



## "Movember" campaign hits BGS...

Throughout the month of November, several of our male teaching staff have pledged to grow a moustache (impressive or otherwise), to raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Charity's "Movember" campaign.

This fun initiative has an important message behind it as spear-head for BGS, Mr Wilson, explains: "As someone teaching in all boys school the importance of getting the message of good health across to my students is paramount. I am hoping we as a staff can raise awareness of prostate cancer and what can be done to combat it."

To support the cause, the Senior Debating Society met to debate the motion: 'This House believes that the moustache maketh the man.' Richard Hunter and Chris Walker proposed the motion with the seriousness appropriate to such an occasion, while Michael Pach and Peter Eves opposed. Despite the valiant efforts of the opposition, Richard and Chris prevailed, and the House voted 61:18 in favour of the motion. In total, the event raised £86.00 for The Prostate Cancer Charity.

## Annual Remembrance Service



The School held its annual service on Friday 6th November to commemorate those who fought in the First and Second World Wars. The Service was conducted by Reverend Willis Cordner from First Presbyterian Church Bangor and was attended by pupils from Year 11 and Year 13.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr John Adrain, Chairman of the Grammarians, Mr Trevor Gray and Head Boy Drew Magowan and Deputy Head Boy Joshua Burton laid wreaths in memory of the former pupils of Bangor Grammar who fought and died in the wars.



The solo trumpeter this year was Daniel Watts and the Piper was Andrew Hegan.

Mr Turner, who returned from service in Afghanistan last year made a presentation to the School of a framed lithographic print depicting troops in action in the Middle East as a thank you for the support the school gave him during his time away.

## Sponsored Walk cheque presentations

Various Year Groups have been making presentations this week in their assemblies to the various charities nominated to receive support from the Sponsored Walk collection.



Heather Kyle, Head of Midwifery in the Belfast Trust Hospital group, accepting a cheque for £1000 from Michael Weir of Year 11. The money will be used to improve facilities at the Royal Maternity Delivery Suite. Year 10 charity presentation to the Northern Ireland Hospice by Joel Jackson.





## Annual Prizegiving celebrates top achievers

The school's Speech Day and distribution of prizes took place on Thursday 22nd October 2009 and our Guest of Honour this year was distinguished academic and old boy Professor Crosbie Smith. Professor Smith, who is Professor of the History of Science and Director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine in the University of Kent at Canterbury, fondly reminisced on the BGS of the Sixties and had many humorous stories to tell our current pupils about his school days. A photo gallery, full list of prize winners and copies of the Headmaster's and Chairman's speeches can be accessed [here](#).

## BGS pupils top in Northern Ireland

We are delighted to hear that Stephen Halpin, Philip Johnston, Mark Angus and Charlie Clegg all achieved top marks in their recent GCSE examinations. Philip was placed first in Northern Ireland for full course RE and Charlie was placed second for short course RE. Stephen came first in Northern Ireland in Financial Services and Mark was placed third for the same subject. Stephen and Mark both took the Financial Services course in addition to their normal timetable and sat the examination after just one year of study. A huge congratulations to all four boys for their hard work which has clearly paid off!



In addition, Ross McDowell who left us for University in June this year, has been recognised by the South Eastern Education and Library Board with an Outstanding Achievement Award. The award is being presented to Ross for fourteen years of unbroken attendance in school. Ross, who attended Kilmaine Primary School before joining us in BGS, has gone on to study at Herriot Watt University and we are certain that he will maintain his flawless track record of attendance there too.



## Karting competitors wrangle for team places

The competition was fierce at Eddie Irvine Sports last week as a fifty strong contingent of boys raced the kart circuit in the hope of securing a place on Bangor Grammar's team in the British School

Karting Championships.

As tension heightened and timings became nail-bitingly close the Teacher organisers managed to whittle the numbers down to a top ten of drivers but with just six places on the team a further "kart-off" will be necessary to determine the final line-up. Watch this space!

More information on the Championships can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

## Bangor Grammar's Librarian helps launch NI Drewet Book Award

22nd October 2009 saw the official launch of the brand new NI Drewet Book Award in Christ Church Library, RBAI, Belfast. The initiative is the brainchild of our very own Librarian Mrs Cowdrey in conjunction with Mrs Lindsay of RBAI. For further information check out the official website.





## Annual Sponsored Walk brings in record amount

This year's Sposnored Walk managed to raise a staggering **£10,221!**

The School are delighted to be able to make generous donations to a list of charities nominated by each year group, alongside others suggested by staff and not forgetting the funding of Clifton Special School's annual Christmas Party organised by 6th Form volunteers.

A big thank you to Mr Gilmour who organised the walk this year.

Listed below are the nominated chairities for this year:

<b>Johannesburg Orphanage</b> Year 8
<b>Marie Curie</b> Year 9
<b>N I Children's Hospice</b> Year 10
<b>Maternity Ward at RVH</b> Year 11
<b>Abaana</b> Year 12
<b>Chiwoko Hospital</b> Year 13 and Board of Governors
<b>Alzheimer's Charity</b> Year 14
<b>Clifton Special School</b> School Charity Event

also supported: Autism NI ; Breast Cancer Awareness ; Friends of Jessica ; World Challenge Expedition; The Clark Clinic ; Carrickmannon MRI Unit Support Fund ; Macmillan Cancer ; Primary Immunodeficiencies Charity ; Action Cancer; Combat Stress (Iraq troops) ; Meningitis Trust ; N.I Chest Heart & Stroke ; RNLI ; British Red Cross; Muscular Dystrophy ; Heartbeat NI ; Myasthenia Gravis Association ; One Home Many Hopes



## BGS collect more than a bag-full for Action Cancer!



A recent charitable collection in aid of Action Cancer gathered a mighty mound of clothes, shoes, accessories and homeware and boys were on hand to bid a final farewell to their possessions before the shipment was taken by the hard working staff from Bangor's Action Cancer shop. Thanks to all the families who sent in their bags.

## Cricket Winners

Bangor Grammar's 2nd XI are co-holders of the Northern Ireland Cricket Schools Plate this year alongside Methodist College, Belfast. Congratulations to the team and their coach Mr Greer (not pictured).

