



ST JOHN'S

JUST KEEPS MOVING FORWARD

Many new developments have been planned for September in St John's. The range of occupational studies opportunities will be expanded as a result of student and community demand. St John's will now be in a unique position to offer Hair and Beauty, Stone Masonry and Dry Wall Lining in addition to Tiling and Painting and Decorating. These vocational based facilities will be a huge asset to the school and to the community. This year has proven that there is a growing demand in the community for a venue for community meetings for sporting associations and for trade and farming communities. St John's is delighted to be able to offer the community a Conference Suite situated at the front of the main school building, comprising of all the most modern technology, this is due to open in late September 2007.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Ms Christine Doherty, Acting Principal who will take up her position as Permanent Principal of St John's as of the 1st September 2007.

GCSE Examination results will be issued by post on Tuesday 21st August 2007 for CEA and Thursday 23rd August 2007 for AQA, Edexcel, City and Guilds and OCR. Staff will be available at the college on these dates, if students have any queries. Best wishes to all our students awaiting their results.

New Toilet Facilities

Tenders have now been received and we are delighted that the new toilet upgrade will take place during the holidays. There will also be a stairwell upgrade within the school. An on-going scheme of painting and redecoration will also continue throughout the summer holidays.

Civic-Link Panel Presentation

On Thursday the 14th of June St John's students hosted Devenish College students, Mr Mervyn Walker – Principal of Devenish College, Parents and Laura Stewart from Co-Operation Ireland for a presentation of their years work. Mr Gerry Mc Gread and Ms Laura Stewart posed questions to the students after presenting their work, which were confidently answered. The students from both schools were a credit to their schools. We have had a link with Co-Operation Ireland for six years now and thank them for all their financial and advisory support.



Our Civic-Link Class

VISITING SPEAKERS FOR CAREERS EDUCATION

The visiting speakers (whom were all past students of the school) attended St John's Business & Enterprise College on Tuesday 22nd May. They attended a careers education day for Year 11 students. Both the students and the visitors completed an evaluation form about the experience and all feedback was very positive. Students enjoyed the experience and it gave them a great insight into different careers that they could pursue in the future and the various ways they can achieve their chosen career.

St John's take part in Omagh's Midsummer Carnival



Students in St John's were involved for the first time in Omagh's Midsummer Carnival. This year's theme was 'Faraway Fantasies' and many local school groups, youth groups and bands participated. Our college looked at the story of Gulliver in Lilliput and produced a giant. The structure was made from binbags stuffed with newspapers to make it light so that it could be easily carried. On the day students wore simple purple tunics and had their faces painted. The students carried Gulliver in the parade which left Omagh County Primary School and made its way up the High Street turning at the courthouse and out the Mountjoy Road before finishing at the Leisure Centre. Miss Beattie, Art teacher would like to thank students, staff and parents for their support in making this a great evening out!

Visiting Dutch students try their hand at making St Brigid's Crosses and potato bread as part of their exchange



On the 22nd of June, 12 students from St. John's accompanied by Ms Clare, Miss Kennedy, Veronica Mc Canny, Helena and Donna Kelly went on a visit to Euro Auctions organised by Mr Gerry Mc Gread. It was a fascinating insight into a local but international business. We saw machinery auctioned and were made very welcomed by Mr Brian Keyes – co-owner of Euro Auctions. Many thanks to Euro Auctions for the lovely hats which came in handy during sports day that day. Mr Keyes has invited a group of students back in the new school year to look at the background of Euro Auctions, a trip we look forward too and will report on in our next newsletter.

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YEAR 9 STUDENTS VISIT ART MUSEUM

Art and Design teacher, Miss Beattie took 9A1 and 9A2 to Fermanagh County Museum to see an exhibition 'Learning from Art'. Students looked at pictures that other children had made after looking at actual pieces of art works. Students then had the opportunity to view the museum art collection. There were sculptures by Anthony Scott and paintings by T.P Flanagan. They made some studies of these before moving on to the Clinton Centre where there was an exhibition of black and white photography and tape art collage by German artists Talie Mau and Armin Raso - Katz. Students made further studies from these pieces.



'It is more meaningful and memorable for children to experience actual art in gallery spaces rather than always in books'.

St John's Sports News



PAST STUDENT GAINS ALL-IRELAND TITLE

Congratulations to Ciaran O'Neill, Dromore on winning his All Ireland U 19 Light-flyweight boxing title.



Official Opening

The Official Opening of St John's state of the art sand carpet grass pitch took place on Monday 18th June. The opening took place just before a challenge game between the College Team and Sacred Heart College, Omagh.



The ribbon being cut by Ms Doherty, Acting Principal and Barry Skelton

Well done to students Katherine Irvine, Shauna McNabb and their team on reaching the All Ireland U14 B Semi Final which is to be played later this month. Congratulations and good luck girls!

DROMORE U14 BOYS

Congratulations to Dromore U14 boys on winning the Championship and the League titles this year

St John's U14 Girls

Unfortunately our girls lost in their U14 Championship Final match to Killeeshill. It was a great match and the girls fought hard, but Killeeshill just had all the luck that day. There is always next year girls!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL INTER PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

At the beginning of June St John's hosted 240 primary school students for a fun packed day of sports and games. The students which came from all the local primary schools took part in all the events including the long jump, shot put and races. Despite the weather being extremely hot on the day all the students had a great time. At Lunchtime lunch was provided by the college canteen and the afternoon saw a presentation of medals which were sponsored by Ryan Cunningham, on behalf of Youth Sport West.

