

Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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Year 8 recall their adventures in Shannaghmore...



The funniest and scariest memories in Shannaghmore were made in Cocos. Mr Smyth hid in the middle of the snake slide and I went down it. Sir scared me but it was hilarious. We all got ice cream! I loved the adventure walk where we went behind a waterfall, crawled through pipes and climbed bridges. We got dirty and wet but it was really fun. **Molly Hobbs**

My scariest moment was when I attempted the high ropes course. **Zia Akrim**

One of my favourite memories in Shannaghmore was when we were canoeing and Amy ran up behind me and pushed me into the river! My scariest memory was when we were doing the high ropes course. I got half way up the pole and then wanted to come down but I didn't want to jump. In the end it was actually great fun! **Annie Jackson**



My favourite moment was when I jumped out of the canoe and into the lake, also when I did the rope course and crossed the stream. **David Winters**

Sponsored Walk and Cycle

As usual Mr Smyth had ordered the sunshine for the sponsored day and pupils were out in force walking around the school or cycling around the lakes in a bid to raise money for school funds. Don't forget to get all of your sponsor money in as soon as possible after the Halloween holidays! Pictured below are some of the cyclists at the Lakes and Mr Smyth having a well earned rest after cycling half a lap around the lake. He misses his moped!



First KS4 mentoring day of the year

We had another very successful mentoring day at Brownlow Integrated College on Friday 22nd October. Thank you to all parents, guardians, pupils, prefects and staff for your support. As usual there was a great turn out from parents, which is hugely important for the success of our young people. Support and encouragement from home is vital if they are to achieve their potential. Thanks also to Mrs Thompson for all of the work that goes into organizing the day.



European Languages Day 2015

There were a number of activities around the school for European Languages day in September. Ellie Simmonds 9L, pictured below with her class, won a "Getting to Know Our School Community" quiz, after finding the largest number of people who spoke a language other than English. Well done Ellie!



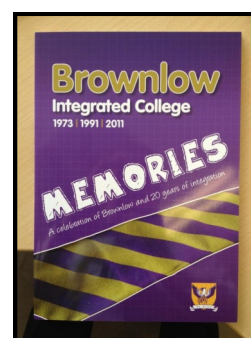
New Brownlow Integrated College BFF (Brownlow Friends and Family)



BIC has reformed its Parent Teacher Association and we are delighted that, after two meetings and a great response from parents and guardians, we are able to announce a family quiz night, which will take place on 4th December. All friends and family are invited so get your team organised! Money raised will go towards school fund but the event is primarily to get together as a community and have a fun evening. We hope to see as many people as possible at the quiz.

Memories Magazine

A limited number of copies of the "Memories" magazine are available from the office at a price of £5. These were published in 2011 to celebrate 20 years of integration at BIC. When they're gone, they're gone!



Junior and senior football squads begin their league matches



It has been a fantastic start to the season for the Brownlow soccer squads. Training numbers have been at the 25 man mark for both the senior and junior teams. This commitment is excellent to see and this will hopefully carry on in to the games for the season.

The junior squad (Year 8 to 10) will be playing against Newry High, City of Armagh, Markethill High and Integrated College, Dungannon in their league campaign.

The senior squad (Year 11 and 12) will take on Drumcree College, Craigavon Senior High, Portadown College, Drumglass High, City of Armagh, Newtownhamilton and Markethill High over the course of the year. C'mon the wee BIC!

Year 12 careers Interviews and Work Experience

Careers interviews are well under way for the Year 12 pupils, with our careers adviser Oonagh McKenna. Each pupil receives a 30 minute interview designed to lead them onto the correct career-path once they leave BIC. Pupils that would like a second interview should speak to Mr Gordon.

Year 12 pupils are also searching for their destinations for upcoming work experience week (7th to 11th December). This is a very valuable week that will enable them to gain vital skills and knowledge for the world of work.



New house captains and vice-captains for 2015-16

We are delighted to announce our house captains and vice captains for the new school year:

Antrim

House Captains - Adam Duddy and Lara White

Vice Captains - Lewis Blanton and Katie McVeigh

Mourne

House Captains - Ryan Morris and Robyn

McKeever

Vice Captains - Kyle Rock and Lada Lackova

Sperrin

House Captains - Christopher Wells and Rebecca Griffin

Vice Captains - Jamie Glendinning and Melanie Lucas

The house competition will kick off after the mid term break with the boys football and girls netball events. May the best house win.



School policies

As part of the school's revision of policies, consultation is a key area and we welcome the thoughts of stakeholders in this process.

At present a range of school policies are on the website for parents to consult and consider.

Any thoughts that you have are welcome by contacting Mr Callender our Pastoral Care Director. Submissions or suggestions should be received by 31st October 2015 in advance of the policies being submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

Mr Weir's lovely Maths

Mr Weir's lovely Maths puzzle for half term.....

How many prime numbers are there in this list

1, 12, 123, 1234, 12 345, 123 456?

- A 0
- B 1
- C 2
- D 3
- E 4

**BROWNLOW
BREAKFAST CLUB**



EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

20p per day

School counselling service information

As part of our school Pastoral Care programme, we currently offer counselling to our pupils through Family Works, the Education Authority providers and Barnardo's Time for You service through Extended Schools and the Big Lottery Fund. They help with a range of issues such as

- Bereavement
- Family problems (families separating, illness, conflict)
- Personal and school worries
- Friendship and relationship problems
- Bullying

Our Counsellors are Latifa Lynch (Family Works) and Niamh McCaughley (Barnardos) and they are in school two days a week and are available for referrals which can be made at the request of parents, the pupils and through Mr Callender as Pastoral Care Director. Latifa is in school on a Tuesday and Niamh on a Thursday.

We would encourage any pupil who feels that they need a little support or just a safe space and a friendly face to talk to, to ask for an appointment. All of what goes on in a session STAYS CONFIDENTIAL, unless it is something that we have to act on legally due to our Child Protection procedures.

GCSE H.E. practicals



Sometimes it's very difficult to work beside the Home Economics department. Especially when the year 12 GCSE pupils are creating such marvellous dishes for their practical exams. A lot of hard work and organisation by everyone. And the results looked and smelt wonderful!