

Brownlow Integrated College

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Brownlow's Annual Icthus Residential to Cultra....



On the weekend of 24th-26th of January, 27 Icthus members along with 3 teachers went away to have an amazing weekend in Bangor at the Ulster Folk and Transport museum. We left Lurgan train station on Friday at 5.50 pm and returned home after a great weekend on Sunday at 3.15.

On Friday night, along with Mr. Creber and his wife who called for a visit, we enjoyed a feast of Chinese food and on Saturday pupils got an opportunity to meet one of BIC past teachers, Mr. Crawford, who retired a few years ago. He was the founder of Icthus in BIC. Throughout the weekend he was

Throughout the weekend he was a great inspiration to everyone. He got the opportunity to meet the new pupils at Icthus and also lead some sessions and give many motivational talks. Mr Crawford said of the weekend: "My highlights of the weekend were definitely meeting the new students that attend Icthus. I was

reminded of many happy memories of when I worked at Brownlow and how much I enjoyed my work there. I was delighted to be reunited with some of the teachers and to talk to them, and of course I enjoyed the Chinese food." Saturday afternoon was very enjoyable as everyone went for a two hour stroll around the shopping centre in Bangor. Some pupils visited the Titanic museum. Later that night everyone enjoyed games organised by the staff.

When Sunday morning came everyone helped to clean and tidy up, as they do every year, (continued pg 3)

Focus on the Enigmatic Dr. Blaney...

By Maja 9L

Lately we've been thinking about people around our school. There are many types of people in Brownlow and some of them have achieved great and extra-ordinary things in their lives which others among us don't even know about!

Dr. Blaney, one of our English teachers, is a writer and lately he released a movie which has been received with great interest. This is his story...

"I had a film released in 2012 called 'Love Bite' which I co-wrote. I've previously written short stories, radio plays and other short films. 'Love Bite' is a horror movie (in all sorts of ways) but I have developed scripts in different genres and just finished work on a Christmas film called 'Shooting Santa'. 'Love Bite' took quite a long time to come about; 10 years to be precise.

Hopefully 'Shooting Santa' won't take quite as long as that.

For anyone out there interested in film/screen-writing you need a lot of patience and good looks of course. Not to mention razor-sharp intelligence!" (quote from Dr Blaney!)

I personally really look forward to seeing 'Shooting Santa' and for anyone interested in the horror genre I really recommend watching 'Love Bite'.



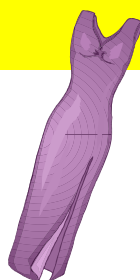
Skill Build Champion

Y12 Formal...

Planetarium...

Well done to Radvilas sakavicius of 110 who won the regional Skill build inter schools competition for electrical work. Radvilas was pitted against the best pupils from all of the local technical colleges, so his achievement is considerable. Mr Mulholland is reportedly walking around the school with a broad grin on his face, so proud is he!

Year 12 Formal takes place on Friday 7th February in Edenmore golf club. Photos to follow!



Science Department trip: Tues 28th January:

Pupils in years 8 and 9 enjoyed an extracurricular science trip to Armagh Planetarium. Pupils experienced a hands-on workshop on the Solar System Show.



Chinese New Year ...Kung hey fat Choy

Chinese New year was celebrated in form class this year and each pupil received a fortune cookie and discussed Chinese traditions and the incoming year of the HORSE, which is said to bring prosperity and wealth

so roll on 2014!! Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Chinese calendar and this year it will fall on Friday 31st January!

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cai!



A Happy New Year to all pupils, staff, parents and to the extended family of Brownlow I.C.

Don't forget to Email interesting stories and information to fdarrah427@c2kni.net



Mind, Body and Spirit Fair

There will be a "Mind, Body and Spirit" Fair on 1st March 2014 from 10am-2pm. If you would like to have a stall at the fair (selling local or homemade products), offer insight into eco friendly living, provide a service (nail- art, holistic therapy, yoga, cookery demonstration etc) or help out with activities on the day, please contact the office with your details and specific areas of interest (38342121) or email rnorton600@c2kni.net.

Closing date for registration is 7th February. Child care is available for 4-14 year olds, but places should be booked early to avoid disappointment

January Mentoring Days for junior and senior school

Another very successful KS4 mentoring day took place on Monday 28 January. Thanks to all parents who came along. Your support is key to your child's success!

The Mentoring system has been introduced to KS3 this year and our first session with junior school also took place in January. Feedback has been very positive and we look forward to welcoming parents again in May. There was a fantastic turnout from our pupils and parents in years 8, 9 and 10 on their first day. Pupils, parents and staff very much enjoyed meaningful time spent together reviewing progress and target setting for improvement.

Delta Evenings

In January we had three DELTA parents evenings aimed at year 8, 9 and 10 parents. The sessions took place in the library and looked at risk-taking behaviours, the dangers around online activities such as social networks and mobile phones. Drugs awareness and study skills were also examined.



Above- year 10 boys on the Icthus trip. Right- Mr McCormack losing at Chubby Bunnies



Icthus Trip- photographic Evidence

Icthus Trip (continued)

and after lunch we headed to the train station.

"This was definitely one of the best Icthus weekends I have been on", "I loved this, I can't wait to come back in 2015.", "The most enjoyable weekend of the year!" - These were just

some of the comments from staff and pupils afterwards.

The residential was filled with smiles and laughter all day and night and it was rarely quiet. Thanks to Mrs. Thompson, Miss. Craig and

Mr. McCormack who organised the weekend and to Mr Crawford for his contribution.

By Maja Ochojska

