

HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Fashion and Variety Show a great success

On Thursday 30th November St John's Business & Enterprise College organised their first Fashion and Variety Show. A gathering of over 300 people filled the school hall on the night. The audience was treated to a variety of performances from line dancers to the singing expertise of John Garrity, Year 12 and Cathair McElholm, Year 8. Ms Clare dutifully carried out the job of Mr Noel Edmunds for Deal or No Deal, everyone agreed that she definitely invented her own version of the popular game show.

The show was organised by 15 boys from Year 11 & 12 for their Occupational Studies class. The show was a major success and was greatly enjoyed by both young and old.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays - Mon

25th December - Fri 5th

January 2007 (incl)

Mid Term Break -

Fri 16th February -

Mon 19th February (incl)



A big welcome from St.John's and Devenish



On the 13th and 14th of November St.John's B&E College, Dromore and Devenish College, Enniskillen hosted Ballinode College, Sligo.

The Year 11 pupils are involved in a programme called Civic Link with Co-Operation Ireland. The aim of the programme is to learn about each others communities and issues of diversity. They have been exploring these concerns and are seeking ways to address one particular issue.

The students feel that it is very important for people from different places to come together and learn about each other.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2006

On Thursday the 14th of December a Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair was held in St John's Business and Enterprise College from 10.30am to 1.30pm. The students in their form class made products or provided a service for sale on this our first Enterprise Day. A lot of hard work and wonderful entrepreneurial skills went into their work. So congratulations and thanks to all who had a part to play on this successful day.



PRIZEGIVING NIGHT - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

On Thursday 7th December St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2006. Ms Doherty gave a warm welcome to the large gathering praising their achievements both academic and social and wishing them well in their future careers.

Guest speaker, Mrs Sheenagh McEleavy (formally McGlone of Church Street, Dromore) herself a past student, spoke fondly of her time in St John's and she encouraged all students to give 100% and to believe in themselves.



TOP STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2006

Ronan McNabb receives his award from Canon Breen



TOP GCSE STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2006

Rosanne Slevin receives her award from Ms Doherty, Acting Headteacher



Principal's Award for Sustained Effort 2006
Michelle McCusker



Sports Boy of the Year
2005/2006
Ciaran McCoy



Contribution to School Life 2006
Paula Mullan



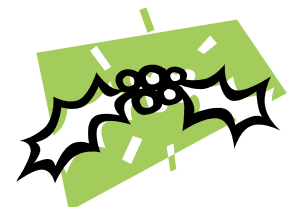
Sports Girl of the Year 2006
Deirdre McKenna



Top Joint GCSE Subject Award 2006
Deirdre McKenna receiving our award from
Shennagh McEleavy, Guest Speaker



Top Joint GCSE Subject Award 2006
Donna McCusker



St. John's and Young Enterprise

On the 3rd of November, Young Enterprise delivered a programme entitled the "Economics of Staying in School" in St. John's B&E College.

Students were helped to understand the link between education and their future success and happiness in work and life.



PUZZLE TIME!

Santa's Shopping

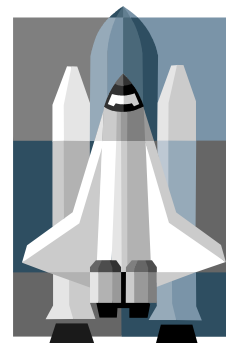


Because he is busy this time of year, Santa Claus finds it difficult to shop for Mrs. Claus. This year, he has decided to make sure she has a jolly holly Christmas by sending five of his elves on shopping trips to buy presents for her; each elf will buy a different present in a different city around the world, with one visiting Moscow on his errand. Can you solve this Christmas Logic Puzzle by finding which elf will buy which present in which city?

1. While one elf is buying Mrs. Claus a new bathing suit, Dweedle will be looking for another present and a third elf will be in New York City on his shopping trip.
2. Arvid, whose assignment is neither the Palm Pilot nor the Mexican cookbook, wonders why "the Boss" doesn't go on-line to purchase the gifts.
3. The elf shopping on Fifth Avenue in New York won't be looking for the Tivo television recording system or the motor scooter.
4. The elf going to Tokyo isn't the one Santa is sending to buy a Palm Pilot.
5. Neither Fred nor Ule is the shopping proxy who will buy a Tivo.
6. The elf who hopes to sneak in a visit to St. Peter's while he is in Rome isn't Arvid.
7. Neither Fred nor Ule is going to New York.
8. The elf Santa is sending to choose a motor scooter for Mrs. Claus to ride around the North Pole isn't Dweedle.
9. Ozz's shopping goal isn't a Palm Pilot.
10. The elf who will visit Rome isn't the one buying the motor scooter nor the one being dispatched for a Palm Pilot.
11. Ule is glad he isn't the elf who has to pick out a new bathing suit for Mrs. Claus to wear in the Clauses' hot tub.
12. Neither Dweedle nor the elf going to Rio de Janeiro is being sent to buy the Tivo system.

Trip to Armagh Planetarium

On Tuesday 12th December Year 10 science students from St John's College visited Armagh planetarium. The trip was very beneficial with students getting the chance to have a go in a space station simulator. This new impressive show was staged in the star theatre which re-opened in July following renovations.

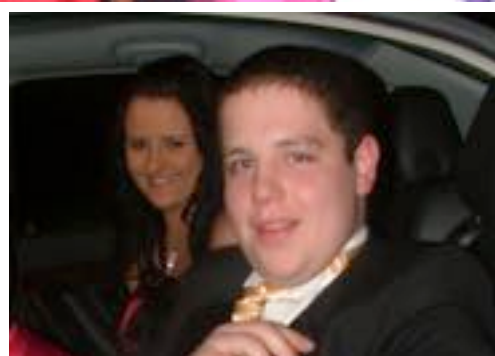


New sports equipment

Several new basketball hoops and goal posts have been installed at the college recently so that all year groups can have their own area for lunch time recreation.



Another successful School Formal was held in Mahon's Hotel in Irvinestown in November 2006 as you can see from the photographs a great night was had by all!



An event was organised for year 11 pupils in **Omagh Further Education College** on **Thursday 26th October 2006** on a topic called "**Learning for Life and Work**" Year 11 students from St. John's B&E participated at this excellent event.



JAMES CONROY, HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER with Terex Finlays Hydrascreen, Omagh gave us a great tour of the factory.



LIBRARY COMPETITION

Year 9's were involved in the 'Design a Book Cover' competition for the library. The winners were

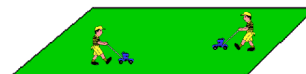
1st - Corey Slevin

2nd - Niamh McConnell
James McDonagh

3rd - Ciara McNabb

Highly commended went to
Arlene Anthony, Barry Skelton &
Sean Muldoon

The Lazy Gardener Solution (from our last edition)



The energetic gardener would be able to mow the lawn in twelve days. In eight days he would be able to mow $\frac{8}{12}$ of the lawn.

This leaves $\frac{4}{12}$ of the lawn left for the lazy gardener to mow. He takes the full eight days to do this so he mows only half as quickly as the energetic one.

He would therefore need 24 days to mow the lawn on his own.

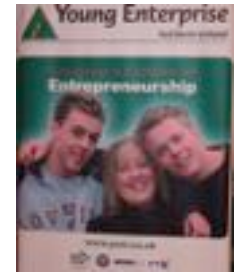
Twice as long as the energetic one!!



BUDDING ACTORS

We look forward to some budding actors and actresses emerging from St John's as they are currently receiving weekly drama classes, led by Martina Donnelly, Drama Advisor to WELB. Six lucky students are also rehearsing for a production in the Market Street Theatre in Armagh in January 2007.

Entrepreneurship Master class



A Master class in Business Studies was held in Irvinestown on Tuesday the 28th of November with Ms. Clare and her Year 12 BS students. It was a one-day class promoting entrepreneurship and business operation among 13-18 year-olds. Eleven schools from Tyrone and Fermanagh attended this class in the Bawnacre.

It was organised by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and led by Lorna McManus.

The guest speakers were **Billy Dixon**, an Image Consultant and **Michael Keogh** from "Bites Snack Food Ltd." who provided a great insight in the paths taken to their careers.



The students were informed that "It is all about you. It's becoming the best you can be. It's about preparing you for the world of work, about business people sharing their experiences, about teachers creating an entrepreneurial and enterprising culture". There were lots of fun activities and great learning experiences for all.



Rory in his group



Christopher & Caroline enjoying the craic in their group

ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

As part of Anti Bullying Awareness Week students were asked to design an Anti Bullying Poster. There were a large number of entries - all of a very high standard - and the difficult task of choosing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd fell to Miss Beattie our Art Teacher. After a great deal of deliberation she gave 1st place to Bronagh Sludden, 2nd place to Emma McGoldrick and 3rd place to James McCusker.



