This was a very practical and enjoyable workshop and all of the pupils left with some valuable insights.



## Calling all Book Worms....



A Book Club has started up which is open to junior school pupils. Twenty places are available. We will be reading in two groups- One group will read '**Millions**' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, which would be suitable for Year 10 students. Year 8 and 9 pupils will begin with '**Wilderness**'



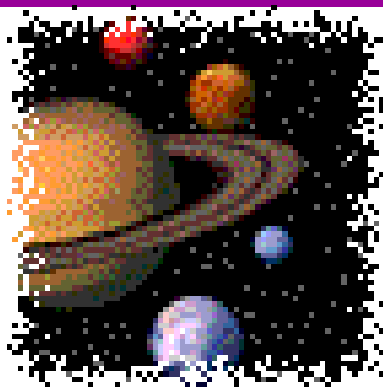
**Pupils are encouraged to bring their parents along to read with them.**

Book Club will run every Tuesday from 5<sup>th</sup> February until Easter. This will take place in room 17. The group will discuss the book after they have finished reading it and may even produce written work.

Any interested pupils should speak to Miss Campbell or See posters around the school for details.

## Evening Visit to Armagh Planetarium

The Science department is organising a trip to Armagh Planetarium on Mon 25th February for year 9 pupils. This should be a fascinating event and will involve a show and a workshop for participants.



## Special Thanks

Thanks once again to our budding reporters Shannon Jefferson, Daniel Boland and Caolan Mulholland for their ideas and articles.

Don't forget to send information to [fdarah427@o2kni.net](mailto:fdarah427@o2kni.net) for your March newsletter.





## BROWNLOW BATH TIME



Cross Country

Before....

... and after







This month forty  
eight Year 10 pupils  
attended a  
STEMNET careers  
day at W5 in the

# W5

Odyssey Arena, Belfast. The pupils got to meet  
fourteen major businesses in Northern Ireland:  
Ikea, Bombardier, Citi, NI Electricity and Cafre  
all had information stalls where pupils could find





## BROWNLOW FORMAL



Some lovely photos of the fabulous annual year 12 Brownlow Integrated College formal, held on the 25th of January in the Belmont Hotel in Banbridge.

Pupils and staff got together for a wonderful evening.

Our year 12 pupils, as ever, made us very proud!

Thank you to the events committee for organising the night.

Above and below some cool dudes and the beautiful Terry with James Bond!

The boys are listening attentively to Mr O'B discussing some Geography stuff!

"Really? how interesting...."





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I'm liking Eoin's bag. It matches his shoes!



An unusual shot below of Catriona not talking!





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Mr Weir and Mr Callander in disguise!

Kamill looking very pleased with himself in the middle of all the ladies!!!!

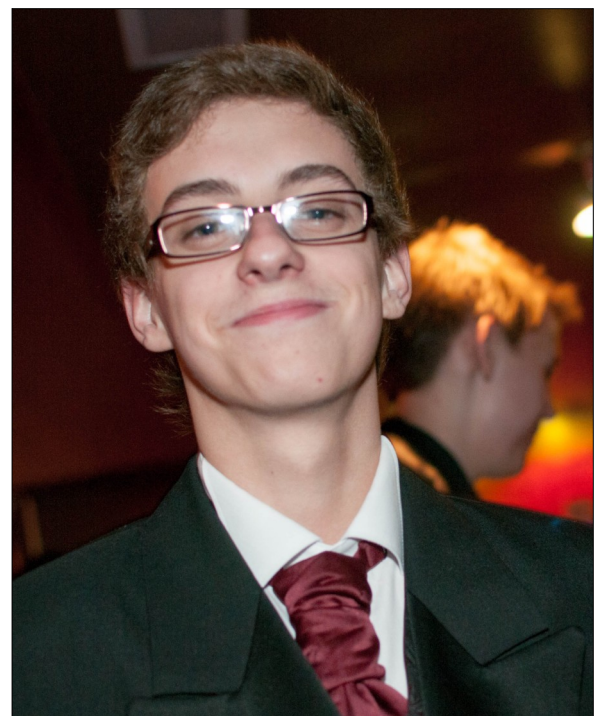




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A beautiful rose among several handsome chappies and  
Mr McKernan (who is talking as usual)





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Looking gorgeous ladies... oh, and you too Ross





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Brownlow Integrated College Formal King and Queen 2013

Matthew Guiney and Maeve White