

Clifton Christmas Party



20 eager BGS volunteers made their annual visit to Clifton School to get the festive season in full swing with children and staff.

The Clifton kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the staff & children made BGS feel very welcome indeed. The boys sung some carols, David Gibson played live music on the keyboard and we had a visit from Santa and Rudolph. The kids had to find santa's 'missing' boot and also played 'pass the parcel'. We gave out 122 hand wrapped selection packs to the kids and presented £640 to the school in the form of 16 envelopes with £40 in each envelope for each class. Sam Donaldson and Tim Crothers compered the event with enthusiasm and professionalism.



Philip's in the Premier League...

We were delighted to hear that Year 9 pupil Philip Dobson was selected as a mascot for Arsenal at the team's away match against Sunderland on November 21st. As these photographs show, Philip clearly had a wonderful experience!



Former BGS pupils tipped to be stars of 2010...

Two Door Cinema Club, comprising former BGS boys Alex Trimble, Kevin Baird and Sam Halliday have been named among just fifteen of the best rising

music stars on the longlist for the BBC's Sound of 2010.

The list is designed to highlight the most exciting musical talent for the coming year and the artists have been picked by 165 UK-based tastemakers.

They each named their favourite three new acts and those with the most votes were put on the list. The top five and winner will be unveiled in January.

Moustache-brigade raise a mighty sum

We bid a sad farewell to the hairy-lipped brigade as clean shaven faces reappear among our male teaching staff. The combined efforts of Movember campaigners Mr Wilson, Mr Sinclair, Mr Holley, Mr Dickson and Dr Stevenson managed to raise more than just sniggers and funny looks from staff, students and unassuming members of the public (who were drawing their own conclusions we are sure!). In total £565 was gathered for the Prostate Cancer charity and we salute the men who wore their moustaches with pride to raise the cash and raise awareness of the cause. Well done to all!



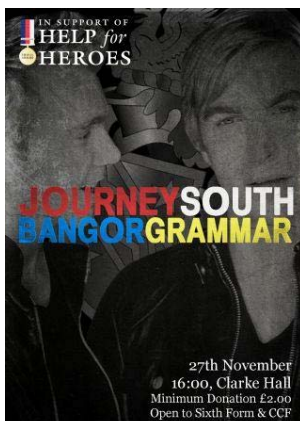
Bangor Grammar School forges Middle-Eastern partnerships

Bangor Grammar School recently participated in a Connecting Classrooms seminar, held in Doha, Qatar, from 21-24 November 2009. Organised by the British Council, the aim of the programme is to forge curricular links and sustainable partnerships between schools in the UK and in the Middle East.

Bangor Grammar School will work as part of a cluster of six schools, which will include two all-boys Qatari schools, Al Razi Independent Preparatory School and Al Ahnat Independent Preparatory School.

During his visit to Qatar, Mr Dean Robinson addressed delegates at the Millennium Hotel, Doha on the education system in Northern Ireland and on the curriculum and system of pastoral support provided by BGS. The seminar attracted much local interest and featured prominently in the Qatari press. ([click to review articles](#))

The first joint activities will address the theme of 'Sharing Science' and will involve year 10 boys in BGS working on projects, which will be exchanged with their Qatari counterparts. Further joint activities in Mathematics and ICT are also planned. A delegation from Qatar will visit BGS in June 2010, with funding in place for BGS staff to make a reciprocal visit soon after.



X Factor finalists visit BGS

Former X Factor finalists Journey South visited Bangor Grammar on Friday 27th November to play a special concert in aid of the Help for Heroes charity. The band, who were on a whistlestop tour of Northern Ireland, are releasing a Christmas single 'What I Love About Home' for all the troops currently serving in the armed forces, their families, and their supporters.

Pudsey "Bear"-ing the embarrassment for a good cause...



To raise money for Children in Need this year, BGS 6th Form participated in a fancy dress day and turned out some spectacular fashion disasters in the name of charity. Several members of the teaching staff rallied to their support by

providing childhood photographs for a "guess the baby" competition showing off their own fashion disasters inflicted by well-meaning parents in the process. The winning pupil entry for the competition was James Lyttle of Year 11.

The Library and 6th Form Study sold buns and cakes to staff and pupils and the School canteen held a special £1 break offer to raise even more cash for the cause.

Altogether BGS raised £1750 and Ms Chapman, Mr Wilson and a few of the 6th Form attended the Children In Need show in Belfast on Friday 20th November to present the cheque live on air!

Thanks to everyone who lent their support!

