

Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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Kellogg's Best Breakfast Club Awards 2016

Breakfast clubs are nominated for this competition throughout the UK and we are delighted to have been shortlisted into the top 5 in N Ireland. A regional winner is selected and each winner receives a prize of £1,500 for their club and a trip to London for the awards ceremony in the Houses of Parliament on 22nd November. We all hope to win! I would like to thank all the pupils who attend each morning and support the club.

Mrs Dennison



Well done so far and good luck in the regional heats!



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Date for the
Diary

Family Quiz
Night! Keep

the 9th December free for our annual quiz, organised by BFF. All are welcome for a night of fun and brain teasing with great prizes for winners and losers!





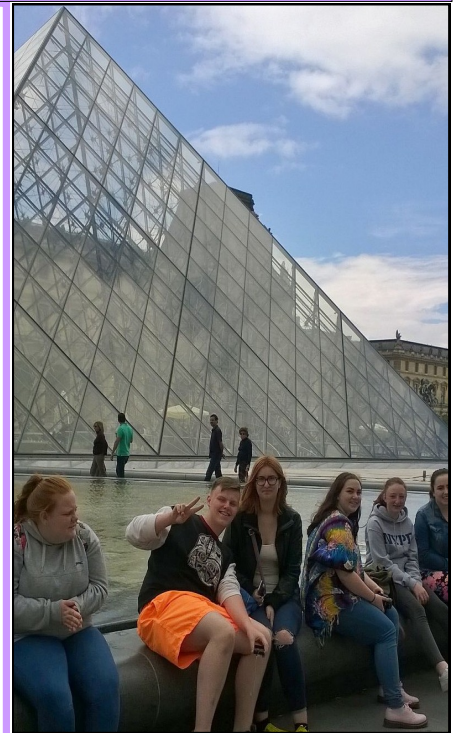
June 2016 French Trip Memories



On 26th June 2016, 47 members of Brownlow Integrated College headed to France. We flew from Dublin and were collected by coach to drive to our first hotel in Normandy. In Normandy we had a brilliant time visiting the Bayeux Tapestry, the Pont Du Hoc, the D-Day landing beaches, the American cemetery and Arromanches where the Mulberry Harbours can be seen on the beach. The places that we went to see were really interesting. Then we drove by coach to Paris! You could see the Eiffel Tower from our hotel! We spent the first evening in

Paris shopping in a massive shopping centre called Marne La Vallee and the next day was spent in Eurodisney, which was amazing! On our last day we went to see the Catacombs, which is an underground burial ground and we also went to the Louvre and saw the Mona Lisa. We had a tour of Paris in the coach before heading for the airport and home.

The French trip was so much fun. Thank you to all the staff who came along and made it such a great holiday.



Great start to World Vision Charity Collection 2016- 17

As everyone knows, each year group in BIC sponsors a child through World Vision. This week in assembly, Mr Smyth announced that the school had raised an amazing **£35,000** for World Vision over 20 years of sponsoring children. This has helped change so many lives in different countries.

Since September, we have raised £240, with most of the money coming from Years 8 and 12, who have raised £180 together. The other year groups have collected £60. That money will be going to poor children. The kids that we are sponsoring this year are:

Year 8 – Julissa Izamar Cruz

Year 9 – Ya Chok

Year 10 – Abdoul Kadri

Year 11 – Faith Tshuma

Year 12 – Fatoumata Diao

Staff – Aditya Kumar

This is a fantastic start to the year, so let's keep up the good work! Well done especially to Years 8 and 12. Remember...every penny counts so bring in all those coins lying about the house!

By Jamie Canning 8L



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Online security

FACEBOOK WARNING FROM SCHOOL

On Tuesday, Mr Callendar was talking to everyone in assembly about social media safety. He said that everyone's Facebook page should be set to private so that only your friends can see your page and that the best advice would be to not add strangers to your friends list. He also stated that anyone caught using Facebook in school will have their phones confiscated.



By Jamie Canning

Heroes By Declan



Some important events to look out for before mid-term...

On Thursday 27th October the school sponsored walk around the lakes will take place. We are hoping that as many students as possible will take part and try to raise as much money as they can for our school fund. There will be juice and hot dogs afterwards, when we've worked up an appetite!

On Friday 28th October we have our first KS4 mentoring day of the year. We always have a really good turnout from parents at our Mentoring Days, so we look forward to seeing you all again on this very important day. KS4 is a very busy two years, with progress, exam dates and controlled assessments to find out about.

BIC Rambling Ramblers in the Mournes



The newly formed Ramblers Club had their first walk in the Mournes to the Blue Lough on a bright and clear Saturday in September, with a great turnout of pupils and staff who spent the day in the fresh air of the mountains. It seems that everyone had an amazing day but many of the walkers missed out on Sunday as a result of sleeping all day, after all that fresh air and exercise.

Everyone is welcome to the Rambler's Club rambles. The next walk will be in November and will be to Hare's Gap, again in the Mourne mountains. If you think you can stick the pace, or if you'd just like to ramble slowly and see a bit of the beauty of our lovely countryside, see Mrs Norton for information on the next walk.



So What's on at Lunch Time and After School?

Fitness Club

Fitness Club takes place in the fitness suite, on Monday from 3:15-4:15pm. It's a time for personal workouts and training. It's available to Year 10, 11 and 12 ONLY, finishing in June 2017.



Breakfast Club

The **Breakfast Club** is as the title suggests. You come to a breakfast club to enjoy warm, healthy breakfast each morning. It provides you with an opportunity to catch up with your friends, revise or finish off some homework!! You pay 20p every time you come and it's available to all year groups, Monday to Friday, from 8:15-8:45pm. It finishes in June 2017.

Gardening Club

If you join, you'll be able to attend horticulture workshops and help Miss Fitzsimons with planting and growing flowers and vegetables. Activities may change because of the weather. It's on Monday and Tuesday, at 3:15-4:00pm for Year 8 and 2:25-3:15pm on Wednesdays for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12. It finishes in June 2017.



Samba Band

Once a week in the Music Room new members are introduced to Samba Reggae and experience performance opportunities throughout the school year. There will be members of Belfast Samba Band "Beaten Drum" attending practices and we will also participate in the Beat Carnival parades which epitomise the Integrated Ethos of our school. It's appropriate for ALL YEAR GROUPS, from 3:15-4:00pm, on Tuesdays and it finishes in March 2017.

Netball Club

A chance for pupils to learn new sporting skills and experience the camaraderie of team sports. It's on after school from 3:15 to 4:15pm, on Thursdays. It finishes in June 2017.



Ichthus

The Ichthus club focus is on exploring the stories of the Bible and their relevance to our lives today. Mrs Thompson, Ms Craig, Ms Watson and Mr Wright run it, on Thursdays at Lunch, from 1:15 to 1:45pm. It's on all year long.

Homework Club

The **Homework Club** is a club supervised by a teacher, to help you with homework or to catch up on other work. It's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There are 3 homework clubs: Morning, Lunchtime and Afterschool. All year groups are welcome! It finishes in March 2017.



Humanist Club

The **Humanist Club** is a club for pupils who don't have any religious belief and the focus of the club is on reason, empathy and kindness. The club is up for doing charitable things just because it's good to be charitable. There are visiting speakers and trips to collect litter on the Tullygally Road.

Shannaghmore 2016

Last week, all Year 8 pupils went on a three day residential to Shannaghmore in Newcastle. 8M and half of 8E went on Monday until Wednesday and 8L and the rest of 8E went on Wednesday until Friday.

The teachers who went with them were Mr Wright, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Walker, Mr Gosling, Mr Smyth, Miss Craig and Mrs Halfpenny.

The activities were the high ropes course, a beach walk, bouldering, orienteering, a trip to Coco's, canoeing, an adventure walk and a trip to Newcastle.

There were lots of competitions at Shannaghmore. The Dab Squad team (Jamie, Dylan, Cameron and Jerry) won the orienteering and Mrs Walkers' Crisps won the pulse game in the common room.

Everyone had a lot of fun and needed lots of sleep when we came home!

By Jamie Canning 8L



Shannaghmore 2016





Above, we welcomed many old faces to lunch on Friday 30th September when Mrs Kinley and Miss Gilmore organised a fundraising lunch for McMillan Cancer. Thanks to both ladies for their efforts and to all who contributed food and treats on the day, including Baked Blessings. £300 was raised for such a great cause and it was so good to see Mrs Hamill, Mr Lemon our former head teacher and many other familiar faces. Also pictured is Mr Gordon, tucking in!

The "Evolution of Integration" special showing at the Carson awards on 22nd September



Above is the school Drama group who presented the recent school production to a large audience at the recent Carson Awards, hosted by the IEF. The group are pictured here with Baroness May Blood and Tony Carson, son of Frank Carson. Well done to all!