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BREDA. *Merry Christmas*

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Mr Perry

I have said it before and I will say it again; our Academy is a vibrant school with a bright future! It has been a brilliant start to the year and I am so proud of what our students and teachers have achieved this term. We are very much moving forward together in a positive direction together to

ensure all our young people thrive and flourish in their school life experiences.

My staff are working extremely hard to build positive relationships to ensure all our students receive a good education and are fully engaged in their learning, are happy and enjoy school. This was very noticeable in our recent winter examinations week when it was clearly evident students wanted to fully engage and perform well in their exams and were so motivated to achieve good grades. Our young people are very talented and they all have certain talents and abilities in abundance which make them all unique and special! Just look at our 'Hall of Fame' and Facebook posts on the school website and you will see what I mean. It was also a great pleasure to be part of such a fantastic Prize Night and present over 100 students with well-deserved awards.

When I walk the school and interact with students I am always so pleased with how well presented, respectful, polite, friendly and courteous they are with me, my colleagues, their peers and our visitors. We will always do our best to teach all our young people the difference between wrong and right and instill the qualities of respect, tolerance, responsibility, charity, and kindness. We do this through our weekly assemblies, form periods and by setting high expectations of behaviour in all that we do in school.

I know there is a fresh wave of belief in Breda and we are focused on moving forward in building a future of positivity and trust. I have held meetings with and given tours to Education Representatives, local politicians and lots of local Primary School Principals who have never been inside Breda before. They have all unanimously praised the school and our students and left having had an extremely positive experience.

As part of our exciting journey, we recently held the most wonderful 'Breda Bonanza' day for 500 P7 students from 12 local Primary Schools to give them an exciting and rewarding experience of Breda Academy. It was such a joy to see them all so excited, enthusiastic and engaged in the lessons and

activities. We also held our first annual Primary Schools Quiz and this year's champions are Finaghy, with Braniel second and Cairnshill in third place. I will also continue my promotion of Breda Academy by visiting all our Primary Feeder schools in the new year to speak with parents from these communities and show them Breda is a good school to send your child to and they will do well, as proven by our excellent examination results in the summer.

I would also like to say thank you if you supported our charity work so far, as since September we have now raised over £2000 for great causes. Working in partnership and with your continued support, our school will only go from strength to strength and I very much look forward to a successful New Year.

I wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and enjoyable Christmas period.

My very best wishes and a Merry Christmas to you all,



**BREDA
ACADEMY**

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY
7.00 - 9.00pm

Talk from our new Principal
Mr P Perry at 7.15pm

Come and join us on
our exciting journey

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Snowballs

Recipe

12 marshmallows

20 digestive biscuits

½ tin of condensed milk

1 tablespoon of drinking chocolate

50g margarine/butter

from our H.E. Department



Method

1. Crush the biscuits
2. Melt the margarine, drinking chocolate and condensed milk in a saucepan but do not let it boil
3. Pour the biscuits into the saucepan and stir until all the biscuit crumbs are covered.
4. Take a spoonful of the mixture and made a pancake shape on your hand
5. Place a marshmallow on the chocolate biscuit mixture and cover the marshmallow.
6. Roll between hand gently and roll in coconut or chocolate sprinkles.
7. Chill until the snowballs harden



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Corny Christmas Jokes

- ☺ What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? **A Christmas quacker!**
- ☺ What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar at Christmas? **He got 12 months!**
- ☺ What kind of Christmas music do elves like? **"Wrap" music**
- ☺ How can Santa deliver presents during a thunderstorm? **His sleigh is flown by "raindeer"**
- ☺ What do you call a snowman with a six pack? **An abdominal snowman**
- ☺ What do you call Santa's helpers? **Subordinate clauses**
- ☺ What do you get if you eat too many Christmas decorations? **Tinsilitis**
- ☺ What's a Maths teacher's favourite Christmas snack? **A mince pi**
- ☺ Why did Santa's helper see a psychologist? **He had low elf-esteem**
- ☺ First snowman to second snowman, **"Do you smell carrot?"**

Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mrs Currid, Mrs McWilliams, Mr Fisher and Mr McConville.



Prefects 2019/2020



Sophie Johnston (Taughmonagh Primary) Head Girl

Curtis Douglas (Belvoir Park Primary) Head Boy

I wanted to be head girl for a number of different reasons. Firstly, I feel strongly that our school has great assets in our pupils, teachers and facilities. I feel, that as a community, we can work together and promote ourselves and give our pupils the best possible foundation for learning. Secondly, I wanted to apply for the role of head girl as I wanted to further challenge my leadership and communication skills and I know that being head girl will throw me tasks that will help to improve these skills. After year 14, I hope to study criminology and sociology in John Moore's University Liverpool. This has been a dream of mine for years, as I love the aspect of helping people and I am extremely interested in the criminal justice system as a whole. As I have a goal that I am working towards, I feel that it's beneficial for the younger pupils to set themselves a goal and work towards it, as if they want something hard enough and work for it, they can achieve it.

Breda Academy is a community of people who have differing interests, opinions and cultures and I am very thankful that I get to represent the pupils of a South Belfast school as rich and lively as this one. My main goal is to provide everybody with an enjoyable and memorable time while they are at school. I believe this starts with a solid pupil / teacher relationship, as when there is a mutual respect and understanding there, it creates a more positive and friendly environment for everyone. When I leave Breda I would like to take part in a cyber security apprenticeship in tech! I want to travel to different countries, experience different cultures and try different foods. I have a passion for technology, I love TV and film and really like to cook in my spare time. If I were to give one piece of advice to members of junior school now it would be to enjoy yourself. Don't get stressed over deadlines, drama or anything else. Try your best, and as long as you do that - no one can fault you. Focus on what you're good at, try everything and make the most of school life while you're still here.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It has been a very busy term for the Music Department. After lovely performances at Prize Night, rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas Carol Service.

This will be held on **Thursday 19th December** and will feature lots of festive music, readings, stories and treats. The musical entertainment will include performances from our school **Choir, Year 8 Guitar Ensemble, Blues Trio, Senior Guitar Group** and lots of lovely solo items from our very talented pupils.

There will be music for everyone and we hope to see lots of you there! Our service begins at 7pm in the school assembly hall.

*Breda Academy
Carol Service*



Thursday 19th December, 7pm

Health and Social Care Department - Charity Fundraising

Marie Curie

On Tuesday 26th November, Eimear McCooley from Marie Curie visited school to talk to the Year 13 Double Award Health & Social Care class about the types of holistic treatments offered to terminally ill patients. She discussed the benefits of each therapy and how each were used. The hospice is a vital part of the community and is an invaluable service to patients and their loved ones. The hospice relies on volunteers and funding from the public to maintain the level of care necessary. The centre requires £11,000 per day to cover the costs. Students felt compelled to raise funds and organised a Charity Bun Sale in the assembly hall on Friday 29th November. The event was very successful and students raised £90. A huge thank you to everyone who donated.



Chest, Heart and Stroke Association

A massive thank you and well done to those students who took part or donated money to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association Sponsored Walk event in September. Years 13 and 14 students raised £366. Year 14 student Molly Earle raised the highest amount overall and received a cinema voucher to reward her good effort. Thank you!



Charity (Children in Need)

Breda staff and pupils got involved in a range of fundraising activities and raised a total of **£663.11!**

Thank you to everyone for getting involved and for donating so generously!

The winners of our competitions were:

Guess the Breda Bear's Name: **Mrs Mawhinney** (The Bear's name was 'Shakes-bear', so Mrs Mawhinney got the closest guess with 'Shakespeare')

Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar: **Curtis Douglas Yr14** (the closest guess with 175)

£10 JD vouchers – Aimee Woods Yr13, Callum Campbell 11A and Joshua Carlisle 12E



Kindness @ Breda



As part of our school's commitment to improvement, the **Breda Kindness Initiative** was launched just before half term. The aim is to show and spread kindness across the school, so that we can be nationally recognised as a Kind school. The team is made up of Ms Anderson and Mrs Mawhinney with some hardworking sixth form pupils who have created posters and inspirational quotes that are displayed across the school.

They celebrated World Kindness Day in November by handing out chocolates to students, inspirational quotes and leaving personal messages for staff, thanking them for their support. Olivia, Lara, Kristen, Ben, Elise and Claudia spent lunchtimes and after school creating the posters, writing the post it notes and preparing for the day. They held an assembly whereby they outlined the importance of showing kindness, along with practical examples of how we could all show it in school and at home. The day was a roaring success, with many pupils and staff saying how happy it made them feel. We also have launched our Kindness @ Christmas Breda campaign to collect non perishable food for a local charity called The Living Room. The teachers have also got involved by participating in Operation Christmas Box. They have bought individual presents for children who might not get very much for Christmas this year. Their generosity and kindness have been inspiring. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who kindly sent in the donations.



Year 14 Psychology - British Psychological Society's (NI) A Level Conference



Year 14 Breda Academy Psychology students took part in the 6th Annual BPS A Level Psychology Conference at Stranmillis College. There was stiff competition from 13 teams representing a range of schools and whilst our team didn't win this year, we were very proud of their efforts in presenting their research into nudge theory and responsible litter disposal.



'Can small steps deliver change? A field experiment to 'nudge' pupils towards responsible litter disposal.'

- Holly Roberts
 - Beth Downey
 - Joel Keys
 - Kyrene Laverty
- (and Mr. McNeely, our caretaker!)



MEET THE team

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The students, their families and the staff of Breda Academy attended the school's 'Prize Distribution Evening' on Wednesday, 23rd October 2019. The assembly hall was packed with over 400 guests, and a hundred pupils received prizes in recognition of their academic achievements.

In his Principal's address, Mr Perry emphasised the importance of the Breda community being a close cohesive family, in which we all support each other to ensure students thrive and flourish. He explained that achievement requires ability, however to develop ability, you must first have a thirst for knowledge, motivation to learn, effort, resilience, and determination to never give up. He underlined the importance of the school's core values of respect, tolerance, responsibility, charity, and kindness. Mr Perry closed his address by sharing his vision for developing Breda students'

education, skills, and resilience to be successful lifelong learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

The Guest Speaker on the evening was Clare Bailey MLA (Leader of the Green Party in Northern Ireland) and she delivered an inspirational speech to students and guests. Musical performances by the school choir, under the direction of Miss Broadhurst, included 'Don't Dream It's Over' by Crowded House and a Coldplay Medley, when the choir was joined by the school's staff choir. After the prize distribution everyone was treated to a delicious supper prepared by the Home Economics Department and their students. As always, it was a wonderful evening. The school community is very proud of the students who received prizes and thanks everyone in our school who helped with music, catering, lighting and speeches.



High Achiever in ART



Olivia Young, who is now in year 13, is among a small percentage of pupils who obtained maximum marks in the GCSE Art & Design course during years 11 and 12. In recognition of her outstanding success, she has received a certificate from CCEA for achieving first place in Northern Ireland.

We are very proud of Olivia and wish her all the best as she continues her A Level studies in Art & Design, English Literature and Moving Image Arts.



Breda Bonanza



Breda Academy hosted its annual '**Breda Bonanza**' Day for P7 pupils in December. We were delighted to welcome almost 500 pupils from 12 local primary school to this

event. In preparation for the move to 'Big School' the pupils attended timetabled classes to give them a taste of what Key Stage Three will be like. We also held our first Interschool Quiz and although the competition was

tight, with only one point between the places, we awarded first place to

Finaghy Primary School;

Second Place to Braniel

Primary School and

Third Place to Cairnshill

Primary School. A big

thank you to all the

primary schools for attending and also to our staff and

sixth year pupils for making this such an enjoyable event.

"The children came back full of excitement and praise for the staff and the lessons that they experienced."
(P7 teacher)

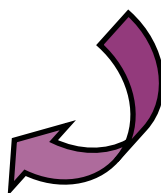
Genius Puzzle Series #8

THE PENGUIN PUZZLE

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Miss Heaney has a prize for the first person who completes the puzzle correctly!



**Be HAPPY.
Be SAFE.
Be HEARD.**

If you are worried in school or need to chat, talk to a member of staff. This could be:

- YOUR FORM TUTOR
- A SUBJECT TEACHER
- YOUR HEAD OF YEAR
- A CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

If it is a child protection matter, the member of staff will refer you to the Breda Academy Safeguarding Team.

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs Scott
 Mrs McWilliams
 Ms McCullough

We all know that every day at school counts

Below and on the following page are our **Breda Top Attenders** for term one - those pupils with 95% and above attendance. Well done everyone!

Ashlyn	Abosi	Kin Wing	Chung	Ellie	Galashan	Cody	Houston	Naomi	Johnston
Joel	Abosi	Ryan	Clark	Justin	Galloway	Jordan	Houston	Carter	Johnston
Joel	Anderson	Kyle	Cleland	Philip	Galloway	Rebekah	Hoy	Andrew	Johnston
David	Anjorin	Callum	Coates	Jessica	Gardner	Matthew	Humphries	Sophie	Johnston
Alberto	Araos Alvarez	Paul	Cochrane	Roberto	Gheorghiu	Ben	Hunter	Ben	Jordan
Alicia	Archer	Hannah	Cockcroft	Jamie	Gillen	Annaliese	Hutchison	Emma	Kerr
Promise	Awoyelu	Tori	Crawford	Jasmine	Girvin	Zack	Irvine	Emma	Kerr
Jack	Bate	Melanie	Crowe	McKenzie	Glover	Megan	Jackson	Jay	Kewley
Robyn	Beattie	Sam	Crowe	Holly	Glover	Jade	Jackson	Shakira	Kewley
Cruz	Beatty	Katie	Cullen	Justin	Gourley	Jakub	Jakobiak	Joel	Keys
Oliver	Beggs	Aaron	Davidson	Lauren	Graham	Bartosz	Jarkowski	Noah	Kidd
Sara	Beldi Bouhnouf	Joshua	Davison	Andrew	Graham	Aydin	Kisa	Jake	Kilpatrick
Natalie	Bell	James	Dawson	Thomas	Graham	Filip	Kovari	Sarah	King
Laurentiu	Bob	Louise	Devine	Aaron	Greenwood	Matas	Krisciunas	Georgia	Magee
Travis	Bowes	Eden	Dickson	Michael	Greenwood	Ben	Kumetis	Glenn	Magill
Jessica	Bowman	Lois	Dickson	Oliver	Grierson	Jaiden	Kurucz	Carter	Marshall
Dean	Boyd	Jake	Divers	Mark	Grimes	Charlotte	Lamont	Joanna	McAdam
Louise	Boyd	Curtis	Dobbin	Kamil	Gryz	Nicole	Lamrock	Sophie	McAdams
Maisy	Bradney	Kelsie	Donald	Summer	Haddock	Chantel	Laverty	Jack	McAfee
Chloe	Brennan	Tommy-Lee	Dono	Array	Hafizi	Kyrene	Laverty	Ben	McBride
Nicole	Brown	Curtis	Douglas	Evie	Hall	Mason	Leahy-Currans	Helena	McCamley
Matthew	Burns	Jake	Downey	Olivia	Hanna	Carter	Leathem	Daniel	McCausland
Christopher	Busteed	Adrian	Drahota	Justin	Harron	Connor	Leschinsky	Scott	McCausland
Marc	Cairns	Adam	Drillingcourt	Luke	Harvey	Kaitlin	Lloyd	Job	McClellan
Lauren	Cairns	Kelsey	Farnhill	Katelyn	Harvey	Ryan	Lloyd	Jordan	McClellan
Kenzie	Calvert	Ethan	Ferguson	Antonio	Hasan	Molly	Ludlow	Paige	McClements
Callum	Campbell	Logan	Ferguson	Warda	Hassan	Brea	Macaskill	Luke	McConnell
Toby	Chambers	Jack	Ferguson	John	Hicks	Talisa	Macpherson	Jake	McCormick
Sam	Chen	Megan	Ferguson	Sophie	Higginson	Pierce	Madden	Stevie	McCormick
Joshua	Cherry	Amy	Floyd	Sophie	Hindes	Nima	Jasour	Karl	McCoy

Tegan	McCullough	Adele	Oliver	Alexandru	Simion	Mark	Truesdale
Rhyanna	McCurrie	Klaudia	Olszewska	Zara	Skillen	James	Tun
Stephen	McDowell	Jasmine	Orr	Jessica	Skillen	Jack	Veighey
Charlie	McFadden	Victory	Osagie	Ben	Smith	Nikola	Walczak
Max	McFadden	Katie	Oslon	Caleb	Smyth	Abby	Walker
Brandon	McGeown	Ethan	Owen	Cassie	Smyth	Amy	Wareing
Dylan	McGeown	Charlie	Owen	Dylan	Spiers	Peniel	Weldu
Abigail	McGoogan	Charlie	Parkinson	David	Stanek	Lewis	White
Victoria	McIlroy	Luke	Pauley	Megan	Stevenson	Rhiannon	White
Hollie	McKay	Lara	Pavis	Harvey	Stewart	Madison	Wightman Stitt
Matthew	McKee	Kaci	Porter	Kalen	Stewart	Jessica	Wightman Stitt
Sophie	McKenzie	Cole	Porter	Luiza	Stoenescu	Lewis	Wilson
Katie	McKenzie	Julia	Powaszynska	Matthew	Straghan-Roy	Ezz-Mee	Wilton
Rachel	McLees	Stephen	Quate	Lexie	Strain	Andrew	Wisoner
Keelan	McMaster	Demi	Rainey	Lekan	Sule	Aimee	Woods
Emma	McMillan	Ocean	Rainey	Boye	Sule	Zach	Young
Holly	McWatters	Jack	Rainey	Paige	Summerhayes	Mia	Young
Jodi	Megarry	Bobby	Reid	Freddie	Swan	Olivia	Young
Brandon	Meneely	Finn	Ritchie	Leona	Swift	Jakub	Zawadski
Adam	Mercer	Adam	Roberts	Marika	Sych		
Quinn	Mildenhall	Holly	Roberts	Craig	Sykes		
Ellen	Millar	Andrew	Rodgers	Lauren	Tate		
Aliyyah	Mitchell	Matthew	Rodgers	Helena	Taylor		
Kenzie	Mohammed	Dale	Rodgers	Francisca	Teixeira		
Elise	Montgomery	Alyssa	Ross	Beatriz	Teixiera		
Chloe	Mooney	Jayde	Ryan	Shann	Thompson		
Nathan	Moore	Alex	Safran	Monalisa	Tima		
Kaide	Mulholland	Pheobe	Sanchez	James	Todd		
Katie	Murdock	Bradley	Sanlon	Andrew	Todd		
Harley	Muxlow	Kristen	Sanlon	Chloe	Totten		
Tyron	Ngoubili	Alexandra	Sargent	Alesha	Townsley		
Khiana	Noble	Eloise	Shaw	Denis	Trifoi		
Madison	Oliver	Clare	Shilliday	Aaron	Trimble		

*Back to
School*
Monday, 6th
January
2020

#proudtobebeda

Year 13 BTEC Level 3 Business students

attended an event at Queen's University Belfast, highlighting the growth of Social Enterprise in NI.

Most organisations aim to make a profit - but more businesses are now moving towards helping the community with that profit. This may mean using their profits to help the homeless, to help those who have just come out of prison, to help those who are trying to settle into a new country or to help those who are experiencing mental health issues, etc.

At the event, students listened to Martin Kelly, Business Lecturer at QUB, explain how this sector of NI has grown over the past few years and is set to rapidly expand further in the future. Indeed, many young people today may find themselves working for a social enterprise or setting up a social enterprise of their own!

Students listened attentively as several business people presented their own social enterprise products/service, explaining what inspired them to set it up, how they financed it, how they overcame problems they experienced, how they marketed their product/service and most important of all ... the impact their business has had on the community - who they have been able to help as a result of starting their own business. Students also got an opportunity to engage in a question and answer session to glean more information on the subject.

During the final session, students had the opportunity to work in groups to come up with an idea for their own Social Enterprise. This was a lot of fun as students brainstormed various ideas then formulated a plan for carrying it out. They then had to present their ideas to others.

All in all it was a very informative, enjoyable and profitable day!



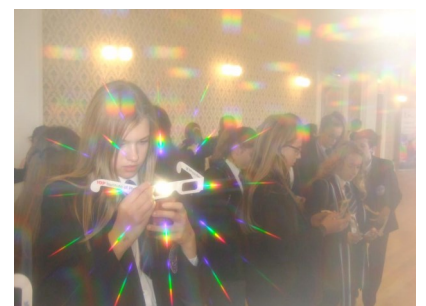
#thisiscommunity

Assemblies are an important feature of the life of our school community. Mr Carrick led our Remembrance Assemblies in November. He shared with each Year group the letters of his great-grandfather, James Hughes, written from the battlefield of the Somme and told the story of William MacFadzean who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. The Assemblies ended with a moment of reflection which each Year group conducted with the utmost dignity and respect. [#thisiscommunity](#)



STEM

Pupils went on a STEM trip to Belfast Castle with workshops from QUB, University of Ulster and the Ulster Museum, covering a range of topics including: water pollution, geology, photons and meteorites. There were even a few exotic wild animals, which some brave pupils were able to handle.



12 OCN CUSTOMER SERVICE VISIT TO TESCO TRAINING CENTRE

The two OCN Business Studies classes enjoyed a visit to Tesco's Customer Service Training Unit where they engaged in a number of interesting activities to learn how important customer service is to the success of a business.

After a fun ice breaker activity, Sarah McCullough, Senior Manager and her colleague spoke to the class about customer service and how Tesco go out of their way to look after their customers. This was followed by a quiz with anyone answering a question correctly getting a prize.

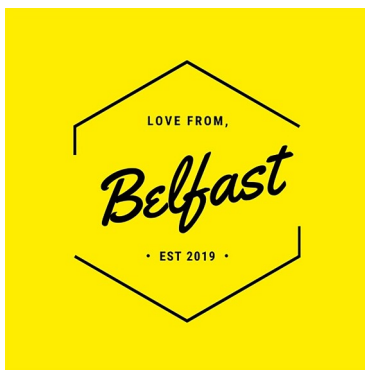
The students were then sent off to different parts of the Newtownbreda store with a questionnaire. Their goal was to observe how well a Tesco employee was serving a customer – were they wearing their uniform neatly? Did they smile and greet the customer in a friendly manner? Did they offer the customer any help? Back in the training room, the results of the questionnaires were discussed by the students and why it was important for staff to do these things.

Students also watched and discussed a Tesco staff training video and in groups played a card game in which they had to decide whether a certain type of customer service was emotional or functional. This caused a lot of debate in some groups as you can imagine!

Following a tasty lunch, students learnt about different types of shoppers and how to approach them. They did this by taking part in role play.

Special thanks to Marcus Patton who also took the time to help an elderly Tesco customer with their shopping!





Year 13 pupils are taking part in Young Enterprise's 'Company' programme this year, supported by Miss Thompson (Head of Careers) and Miss McCabrey (Head of Business Studies). The programme empowers young people to set up and run their own student company under the guidance and support of Young Enterprise.

The six members of 'Love from, Belfast': Jordan, Ben, Nathan, Lois, Megan and Alina, make all the decisions about their business from deciding on the company name, job roles, managing the finances and selling to the public. 'Love from, Belfast' members are gaining practical business experience and have already had the opportunity to trade at St. George's market, on Wednesday 4th December! We received great feedback from our 'Pitch to the Professionals' and our local MLA, Ms Paula Bradshaw, even showed us her support at the event.



'You can't pour from an empty cup'

With issues surrounding mental health in teenagers, we are reinforcing the importance of taking time for yourself, through our 'self-care mugs'. We also want teenagers to feel proud of where they live, so have commissioned beautiful prints of the Belfast landmarks from local artist Bethany McClean, which will be on sale in school and in the wider community in 2020. We value social enterprise, so are also donating a percentage of our profits to the fabulous DREAMSCHEME, who make a positive difference to the lives of our young people in our area: <https://www.dreamschemeni.org/>. We believe in sharing skills and knowledge to build capacity, so are delighted to recruit a team of Year 8s to help us with planning and trading from December 2019.

**WATCH OUT WORLD
'LOVE FROM, BELFAST'
IS ON THE WAY UP!**





Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



A Student Teacher's Perspective

Mr. McSorley (R.E. Department)



Hello, my name is Mr. McSorley and I am Breda Academy's (Mrs. Towell's) R.E student this year. I have been in Breda for almost 5 weeks now and I am absolutely loving it! Most of my time is spent out in Mobile 6, the cosiest wee classroom on the planet where I have been teaching year 8 right up to Year 13. In year 8 our topic is 'The Bible' and we have been looking at all its different sections, books and authors. The year 9 pupils have become experts on Judaism while the year 11 and year 13 are preparing for their GCSE and AS level exams.

When I was told Breda Academy was my going to be my first placement I was so excited and couldn't wait to get started. I know a lot of the pupils from Newtownbreda Baptist youth club on a Friday night which meant there would be plenty of familiar faces in this placement. This is a fantastic school; I am really enjoying getting to know the pupils in all of my classes. I have three year 9 classes and we are becoming experts on the Jewish faith. One of the highlights so far was a few weeks ago when pupils dressed up in Jewish prayer clothes and paraded the Torah around Mrs Towell's classroom!

Also, I love football so I have been helping Mr. Galbraith with the year 8 football team. There are some very talented footballers coming through the ranks at Breda! I'll be keeping a close eye on a few of their names and who knows there might be a few popping up in future Northern Ireland teams. My experience in Breda has been fantastic so far, the pupils are great and everyone has been so welcoming. I have learned so much in my short time here and I'm already dreading the day I have to leave this wonderful school.

My journey at Breda has been great. I was nervous, but now I'm doing great. The staff and pupils are so kind. You learn so many subjects like French and Geography. There are also clubs after school: football, netball and cookery, but if you can't stay after school there are lunchtime clubs like choir, guitar and African drumming. Hopefully my journey carries on like this!

Abigail Davison (Carryduff Primary)

On my first day at Breda Academy I felt really nervous because I was small! I came in on the second day and we all went bowling together. It was really fun. I started to feel more comfortable to be in high school and started making friends with people. It's been three months now and I really love it because I have met loads of new friends. We all get on with each other – we play together and we work together. I love the way Mr Carrick says we are a community just like in Toy Story. My favourite subject is French with Mrs McWilliams. I really enjoy Breda, it's the best!

Elisha Kyle-Holmes (Euston Street Primary)

My first few months at Breda have been a very different experience to being in primary school. It has been a bit strange going from primary school where I was a buddy in P7 to the younger children in P1, to now being the youngest in a new school with lots of older pupils.

I was very nervous starting Breda because I only knew two other people and I didn't know very much about the school either. Getting used to finding my way around was difficult at first, but now it is much easier! It was very unusual to begin with, having to move from room to room for different subjects and having lots of different teachers in one day. The teachers have been friendly and helpful, so this has made it much easier for me to settle in. I have joined lots of clubs including netball, cookery, choir, guitar and African drumming which have given me opportunities to make new friends. I hope that this year I will get good scores in my exams.

Ellen Millar (Orangefield Primary)

My first few months of Breda have been amazing! If you are looking for a new school I would say come to Breda. All the staff are really nice and we have buddies for years 8 and 9. There are lots of clubs to do like cookery, netball, football, rugby, choir and colour your mind. Breda is a good school as you get to learn new subjects and they're not boring. You get to move rooms for each subject. Breda is good and I enjoy it!

Chloe Totten (Leadhill Primary)

On my first day at Breda I was excited to go and I could not have been more awake! Then as soon as I walked through the doors I was nervous because I didn't see anybody I knew until I went to the classes. On my second day we went bowling with all the other year 8 pupils and we had fun. Caleb won the bowling match! On the third day we had our first normal day. Now we have exams and I enjoy being here at Breda Academy with all my friends.

Lewis Kane (Belvoir Park Primary)

My first term at Breda has been great. I'm used to being the eldest in my school, then I just went to being the youngest! A good thing about Breda is the clubs. We have so many, such as cookery, netball and SU. You should go to Breda because everyone here is nice to you.

Ashlyn Abosi (Cregagh Primary)





Our new year 8 pupils have been fantastic and there has been a lot to keep them busy during their first term at Breda!

- *Trip to Belfast Zoo*
- *Translink Safety Bus*
- *Gideons' visit*
- *Young Enterprise*
- *Bowling*
- *Visit to Willowfield Interactive Bible Exhibition*
- *Extra Curricular activities - football, cookery club, music, etc.*
- *Choir performances at Prize Night and the Carol Service*
- *Learning new subjects.*
- *Trips to Windsor Park and Kingspan Stadium*

If any parents of Primary school pupils would like to know more about Breda Academy, the following members of staff will be happy to speak to you:

- ♦ **Mr Galbraith (Head of Year 8)**
- ♦ **Mrs Parry (Head of Key Stage 3)**
- ♦ **Mrs Scott (Senior Teacher for Key Stage 3)**

Making Memories at Breda

New Staff Under The Spotlight



Miss Bingham

I find Geography a fascinating subject because it helps us learn about the ever-changing world in which we live and our place within it. David Attenborough once said:

“It seems to me that the natural

world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living.”

I became a Geography teacher because I love helping young people see the beauty that is around us and encouraging them to treat each other and the world with kindness and respect. It is my hope that when my students look back on their time at school, they will have happy memories and know that their teacher cared for them.

Before I began teaching, I was an intern for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which meant that I worked in a church and community centre in Belfast to build relationships with all age groups across the community.



When I'm not teaching, I like to spend my time playing music, going for long walks and trying out new board games!

The best piece of advice that I have ever heard is from Snoopy: **“No matter how stressed you are, remember how blessed you are”**.



Mr Campbell

I have worked in retail since I left school and I worked in a variety of roles from store management, new store openings and finishing my retail career working for Head Office specialising in Labour & Efficiency. I was part of a £38million pound project which introduced a labour system that would help drive efficiency by reducing the systems from 19 to 1 which would give all the information in live time. I also sat in several steering groups designed to improve our team's career and work life balance. These included, coaching for great success, driving development, health and wellbeing, impact and influence and planning and prioritising.

I now am coming to work with my mum 3 days a week as we car share on the way from Ballymena, yes Mrs Campbell (one of the EAL teachers) is my mum. I look forward to coming to work even though it's strange not flying, hiring cars, staying in hotels, etc.

So if you need anything I have a wide skill set and like my mum, I am always keen to help (maybe it's the teacher inside me). I live on my own just round the corner from where I grew up & have a half lab, half springer called Ella.



Merry Christmas

from Breda Academy