

Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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Shannaghmore 2012

Shannaghmore was brilliant and I think it was the best trip I ever took part in. On the morning when we arrived at Shannaghmore we started our visit with the adventure walk, it was fantastic! We crawled through muddy and cramped pipes. The next day we attempted the climbing wall course. Afterwards we went out for an orienteering competition. Despite it raining heavily we still attempted the challenge.

We were split into groups of three and the winning group was awarded a chocolate bar each. I was in the winning group and we were

called the 'Jelly Beans'! Later on in the afternoon we ate our dinner and visited Coco's! We were very excited because we beat the record of the Dragon Slide by doing 49 laps! Everyone enjoyed it and thought it was great fun! However we were so tired after. The very last challenge my group faced was canoeing: it was a complete madness when we started splashing. At the very end we went to Newcastle to go shopping. After 20 minutes we went back to the bus and began our way home. It was a fantastic experience. I'll never forget it.

Maja Ochojska 8L

I'd never been to Shannaghmore before. It's really fun. Who ever goes to Shannaghmore I think they will enjoy it because it's a great laugh. The activities I enjoyed the most were the adventure walk, orienteering and going to Co-cos. My least favourite thing was the beach because it was windy and raining.

Danielle Hughes 8L

Important Dates! Your support is needed!

Senior school mentoring day Friday 26th

Sponsored Walk / Cycle Thursday 25th

Ichthus dates for the Diary

Ichthus meets on Wednesdays from half term onwards!

Check out what's on!
7 November - Visiting Speaker

14 November - Preparation - Training - SC

21 November - Christmas Craft

28 November - Christmas Dinner

5 December - Carol Service Preparation

12 December - Carol Service Preparation

Social Events!

23 October Cinema Night

17 December Visit to the Christmas Markets



Upcoming events

Eid

Shannon Jefferson 9E

As Brownlow is an integrated school we have people with different faiths. Each month we will look at any upcoming events for different faiths.

In the Islamic calendar, Eid-al-Adha is on Friday 26th October 2012 this year.

This festival remembers Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son to God and is a holiday where Muslims celebrate "The Festival of Sacrifice". It happens at the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, one of the religious observances of Islam.

Film club



..meets on Wednesday afternoons in Mrs Williamson's room screening popular and some more unusual films. Time will vary according to the length of the film. See posters for weekly information and film titles.

Hallowe'en Traditions—Where do they come from?

A time of witches and ghouls, pumpkins, fireworks and trick or treating.

What is Halloween all about and has it always been this way? It would appear that not all would agree on its origins. Some say it is derived from "All Hallows", a Roman celebration, whilst others believe it comes from Christian celebrations "All Saints Day" and "All Souls Day". Another train of thought is that it is derived from the Gaelic Harvest festival of Samhains. What is certain is that elements of all of these celebrations have been taken and incorporated into our present day Halloween Celebrations.

The first written record of Halloween appears in the 16th Century with strong links to the Gaelic harvest festival of Samhains, held on 31st October and 1st

November. This was the Celtic New Year in the 19th Century. This marked the end of harvest and the lighter half of the year. It was a festival of the dead and Bonfires featured strongly.

Within the Christian Calendar in the 16th Century the Month of November marked a time of Praying for the dead. Poor people would knock on doors and offer to pray for the dead in return food or "Soul Cakes".

At the time of the reformation this practice was frowned upon by Protestants. It would appear that Guy Fawkes night was promoted in England to focus peoples' attentions. However in Scotland and Ireland the churches took a more pragmatic approach to adapting to such festivities.

What is clear is that wholesale Irish and Scottish emigration to Canada and North America in the 19th Century led to many

traditions being transplanted. Jack o' Lanterns were lit and children dressed up or disguised, going door to door seeking treats as they had done when they went 'a souling' in previous centuries.

Halloween therefore is most likely a combination of Christian and Pagan traditions from Ireland and Scotland, which reflect our fears of Winter and death.

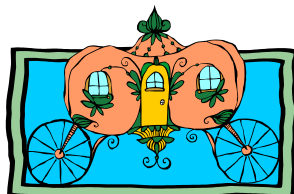
So, on that bright note -
Happy Halloween!



Panto News...Panto News...Panto News...Panto News...

As the weeks roll by the atmosphere around Brownlow Integrated College is buzzing. The school is hosting its first school show in a number of years. The cast and crew is made up of both staff and pupils from the college. The chosen play "Cinders" is based largely on the old time favourite fairytale "Cinderella", with a few minor modern amendments.

Pupils are currently rehearsing weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with a few Saturday



rehearsals scheduled for November in the final run up to the show.

The show will open to the general public on the 6th and 7th of December at 7pm. Both performances will take place in St Anthony's Parish

Church Hall, due to refurbishments presently happening at Brownlow.

It is hoped that, with this being the first school show in a number of years, the local community will lap up the Christmas atmosphere and come along and join in the start of the festive fun.

Tickets are due to go on sale from the school office on the 5th of November at the following costing: Adult £5.00, Child / concession £ 2.00

Macmillan coffee Morning

We just wanted to say a 'MASSIVE BIG THANKS' to all who helped in any way to make **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party** a very worthwhile event. Alice, (aka. Mrs J Devine, Mad Hatter aka. Mr A Smyth) all added to the fun of the morning. The generosity of the staff exceeding last years event with £300 collected.

Tesco were more than willing to donate £30 of vouchers thank you to Mr. Andy White. Our lovely ladies in the kitchen we're very generous and provided some edibles as did Miss Gilmore, Ms P Green. Thank you everyone for having such BIG HEARTS!!!!

June and Joy



Merci!

A Big thank you to all those who contributed to the Newsletter this month, including pupils, staff and parents. Keep the news coming. Email interesting stories and information to fdarrah427@c2kni.net

Music Department News

Music Department News...

Dreams do come true...Mrs Norton has received a long term loan of six imac computers from the Amma Centre in Armagh. This will enable pupils to learn about and use garage band, logic and logic express. This bodes well for the ICT accreditation scheme!

Mrs Norton had the good fortune to perform in this year's Nottingham Carnival in London and is determined to bring the essence of carnival to Rushmere on the 25th of October when the school's samba band will lead the parade at 7pm. If previ-

ous years are anything to go it will not disappoint.

So summer has been and gone but the memories of 'Land of Giants' performance lingers. Brownlow Samba Band joined 400 performers for the 'Titanic' story told through dance, music, aerial artists and lots of fire! This eclectic group of performers hailed from all counties in Ireland and Northern Ireland, heralding the integration of musical traditions. Our pupils were interviewed for a documentary and dvd copies should be available before the end of term.

PE success

Netball: The Minor and Junior Teams beat Drumcree in the first league match held here in BIC. So a good start to the new year, Well Done Girls!

Maja Ochojska, Lara White, Aoife Toman, Danielle Lamb, Sharon Hackett, Kaithy Dundon, Emily Bibb, Cara Young, Ieva Aukstinaite, Robyn Lyness, Rebecca Griffins, Anya Shelsher, Alex Moore, Jessica Doherty, Caitriona Palmer, Rachel Ritchie, Chloe Driscoll, Gemma Maguire-Elliott, Kavagn Hall, Corrina Hughes, Shaneen Thompson

Lovely Maths...Lovely Maths...Lovely Maths...Lovely Maths...



MyMaths.co.uk is a subscription website for schools. It provides interactive lessons, games, worksheets

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and homework. It offers a fully interactive, online learning solution for all ages and abilities offering 24 hour access whether at school,

home or even on holiday. This is now available to all pupils at Brownlow Integrated College. All pupils have been given their unique login and password details so get calculating!!!!

There's no escaping the sums now!!! Yippee!

Football Results

The junior boys had a confident victory over Lurgan Junior High this week. Well done to: Dylan Mawhinney, Darragh Gray James Moore, Chris Wells Stephen Gribbon, Luke McFeeters Dean Gracey, John Hogan Matthew Wray, Kyle Rea Dawid Jelonek, Anthony McKitterick, Josh Ferris, Tiarnan Donald Murray Gilmore. Patryk Jelonek

Reece Millar our very own bowling sensation



Reece Millar was away at the weekend playing for Ireland under 18 Indoor Bowling Team.

He played very well and won a bronze medal in the singles at the British Isles Indoor Bowls Council under 18 Mixed International Championship. This made him the youngest player ever to win a medal in the history of the tournament.

The triples of the Ireland team won the gold and this is the best performance of an Irish U18 team ever. We are proud of the team and the part that Reece played in this performance. His interview by Sky Sports News was broadcast on Sunday night.

One to watch! A great performance Reece! Congratulations!

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Presents

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Date:

Dec. 6th & 7th . 2012

Venue:

St. Anthony's Parish Church Hall

Time:

7pm start



Adult - £5
Child - £2
Concession Rate - £2

