

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.



"Movember" campaign hits BGS...

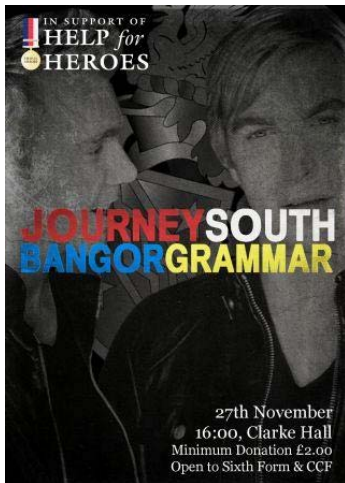
Throughout the month of November, several of our male teaching staff pledged to grow a moustache (impressive or otherwise), to raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Charity's "Movember" campaign.

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 £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!





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.



Annual Sponsored Walk raises record amount!

This year's Sponsored 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 charities for this year:

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



Christmas Collections for Simon and Storehouse

Food and household items were kindly donated by BGS pupils throughout December to provide much needed help to the homeless and socially deprived in our local area. The items were donated to the Simon Community and Storehouse.



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!



Macmillan Coffee Morning raises a smile...

BGS staff were treated to delicious treats with their morning coffee on 25th September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event was part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2009 in which thousands of people across the country, and in several other parts of the world, held or attended coffee mornings to raise money for people affected by cancer. Staff raised a total of £170 for the charity, and special thanks go to our Librarian Mrs Cowdrey for organising the event.

