

Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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Year 8 News...What's been happening so far?

Shannaghmore

Shannaghmore was brilliant! There were a lot of activities to do. Some were scary like the high ropes course, but I wasn't really scared because I knew I was protected and I wouldn't fall. We also did an adventure walk. Everyone was covered in dirt and had water in their boots. I think Shannaghmore is a good way to meet new friends.

Aga Oleszczuk 8L

The activity that I enjoyed the most was the low ropes course. It was fun and Kyle fell in a muddy puddle. I also enjoyed Cocos because we went down the slides and beat the record. My roommates were Kyle R., Conor and Martynas.

Kyle Hogan. 8M

I was in Room Two with seven other people: Patrycja, Shannon, Aga, Danielle, Holly, Rachel and Chelsea. My favourite time was bed-time because you could just chat and get to know each other more. Shannaghmore is great craic and you get to make so many friends. It was really nice how some teachers came to see us in the evening.

Amy Williamson 8L

My favourite activity was the adventure walk. We climbed through tunnels and Mr Smyth got stuck in the first one.

Jude Cochrane 8L

The activities we did at Shannaghmore were rock climbing, canoeing, beach walk, shopping, Cocos and the ropes course. Canoeing was the best activity because we were in very deep water and I hadn't been in deep water like that since I was in a boat in the sea.

Conor Phelan 8M

Shannaghmore was really fun, even though I don't like being away from my family. In the lake I was attacked by a duck and it won. In Cocos we played hide and seek and Mr Downard caught me.

Zac McDonald 8M

In Shannaghmore we travelled in a minibus to Castlewella lake. When we arrived we headed towards the small islands in the canoes. The island was tiny but very adventurous. I had to climb my way across branches. It was so much fun. On our way back we had a race with the other boat. My team won.

Morgan Barry 8L



The first activity I did was the adventurous walk. We had to put on our wet suits, which for me was like an Olympic sport. We had to slide down hills and then came the worst part for some of the girls. We had to crawl through pipes and tunnels. Most of the girls said they wouldn't fit through, but Aga didn't say anything!

Juste Kutkaite 8L

I liked Shannaghmore house and I liked the food at Shannaghmore

Daniel Moohan 8M

When we were about half-way across the island my leader said to all of us "Who's up for a challenge?" and I said "Me!", so she said I had to stick my head in the water, and I did!

Sarah Duddy 8L



First Impressions of Brownlow Integrated College...

Soooo.... How have our new year eight pupils been getting on after a half term in their new school? We asked some of them to tell us about their experience so far. Here's what they said....

I like Brownlow. All the teachers are nice (well, most of them!) My favourite class is HOMETIME! Ha-ha, just kidding! It's French and Music. I don't like Maths.

Zac McDonald 8M



The thing I like the most is Science, because I think it's one of the best things to do in Brownlow. You get to learn about the Bunsen burner.

Lewis Blanton 8L



Brownlow so far has been the best! The first day here was scary, but I made lots of new friends which I still have now. Brownlow teachers are the best!

My favourite subjects are Art, ICT, Maths and my best favourite subjects are History, P.E., English and French. French is fun, but sometimes I can't pronounce things!

Phoebe White 8L



At first Brownlow was a little scary but after a few weeks you get used to it. Also finding classes was hard, but I now know where all my classes are. I don't know all the pupils yet but hopefully I will some day! My favourite subjects are Music, Art and R.E. I still miss my primary school because I went there for seven years. My P7 teacher was called Mrs Heaney and she was the nicest teacher in the world to me.

Róisín Reid 8L



I am happy with my teachers and my new friends. I have

loved every second in Brownlow so far and I hope it will stay that way!

Shannon Morrow 8L



So far I am really enjoying Brownlow. I love all my subjects and all my teachers. I have three favourite subjects: French, English and Music. The first day I went to school with no friends and I came home with loads because it's just so easy to make friends if you try!

Saskia Murphy 8L



Well we're glad to hear that things have been going well so far for those we asked. Some of our year 8s have great taste in subjects..especially Zac, Phoebe and Saskia who all think French is great!

Upcoming extended schools activities
Meroli

Meroli

English Language classes-
Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm Free of Charge

Yoga classes will also be held on the following dates:
(minimal charge may apply)
November 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th

January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st
Horse Riding at Ballyknock
Moria
28th 29th and 30th of October 9 am-1pm

A Big thank you to all those who contributed to the Newsletter this month. Keep the news coming.
Email interesting stories and information to
fdarraha427@c2kni.net
Parents are welcome to contribute too!

A word of introduction from our Head boy and Girl



My name is Naomi Byers and I am very privileged to introduce myself as the head girl of Brownlow Integrated College for the year 2013-2014

Myself and the head boy, Dylan Johnston, have been invited to attend a discussion to 'stamp out' bullying and trolling online and state our own views and experiences on this issue. I would like to bring to your attention that bullying is not tolerated in Brownlow College and if anyone finds themselves in a position where they feel picked on or bullied, Dylan and I are always available to speak to you

privately at anytime. We would encourage you to use us if needs be, no matter how small the problem is.



We have many aims and goals for the future of Brownlow and we hope to begin to develop them throughout the year. One of which I am sure a lot of the school would appreciate is introducing A-Levels to Brownlow. Another idea that a lot of you would enjoy is a tuck shop at break and/or lunch time and also making a mural wall designed by pupils.

If you, yourselves have any ideas that you wish to share, we do encourage you to come forward and tell us and they will certainly be considered.

Hello my name is Dylan Johnston and I am the current Head Boy of Brownlow Integrated College. I have some aims and goals for our last year at Brownlow that we wish to achieve.

One of our goals for this year is to show integrated education in action. We plan on doing this by designing a school mural or a collage created by students.

Also to promote integrated education we are having a Multi-Cultural day, which all of the prefects are involved in. The school is divided up into the corners of the world and Primary School pupils come to get a taste of some of the different cultures we have at Brownlow and in our community.

Throughout the year I also aim to spread the good word of Brownlow so that Brownlow can continue to thrive and succeed in helping its pupils be successful in the future.

Club News...Club News...Club News...Club News..

The **Icthus club** has started back again. The purpose of the club is to allow pupils and staff to understand the meaning and importance of the Bible. All pupils are welcome to attend. There will be guest speakers, quizzes, pizzas, cinema

trips and a visit to the Christmas markets. We also have our annual weekend away to Cultra. If you are interested please along to Miss Craig's room at 1:15. Bring your lunch with you on Wednesdays.

The Icthus staff

Film Club is starting up again after half term. Pupils will have the opportunity to watch recently released movies on Wednesdays from 2.30 until 3.45 in Mrs Williamson's English room. All year groups are welcome. Bring your own popcorn!





Above are some Brownlow Integrated College pupils delivering shoeboxes this week, to be distributed to less fortunate children in the Ukraine. Each class contributed at least one shoebox. Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially Miss Gilmore, for coordinating the shoebox appeal. We hope that the children who receive our shoeboxes will get a lot of enjoyment and comfort from the contents. Don't forget to keep bringing in your small change for the World Vision collection which is always ongoing and which helps



On the left Sir Bradley Wiggins and Sir Chris Hoy (alias Luke and Callum) discuss tactics in the bright winter sunshine at the sponsored cycle by the lakes on Thursday 24th October. On the right Mr Smyth struggles to stay on his bike as, for the first year, he doesn't have his vespa scooter to take him round the lakes to supervise and has to do it under his own steam. Miss Lappin and Miss Green stuck close by to make sure he didn't need medical attention. A great day was had by all who took part in the sponsored walk and cycle. Thanks to Miss Craig for the sausage, bacon and egg baps!!!