

# Brownlow Integrated College

## Newsletter

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## Brownlow Integrated College Celebrates GCSE Results 2014

Welcome back to all BIC staff and pupils. In particular we welcome our new year 8 group and pupils who have joined us from other post-primary schools. In August, while the majority of us were still enjoying our long summer holidays, last year's Year 12 group collected their GCSE results which we are very pleased to say were fantastic. Among the most successful pupils

were Iris Wong, who achieved 9 A\* and A grades, Andrew Brown who achieved 6 As and 2 Bs and Wiktor Oleksyk and Wiktoria Bigaj who each achieved 10 A\*-C grades. There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes recently by staff to help pupils achieve their best at GCSE and we were delighted that there was a significant rise in the number of pupils achieving A\*-C grades in at least

5 subjects including English and Maths. The school surpassed The NI average in this area.

Well done to our dedicated staff who helped make this happen! We wish our outgoing year 12s every success in their chosen career paths and hope they will carry the BIC Integrated ethos with them as they move on.



## EVERYONE WELCOME!

Every morning from 8.15am  
in Miss Gilmore's HE room.

**20p per day**

Maths Puzzle of the Week  
from the lovely Mr Weir!  
What is  $(999 - 99 + 9)$   
divided by 9?

- A. 91
- B. 99
- C. 100
- D. 101
- E. 109



## Staff News....Staff News....Staff News....

During the Summer two of our staff members celebrated weddings (not to each other!) Miss Campbell looked beautiful as ever at her wedding in early July and has become Mrs Murray. Mr Murdock is now a blissfully married man after his wedding which also took place in July.



In other staff news Mrs Wallace is now enjoying a lazy life of coffee mornings and term-time travel after retiring at the end of June and Mrs Williamson has taken a post in the Boy's Model School in Belfast, after 20 years as an English teacher in BIC. We wish them both well in the future and extend a warm welcome to Mrs Williamson's replacement, Mr Wright, who has come to us from Mrs Williamson's new school!

## Mentoring News

## Netball fixtures

The Enhanced Mentoring Programme is up and running for a cohort of pupils in years 9 to 12. Parental notification letters have been sent home with those pupils involved in this programme. These pupils will meet with teacher mentors on a regular basis, every three weeks or so, to monitor progress and target-set for improvement. A cohort of year 8 pupils will be added to

this programme after half term.

KS4 Mentoring Day 1 is taking place Fri 24th October - we look forward to welcoming year 11 and year 12 pupils and parents into school on this date to discuss current progress and set SMART targets. KS3 Pupils will not be in school on that day.

The following dates have been arranged for netball matches in the upcoming weeks:

BIC v KJHS 20th October  
 BIC v LJHS 21st Oct  
 BIC v TJHS 10th November  
 BIC v Drumcree 19th November  
 BIC v RSA 5th November

Good luck to the BIC teams!



## BIC World Famous Samba Band Strikes Again!



On the 19th of September BIC samba band performed at the "Made In Belfast" celebration with approximately 120 drummers, 80 vocalists and 34 guitarists through the streets of Belfast, helping celebrate diversity, art, creativity and integration.

Above is a picture of the drummers in action and on the right, from left to right are Mrs Norton, Ryan McClelland, Shannon Jefferson, Brenna Goff, Jack Chatten, Dylan McAlinden and Maja Ochojska.







House cup winners 2014  
SPERRIN!



The House Cup was closely contested last year, with Antrim and Sperrin drawing for first place at the beginning of sports day. The sun shone throughout the day, which was enjoyed by all, but victory eventually fell to Sperrin and its athletes, who were presented with the house cup at the end of June. Above are some of the successful competitors from the day with their medals and trophies. New house captains for this year are Kyle Rea and Ilona Lapere for Antrim, Matthew Wray and Shaneen Thompson for Mourne and Patryk Jelonek and Lauren Upritchard For Sperrin. Well done to all involved and thanks to the P.E. department for their organisation of the house events throughout the year. May Antrim(.. Ahem !) I mean the best team win in 2015!