

# Brownlow Integrated College

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## HOUSE COMPETITION HEATING UP



Year 10 Girls pictured before their inter-house netball games

### Events completed...

- \* Netball
- \* Football
- \* Dance Festival
- \* Mini Games

### Events still to go...

- \* Swimming Gala
- \* Sports Day

As ever the house competition is heating up nicely. With four events completed so far, it is difficult to call a winner. In this edition of newsletter, you will be able to see some photos from the events that we have taken part in. The junior boys have completed their football games and the girls the netball matches. On February 26th the mini games and the dance festival were held. Again both were fiercely contested. Let's take a look at the points handed out so far this year. You can also check out some pics of the events on page 2.

#### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

1st Antrim 20pts

1st Mourne 20 pts

1st Sperrin 20 pts

#### JUNIOR NETBALL

1st Mourne 20pts

2nd Antrim 15 pts

3rd Sperrin 10 pts

#### DANCE FESTIVAL

1st Sperrin 20pts

2nd Mourne 15 pts

2nd Antrim 15 pts

#### MINI GAMES

1st Sperrin 20pts

2nd Antrim 15 pts

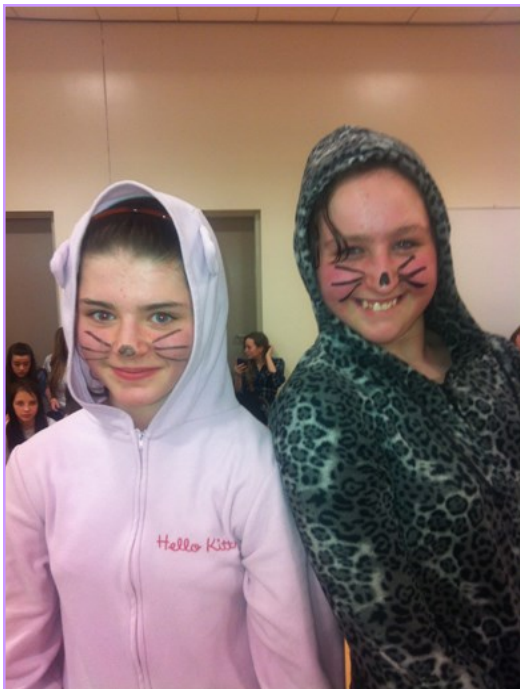
2nd Mourne 10 pts

Antrim

Mourne

Sperrin

## HOUSE COMPETITION PHOTOS



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## YEAR 8 AMAZING BRAINS



Pupils in year 8 enjoyed a hands-on study skills workshop with Bernie from "Amazing Brains". All pupils were fully engaged in fun, interactive activities aimed to better equip them to cope with forthcoming assessments and end of year exams. Pupils were provided with a valuable resource booklet which contained practical information and useful tips on studying techniques and coping with exams. From speaking with pupils afterwards, and reading some of their evaluations, it was obvious that our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their experience and got a lot of useful information from "Amazing Brains".

KS3 Parents were invited to an "Amazing Brains" parents seminar in the evening. Many thanks to those parents who attended – it was great to have you on board! During the evening, parents were encouraged to reflect on their own experiences of school and consider how that shapes their view of their child's experiences. We were informed about current research on the brain and learning and we were given useful information on how to best support our children from home, including some easy handy hints and tips for success. This was all done in a very relaxed, fun way and parents were just as engaged as our pupils had been during the day. The time flew in! We now look forward to our remaining two mentoring days working with pupils and parents together: KS4 : Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April and KS3: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

## BROWNLOW HUB EVENT



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## SNIPPETS

### NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK

This year National Integration Week was celebrated from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Pupils and staff received their ashes as part of the Easter celebrations on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to Mrs Darrah for organising the day. See more on Page 5.

### NATIONAL BOOK DAY

National Book Day was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Every Brownlow pupil received a voucher to enable them to go and buy a new book.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY

Thanks to St Patrick, we got a holiday on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. See what the pupils of 11 E got up to on page 5, and what the samba band got up to on Page 7.

### SPORT RELIEF

This year BIC pupils and staff raised money for Sport Relief through selling quiz sheets and wristbands. We raised a total of **£240**. Many thanks to Miss Gilmore for organising both events.



## NETBALL SEASON REVIEW



The BIC Year 9 and Year 10 Netball Squads

The Brownlow Integrated College netball squads ended their season with a few disappointing results, however some excellent periods of play, tremendous effort and some good laughs together ensured they enjoyed their season thoroughly. They hosted Clounagh Junior High, Royal School Armagh, Tandragee Junior High and Lurgan Junior High; with visits to Killicomaine and Drumcree College. An amazing game against Drumcree College finished with a 19-2 win for BIC. Both teams finished off their season with a trip to Clounagh Junior High School in the Cup. Unfortunately the games ended in defeat but BIC displayed some great periods of play and showed great sportsmanship in their defeat. Special mention to a few players who stood out over the past few months: Emine McConnell, Angela Driscoll and Sarah Duddy. These players showed not only great athletic ability but determination during the season. Well done girls! The Year 8s are currently practicing hard for their tournament in April being held at Lismore. Some great talent was identified during the House Competitions and we look forward to welcoming some new faces at our weekly practices. Please keep an eye on the school noticeboards as practice days may change from week to week.

### GARDENING CLUB



Gardening Club is up and running every Wednesday from 2.25pm- 4pm. Miss Lappin leads the way in preparing a potato bed along with Brenna Goff, Ben Thompson, Jack Chatten, Thomas Frampton with Mrs. A. Mercer (Dotty) admiring the handy work!

### DRAMA WORKSHOPS



Smashing Times Theatre Company with Fiona Thompson. Workshops were completed by Year 10 pupils on themes of integration, sectarianism and problem solving for a 'Shared Future'. Pictured above are members of 10 M and 10 O during their workshops.

## WHAT WE GOT UP TO ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY SO IT IS



On St Patrick's Day, I went to the Lurgan Parade at 11.30am with a load of friends, Caitriona Palmer (gf), Sanchia Doran, Brenna Goff and Emily Dempsey. After the parade we went to Caffolas to get chips then onto Iceland and Tesco to buy pizza. We then went to Caitriona's house and watched a movie. We had a great day.  
Matthew Wray (11 E)

What did I do on St Patrick's Day? What didn't I do? I ate green food in a green room whilst wearing a green shirt and watching Netflix. Netflix, however, was not green... or was it? No, no it wasn't. It wasn't green at all.  
S (11 E)



On St Patrick's Day I went to Caitriona's house. Loads of us went (Caitriona, Matthew, Brenna, Sanchia). We went to the Lurgan Parade, which was a lot of fun. We got to see our other friends Roisin and Ciara. We all got pizza that Matthew bought and then we had chocolate cake that Caitriona's mum made. It was munch!!  
Emily Dempsey (11 E)

On St Patrick's Day I wore a lot of green and went shopping with my friends.  
Hayley Harvey (11 E)

On St Patrick's Day I went to the Downpatrick Parade for the day. We watched the parade and then went to the Irish Markets. Later I went to Caitriona's house and had a laugh.  
Chelsea McGarry (11 E)

On St Patrick's Day I was at a close friends house party along with my other friends Jamie and Sophie. I also make cupcakes with my mum and Harley, watched the Musketeers and went to Specsavers to get new glasses. S.L (11 E)



*We went to Caitriona's house had pizza and cake and a laugh. I broke the big sofa in the living room.*

*S.D (11 E)*



## INTEGRATION NEWS

Traditionally, on Ash Wednesday a group of students from our school mark the beginning of Lent by going over to St .Anthony's church on Wednesday morning. This year the group consisted of nineteen BIC students and two teachers. Some students from other traditions came along as well to observe what actually happens at the Ash Wednesday service. Everyone enjoyed the mass and some were lucky enough to miss maths! After receiving the ashes, students and staff came back to school at around 10:30 am. We are very proud of our school for being such a diverse place and for giving our pupils the opportunity to participate in and observe such events.

Last week was International Integration Week. Stormont was the centre of the celebrations. Each pupil from each class in each integrated school created a paper chain link. Brownlow's was designed by Mr Smyth and coloured in the school colours so that it would stand out on the day. On Friday all of the links were joined together to form a giant paper-bridge which represented the coming together of different traditions in integrated schools and the diversity of pupils in Northern Ireland.

Maja Ochojska 91

## YEAR 10 EVENTS TEAM... WORKING HARD



Here are some members of Year 10 events team. They have successfully negotiated a Theatre Trip to London for their year group for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. After surveying the year group they collated evidence to support their request and met with Mr. Downard to finalise details of this amazing reward trip. Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the film set of Harry Potter and see 'Wicked' at a top West End theatre, plus some historical places. Aoife Toman, Kaithy Dundon and Nontobeko Luthuli

## PEER MEDIATION TEAM UP AND RUNNING

Peer mediators who took part in a workshop with Portadown Integrated Primary school in January 2014. This was an opportunity to share good practice and enhance pupil's understanding of the issues faced by peers. Shannon Jefferson, Daniel Boland, Brenna Goff, Thomas Frampton, Corey Prunty and Aimee McConville.



## DRAMA TRIP TO LYRIC THEATRE



Year 12 GCSE Drama students on their trip to the Lyric Theatre, Belfast on the 6th March

**BIC SAMBA BAND LEAD THE WAY ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Brownlow Integrated College participated with The Beat Carnival's Youth Bloco section at Belfast City Centre on St Patrick's Day. Our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for Integrated Education and the talented percussionists played constantly for over an hour to huge crowds in the City Centre. Pictured below are Maja Ochojska, Brenna Goff, Robyn McKeever, Shannon Jefferson, Nura Isa, Justas Raulynaitis, Josh Boyle, Jack Chatten, Callum McAloran, Agnieszka Oleszczuk, Holly Davison, Aimee McConville and Mrs. Norton, along with Damian Mills from the Beat Carnival Centre who coordinated the performance.





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SWIMMING GALA  
MONDAY 14TH APRIL