

Brownlow Integrated College

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STEMQUEST Champions 2016



Brownlow Integrated College was one of 8 finalists taking part in the first ever STEMQUEST Quiz organised by Titanic Belfast as part of NI Science Festival Week. The finalists included Ballyclare High School, Belfast Royal Academy, Brownlow Integrated College, Counagh Junior High School, Lumen Christi College, Omagh Academy and Portora Royal School. The latter successfully got two teams through to the final.

84 teams from all parts of Northern Ireland originally entered the quiz and 8 finalists from the regional heats were invited to the final, 22nd February. The final took place in the

Titanic Suite, Titanic Belfast and was hosted by quizmaster Barra Best. The quiz format included a table quiz knock out of 6 rounds of written questions – this took the 8 teams down to 4 teams.

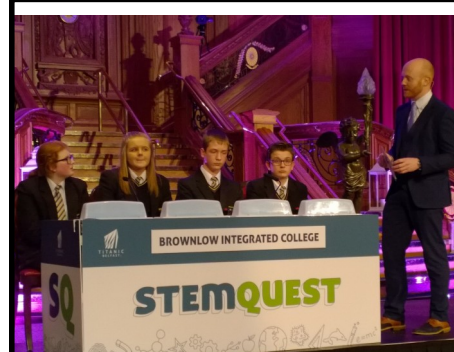
The semi-final heat involved 6 rounds of buzz-in questions with Brownlow Integrated College beating Portora Royal to go into the final heat against Lumen Christi.

Brownlow Integrated College team consisting of Beth Martin, Matthew Wheatley, Aaron Hylands and Amy McClelland, who performed amazingly well and took the lead early on in the final heat to become outright winners for the final trophy and prize involved.

Well done to all the schools involved in this first STEMQUEST Quiz and a big thank you to Titanic Belfast for organising what was a fantastic event for all.

Pupils were presented with a beautiful Waterford Crystal Trophy on the evening to mark their success.

A big thank you to parents and friends who joined us on the evening to show their support. It was an amazing night, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



Commemorative Assemblies

Alicia, Molly and I played a part in the Easter Rising assembly. I had to play the granny and wore a horrible itchy wig. I really enjoyed the experience and had a lot of fun! I hope to take part in something like this again!

Dixie-Jo McNally 8L

Molly and I along with a few others were involved in the Easter Rising play. I played Julia. I was dressed in a long skirt with an apron and a white shirt. This was a good experience because it helped me learn about the past. I hope to do something like this again. **Alicia Millar 8L**



Adult English Class



Our adult evening English classes continue on a Tuesday evening. Some of the students of English are pictured here with their tutor, Mrs Gosia Halfpenny and with Mrs Norton who is Extended Schools Coordinator. Lessons this year are jointly funded by Extended Schools and the Integrated Education Fund, and have been hugely successful. We hope to be in a position to run the class again next year.

Year 10 and 11 girls attend International Women's Day Event



Mrs Norton along with Year 10 students Phoebe White, Chelsea Bell and Year 11 students Angela Driscoll, Kaitlin Ferris, Chantelle McConville, Dominika Paradowska, and Danielle Hughes, who attended The International Women's Day Conference in Craigavon Civic Centre.

The girls met and listened to motivational speakers and enjoyed an inspiring and empowering day. Speakers at the International Women's Day Event were Jill McEaney, Director of the Market Place Theatre, Jane Harnett, Managing Director, Harnett Oils, Áine Beatty, Ecommerce Systems Specialist for Ben Sherman and founding Chairperson of Down's & Proud and Aileen McGinley, BBC Trustee. Pupils were able to chat with speakers and ask questions about their work and motivation.

Year 12 Formal 2016, Edenmore Golf and Country Club



Antrim Swimming Gala Champs! (Again!)

Antrim lifted the swimming gala shield on Monday 21st March making it 3 wins in a row. They topped the leader board with 163 points; 24 points above second place Mourne and a considerable amount ahead of third place Sperrin. Congratulations to all of the participants who made it a fantastic day.

FRONT CRAWL GIRLS WINNERS

Year 8: Alicia Millar (1st), Dixie Jo McNally (2nd), Shannon Dorrity (3rd)

Year 9: Thalia De Araujo (1st), Molly Downey (2nd), Holly Bisset (3rd)

Year 10: Pheobe White (1st), Katie McVeigh (2nd), Chelsea Bell (3rd)

FRONT CRAWL BOYS WINNERS

Year 8: Tiernan Tennyson (1st), Evan McMullan (2nd), Darius Ionas (3rd)

Year 9: Damien Johnston (1st), Jake Dale (2nd), Niall McKerr (3rd)

Year 10: Elenio Andrade (1st), Martynas Matulevicius (2nd), Jamie Robinson (3rd)

BACK CRAWL GIRLS WINNERS

Year 8: Dixie Jo McNally (1st), Shannon Dorrity (2nd), Sandy Dundon (3rd)

Year 9: Thalia De Araujo (1st), Molly Downey (2nd), Holly Bisset (3rd)

Year 10: Pheobe White (1st), Katie McVeigh (2nd), Chelsea Bell (3rd)

BACK CRAWL BOYS WINNERS

Year 8: Evan McMullan (1st), Tiernan Tennyson (2nd), Darius Ionas (3rd)

Year 9: Niall McKerr (1st), Jake Dale (2nd), James Jefferson (3rd)

Year 10: Martynas Matulevicius (1st), Elenio Andrade (2nd), Jordan McCrory (3rd)

BREAST STROKE GIRLS WINNERS

Year 8: Alicia Millar (1st), Dixie Jo McNally (2nd), Zara Moore (3rd)

Year 9: Thalia De Araujo (1st=), Katie Hawthorne (1st=)

Year 10: Pheobe White (1st), Chelsea Bell (2nd), Katie McVeigh (3rd)

BREAST STROKE BOYS WINNERS

Year 8: Evan McMullan (1st), Ryan Green (2nd), Darius Ionas (3rd)

Year 9: Niall McKerr (1st), Jake Dale (2nd), Myles Jenkinson (3rd)

Year 10: Elenio Andrade (1st), Matthew Wheatley (2nd), Jordan McCrory (3rd)

BEST OVERALL GIRLS WINNERS

Year 8: Dixie Jo McNally

Year 9: Thalia De Araujo

Year 10: Pheobe White

Best Girl: Thalia De Araujo & Pheobe White

BEST OVERALL BOYS WINNERS

Year 8: Evan McMullan

Year 9: Niall McKerr

Year 10: Elenio Andrade

Best Boy: Evan McMullan & Elenio Andrade



The Icthus Residential 2016



The annual Icthus weekend took place on Friday 22nd January until Sunday 24th January 2016 in The Ulster Folk Museum at Cultra, as usual!

There were 35 pupils and 4 staff in attendance– the biggest ever group that we have taken away on an Icthus weekend to date. The group occupied both sides of the residential area and we had the place all to ourselves, which was great.

We had a lovely weekend of fellowship and fun, learning about “The Basics of Being a Christian”. Our guest speaker this year was Suzi McLean.

Mrs Thompson is still recovering from the weekend. She is nursing a dodgy ankle, damaged during a game of “Hide and Seek” on the Friday night. Get well soon Mrs Thompson!

On the left are some photos of pupils and staff enjoying the weekend.



NICIE and the IEF are looking for the views of our local community on Integrated Education in the Lurgan/ Craigavon/ Portadown area. If you feel you like to contribute to discussions please come along to a public meeting in Lurgan. Details are below.



Public Meeting on Integrated Education

Have your say

Lurgan Town Hall
Tuesday 5th April
7-9pm

We want to hear your views on integrated education! Following the Education Minister's announcement of a review into integrated education, the NI Council for Integrated Education and the Integrated Education Fund are running an evening of small group discussion to hear **YOUR** views on the topic.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information contact:

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Year 11 and 12 Successes This Term



Pictured left are some of the year 11 pupils who made it to the final of the Young Enterprise Digital Teen competition. Below are Melissa, Aaron and Paulius who, along with Rui Vercas, were in the finals of the SkillBuild competition which took place at SRC. The best students in various skills from across the region competed against each other to gain the title. At the bottom we have the senior boys football team who, along with the junior boys, have had a very successful season. Both teams have acquired sponsorship from local companies Subway and Irwin's.



Science Department Planetarium Visit

Pupils enjoyed an evening visit to the Planetarium in Armagh again this year with their Science teachers. They visited the Dome and had a tour of the building, followed by a quiz session on “Earth” and “The Universe” where their knowledge was very impressive to say the least!



Junior Musical Experiences



10L enjoying a lesson with Beat Carnival Drummers above and to the left, new boy band members Christopher, Jamie and Peadar with boy band “Taken”, who came in to school to perform for the junior school. The Juniors were very “taken” with them!

What a term it's been.....

On Friday 11th March all of the year 8s went to Kingspan Ulster Rugby stadium. I had a brilliant day. We walked in and were handed drinks and muffins as we got our pictures taken. Then we got a tour of the stadium where we got to see the huge gym and the interesting statues. We ate our packed lunch and headed back to school. I had a brilliant day! Annie Jackson 8L



I can't wait for the bouncy castles next week on rewards day, because I love the bungee run, and last year there was an assault course and I was really good at it.



I was involved in the assembly on Friday about the Easter rising. I played a character called Elizabeth. We dressed in costumes and it was really fun and it was a full school assembly Molly Hobbs 8L



On Friday 13th March Jamie and me went to Lurgan Junior High to take part in trials for the mid Ulster school's football association select team. We did lots of drills and played three 6 aside matches. It was lots of fun making new friends and the coaches were great fun too. Dylan Rea 8M

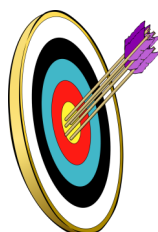


Some of us got to go bowling in Lisburn after school as a reward for trying to meet our Mentoring targets. In my opinion the bowling trip was a lot of fun. I was in a group of three with Amy and Ellen-rose. I have never been bowling before but in the end I came second, Ellen-Rose came first and Amy came last. Malia Marken 8L



I go to archery every Tuesday after school, with Jack, David, Chris, Kristian, Sam and Oisin. Even though we have our good days and our bad days we always have fun. Last week I had the best day ever because Chris's high score was 199 and mine was 230 so I beat Chris! The week before I kept missing the target but now I'm getting my touch back.

David Winter 8L



I go to Archery club every Tuesday. It takes place in the hall. I go with Kristian, Tiarnan, David, Chris, Sam, Oisin and Ellen-Rose. I go because I like archery and I like to see how many yellows I can hit. I try to beat others, my highest score is 219.

On 11th March we went on a trip to Ulster Rugby in Belfast. When we got there we had a drink of water, milk or orange juice and we ate some buns too. Then we took some photos and went upstairs to the iPad workshop. We had to pick a photo and find a fact about it. After that we went on a tour. The boys and the girls were split up. We got a tour around the changing rooms, the ice baths and the stages. Then we got our dinner. The meatballs were nice but the sauce and rice was not. Then we got to go to the museum to see games and I got to wear a rugby top and get some photos taken. Then it came to an end but I had a lot of fun.

Remi Fenner 8M



I went to the cross country tournament in Lurgan park. It was a fun experience and I came 74th out of 156 people. The other pupils who took part in first year were Tiarnan, Kristian, Ricardo, Sam, Dylan, Lewis and Chris. Ryan Green 8L



I was invited to the Stem Quest science quiz to represent my school with many other students. We were split up into two groups, Team 1 and Team 2. My group, Team 2 didn't make it to the finals but Team 1 was able to come third. Team 1 came first in the finals and won the quiz.



Lunchtime is my own personal favourite time because we get to eat the lovely potatoes and beans whilst socializing. Also the food is lovely and this is why there should be an international food day.



The final of Mr McKernan's 5-a-side tournament was on the 9th March. In the final the teams were Glen Davidson's "Banana Gang" and Darius Iona's "Is Your Motherwell". In the first half Banana Gang were 2 goals up. When Jamie Maguire-Elliott scored it was 2-1. In the second half Is Your Motherwell got a penalty. Darius took it and scored, so it was now 2-2. The second half finished with no more scores so it went to extra time. Still no score! Then we had to go to penalties. It was so exciting! Is Your Motherwell won on penalties by 5 goals to 4.

Darius Ionas and Jamie Maguire-Elliott 8E



UK Maths Challenge Success

A group of year 11 and 12 pupils took part in the UK Maths Challenge again this year. This is a very prestigious event in which only the top 12% of pupils in the UK are successful. Of course we have some very clever mathematicians in Brownlow College, so we had a lot of success. This is a great achievement for these pupils and they should be very proud. BIC is certainly very proud of them!

Pupils who achieved a bronze certificate:

Maja Ochojska Y11

Jack Chatten Y12

Justas Raulynaitis Y12

Jack McNeill Y11

Callam McAloran Y12

Eoghan McCrory Y11

Ryan McClelland Y12

Ryan Henry Y11

Ronan Welling Y12

Thomas Frampton Y12

Pupils who achieved a silver certificate:

Deion Robinson Y11

Adam Mitchell Y11

Kristopher Caulfield Y12

Congratulations to all and to the wonderful teachers in the Maths Department!

The under 14 squad in their new Irwin's Kit



Term 2 Photo Gallery



Upcoming School Production 14th April 2016

Rehearsals are well under way for our school show “The Evolution of Integration”. The cast is made up of pupils from all year groups who have been working hard after school to make sure the show gets from the page to the stage.

We would like to warmly invite all parents, staff, carers, past pupils and past staff to our performance on 14th April. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity to explore a somewhat edgy subject in a non-confrontational way.

The show retells the story of how our school became integrated and the social constraints that we faced and highlights just how far we have come over the years. It has a light comedic element throughout, along with fast changing scenery and traditional and modern dance elements.

A special mention must go out to our very own BAFTA winning writer Dr Ronan Blaney for his production of two scenes within the show.

There will be one public performance so be sure to get your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment. Curtain up at 7:30pm sharp. Running time is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. There will be a short interval between acts when refreshments can be purchased. Tickets will be available from Monday 14th March from Mrs Kinley at a cost of £6 per adult and £3 per concession. Please bring the correct money to Mrs Kinley (room 2) during morning registration.

