

# HILL TOP NEWS



# 7th Edition October 2007

SCHOOL DETAILS

### A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

### St John's welcomes its new Year 8 students





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**Back Row:** Michael Sheridan, Shane Campbell, Belinda McGowan, Monica Kairyte, Amy Kelly, Sinead Marlow, Sonnie McDonagh, Conor Donnelly

Front row: Shane Knox, Cornel Lovei, Niamh Rafferty, Melissa Mc Cann, Natalie Pearson, Mary McGowan (missing from photo Odhran Teague)





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**Back Row:** Kerri McDonnell, Hayley Slevin, Donna Mc Phillips, Kelly Mc Nabb, Ebony Garrity, Donna Mc Nabb, Chloe Mc Caffrey, Aimee Teague

Front Row: Leona Bradley, Emma Smyth, Naomi Mc Manus, Ryan Mc Elduff, Cillian Mc Dermott, Shae Campbell

Congratulations to St Dympna's GFC on winning the Tyrone Club Championship Final recently.

A truly well deserved title.

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# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Halloween Holidays -

Wednesday 31st October -Friday 2nd November '07 (inclusive)

School Formal -

Wednesday 5th December '07

School Fashion Show -Thursday 6th December '07

Christmas Holidays -

Monday 24th December '07 -Friday 4th January '08 (inclusive)

### MODULAR SCIENCE EXAMINATIONS

All Year 11

Wednesday 14th November '07

All Year 12

Thursday 22nd November '07

# MODULAR MATHS EXAMINATIONS

All Year 11

Monday 12th November '07

All Year 12

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## Key Stage 3 trip to see "Joseph and his

#### Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 60 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 headed to Derry to see a fantastic live musical. We first stopped off at The Foyleside to spend some hard earned cash and if that didn't take all their money Primark did! After a bite in Burger King Miss Kennedy had an expectant crowd sitting in The Millenium Forum waiting to see performers from the live show "Any Dream will do". We definitely got our moneys worth with top class seats, wonderful acting and beautiful singing.



#### Best Foot Forward

On the 30th September, 2007 a sponsored walk from Fintona to Eskra (6 miles) took place to raise money to help educate Catholic children in India. Shane Campbell raised an amazing £73 and Conor Donnelly raised £50 and participated in the

walk. He said, 'it wasn't too bad but it was hard going on the last mile.' Miss Beattie, the Art and Design teacher, also took part and was glad of the cup of tea and a bun at the end of it. 'As I am a teacher, I understand the benefits that an education can give a young person and I felt I wanted to help those who may not be as lucky as we are in the developed world. The total raised was £250. It takes only £60 to educate one child for a whole year in India. It is good to know that the money raised will go directly to educating 4 children this year. A huge thanks to everyone who gave so generously for this worthy cause'



If you are interested in getting involved in future events for this charity you can

contact Una Mc Maugh on 028 85548070 and maybe we'll see you at the next sponsored walk.



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#### YEAR 12 STUDENTS VISIT STORMONT

A Group of Year 12 students accompanied by Mr B McCarron travelled to Stormont on Friday 12th October as representatives of the youth of Dromore in conjunction with Vibrant Villages. The students and Mr McCarron met with 3 MLAs, Margaret Richie, Pat Doherty and Ian McCrea. They ended their day with a visit to the Farset Centre in West Belfast which is based on the peace line.

**Photo:** Mr McCarron and the students standing on the famous stairs in Stormont's front entrance.

#### The Championship Final - Dromore V Coalisland

I went to the Dromore and Coalisland match. I went with my three friends and my dad. We parked down the road and walked up to the pitch. When the whole thing started the Dromore boys were like lightning. They hit the ball hard and ran up the field towards the rectangular net and scored points over the long white pole. It was just unreal and amazing. The other team in white and blue were falling all over their feet.

As the rain started to fall the pitch was shiny, green and wet. The Dromore players were so good that they just glided through the other team. As the game was coming to an end our boys in blue were almost there. The fans could almost smell that big shiny trophy coming to Dromore. The team had eventually came through. As the other side left the pitch the Dromore side was going mad. The captain held up the big shiny trophy. It was a dream come true for the Dromore team after so many years. They all headed back to the wee town of Dromore where the crack was good. By Christopher Murray 10A2

#### Work Experience in St. John's

From October 28th to November 2nd our Year 12 students will be on their work experience in the local community. It will provide them with an invaluable insight into their working futures. Hopefully they will learn many new skills like working with others and problem solving. It is a great opportunity to get a feel of the work in their chosen career.

# NIGHT CLASSES

St John's will be offering the following night classes commencing week beginning Monday 5th November 2007. Monday: Creative Painting & Drawing, Health & Beauty Creative

crafts for Christmas and Recreational hairdressing. Tuesday: Book keeping for small businesses, Digital camera for

beginners and Stress Management & relaxation.

Wednesday: Computers for Beginners and Old time dance.

All places on courses will be given on a first come first serve basis. For enrolment please contact the college office on 02882 898284. All classes will take place subject to numbers.



#### St John's students visit St Michael's College in Enniskillen

On the 16th of October a number of Year 11 & Year 12 students travelled to see the musical "Joseph" in St. Michael's, Enniskillen with Miss Mc Laughlin. The students comments say it all "it was very professional", "it was very well put together", the talent was deadly...the singing too"

### Geography and Year 8 Revised Curriculum

Year 8's are involved in the revised curriculum. The pupils work best with participative active learning. It seeks to enable pupils to develop their potential in all aspects of their lives. Because of this the pupils went around the school picking physical and human features.



On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September Marie from Young Enterprise delivered a programme to Year 8. Young Enterprise has many exciting interactive secondary school programmes which cover a wide range of interesting subjects from setting up in business to world trade and just about everything in between! The Year 8s experienced things first hand to let them find out for themselves how business works and what a difference they can make.



#### <u>European Languages Day -</u> <u>Wednesday 26th September 2007</u>

European languages Day was celebrated in St John's. All Year 8's enjoyed a fabulous French breakfast in room 16. They feasted on croissants, pain au chocolat and cheese, all washed down with a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Lots of food was eaten and lots of fun was had on the day by all students.





### Poster Competition

Also for European Languages Day, Years 9 and 10 took part in a fantastic poster competition. The winner in Year 9 was Ciara Carron and the runner up was Lyton Mullan. In 10A1 the winner was Shauna McNabb and the runner-up was Clare McManus. In 10A2 the winner was Katherine Irvine and the runner-up was Fiona McAleer. The judges had a very difficult decision to make and well done to everyone that took part.



#### **DUTCH TRIP**

On 18th September, 7 year 11 students from St John's and 13 students from Devenish College went on a Dutch exchange trip to Holland. The trip lasted for 5 days and each student was placed with a family and they had to live as they do in Holland for the duration of their stay. Each day the students did a different activity, Day 1 they spent in the Dr Moller College where they had a Dutch Lesson and a History lesson about Holland. On Day 2 all students went to Holland's Theme Park "The Efteling" This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. On the final day Students went to visit a Holland's one only concentration camp. The trip was enjoyed very much by all students and they look forward to seeing their Dutch friends when they visit our school next year.



At The Efteling