

Brownlow Integrated College

Newsletter

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Brownlow Integrated College wins the Kellogg's Northern Ireland Best Breakfast Club 2016



In November our school breakfast club became the Northern Ireland winner of the Kellogg's Best Breakfast Club 2016. Here are some of the breakfast club members on their all expenses paid trip to London. During their visit to the Houses of Parliament they met some local MPs. This is a tremendous achievement and we are so proud of everyone,



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2016 A Year of Commemorations....

This year was an important year in the history of Ireland, north and south. It was important that we, as an integrated school, acknowledged and commemorated the events of the last 100 years, which shaped our present and future. As a school we looked at events leading up to the Rising in

Our Somme assembly took place in November, following our Easter Rising assembly in March

Dublin in 1916 and in November we looked at the history surrounding the battle of the Somme at the beginning of the First World War.

There were two special assemblies led by 10L and concentrating on local personalities from the time.

In November, as we do every year, our Head Boy and Head girl laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Lurgan on behalf of the school.



Retirement farewells to some long-serving staff members...



This November staff said farewell to two very dear friends of Brownlow, Mrs Anne Bowman from the Science department and Mrs Janet Hamill from PE, Science and LLW. Although we miss them very much we wish them both, along with Mr Mulholland from Technology, every blessing as they retire from BIC. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces at the retirement evening held in the Seagoe hotel in Portadown.

Awards Afternoon 2016



It was so lovely to see the BIC class of '16 reunited at the awards afternoon in The Hub. Well done to all of our prizewinners for your achievements from last year. We are so proud of you all. A big thank you to our guest of honour Mrs Roisin Marshall, CEO of NICIE, who helped distribute prizes. Pictured on this page are many of the GCSE prize winners, as well as junior school award winners and the musicians and choir members who helped make the afternoon memorable.



BFF Christmas Quiz 2016

A great family fun night took place on 9th December at the annual BFF family quiz. Thank you to the organising committee but especially Mrs Thompson who coordinated the event. Well done to the winning teams, particularly last year's u18 winners who retained their title to become 2016 winners. It was lovely to see Mrs Hamill, who was on top form as usual. Thanks go also to the many local businesses who supported this year's



The quiz was organised by the school's PTA...(known as BFF -Brownlow Friends and Family) which meets up during the year for a chat and a coffee and also to organise fun events for the family. The quiz profits helped pay some of the cost of the Rewards Day buses to Belfast, when pupils and staff went to the cinema and did some Christmas shopping to celebrate hard work and positive behaviour. The BFF is a great way for parents / grandparents and carers to meet informally with other parents /grandparents and carers New members are very welcome in 2017!

Well done to the Brownlow Legends staff 5 -a- side team who beat the y11 boys very convincingly in a wee friendly match in the run up to Christmas. Both teams are pictured below...The Y11 team were Elenio, Taylor, Ryan, Jay, Kyle. The Legends team were Mrs Haliday, Mr Wright, Mr Gosling, Mr McKernan, Mr Smyth, Mr Gordon (combined age approximately 230+) (just saying!)



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A big thanks to the intrepid Newsletter reporters this term, especially Ella, Katie- Ann, Declan, Eva and Jamie. If you have an idea for a story or something newsworthy that you think should be included in the newsletter please come along to Mrs Darrah's room on Thursday after school or simply email your article or photo to fdarrah427@c2kni.net

Rambling Club in the Mournes by Katie-Ann Fegan and Ella Murray

The latest ramble was on Saturday the twelfth of November.

It started at Meelmore Lodge and from there we headed up to Hares Gap. After that we headed to a dam that held the water for Belfast and we stopped there and ate lunch.

We picked some rocks to sit down on to eat. After we finished our food Mr Creber's wife and Mrs Thompson came over to look at the river where we were eating.

Mrs Thompson tried to cross it and fell in (that was the funniest thing that happened)! The other really funny thing was when Conal fell down a big hole. I stopped in



What's else is happening in BIC? Here are just a few clubs and their times..

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 is as the title suggests. You come to enjoy a warm, healthy breakfast each morning. 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.

Icthus: The Icthus 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 time, from 1:15 to 1:45pm. It's on all year long and there are many fun after school and weekend events.

Homework Club: Supervised by a member of staff so that you can have help or time to catch up. It's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the morning at lunchtime and after school until March.