



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Geography Competition – Name a Turbine

There was an official launch ceremony for the Lough Hill Wind Farm on Thursday 3rd of April in the Manor House Hotel. The students were asked to name a turbine and give their reasons and the winners were invited to attend the launch and read out their winning entry before being presented with their prize. The launch was followed by a trip to the wind farm. The RES hostess, Fiona Stevens wrote me the following "It was very nice to meet Mrs Veronica McCanny (Classroom Assistant) and the girls at the opening last Thursday. We all very much enjoyed the event and for me, the schools competition was the highlight of the day!"



Claire McGrath with Joe Power - the owner of the land and whose name is on one of the windmills.



Congratulations to our winners Claire and Shaun. Claire named one of the 6 windmills "Joe Power" and Shaun won with the name of "Big Gusty"



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SCHOOL CLOSURES

Summer Holidays

School ends

Tuesday 24th June 2008

(Year 11 students are reminded that they <u>must</u> attend this day as they have a GCSE modular Mathematics exam)

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE

St John's College website is now online including the latest news, information and school pictures from the past and the present. You can visit us at:

www.stjohnsdromore.com



Joe with his family. Joe is the owner of the land the windmills are built on.





Claire with the
Chief Executive of RES.
The photo was in the
Belfast Telegraph and the
Ulster Herald.



Claire and Nicola enjoying a meal in The Manor House, courtesy of RES - the company that built the windmills.

GCSE Art and Design Exhibition 2008



Some Year 10 students looking at the Year 12 GCSE Art and Design Exhibition on display in the Art Room. Below are some of the students work which will be on display the night of the exhibition.





'Ice-cream Bag' Lauren Bi<mark>r</mark>ney



'Motorbike' Darragh McGowan



'Scarab Beetle' Ryan Martin



'Rose' Claire Gallagher'

St John's Business and Enterprise College

cordially invite you to the

GCSE Art and Design Exhibition

to be held in the college on

Friday 6th June 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Refreshments will be served Everyone welcome!

DUTCH EXCHANGE

On 8th April, students from St Johns and Devenish College, Enniskillen took part in the annual Dutch school exchange trip. Students stayed with Dutch families whose children attend the Dr Mollarcollage School in Wallwik, Holland. The Dutch students then came to Ireland towards the end of April and stayed with families from St Johns and Devenish College.

The trip to Holland included a variety of projects including a Dutch lesson, an Art project on World Peace, a trip to the fabulous Efeling Theme park, bowling, and a 13 mile cycle to a nearby historical town. Students were also given the opportunity to sample a local "delicacy" - raw herring fresh at the market!!

Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the trip, particularly the excellent weather and good company.







4th Year Field Study on the Local River

On a glorious sunny Monday, the 12th of May our GCSE geography class carried out an investigative study of the Shaneragh River at six predetermined bridges. They measured the rivers depth, width, speed, gradient and rock size and shape. As you can see from the photos they thoroughly enjoyed

themselves.



Steven and Patrick enjoying the sun with the Shaneragh River in the background.



The gang recording at Carryglas Bridge



Stop 5 and they are exhausted and hot, especially Clare after she scared the sheep with her "freedom on farmland run"



"James Bond and Laura Croft eat your heart out." Believe it or not but Jack and Louise were measuring the gradient of the river bed with the gun clinometers in their hands.



An impressive array of Wellingtons. In all my years going on this study I have never had a class where they all dressed in wellies and so fashionably.

PHOTOSHOP

Year 8 students recently attended a Photoshop course in Omagh, here is Sinead Marlow's comments on the day and a sample of work by Naomi McManus

Earlier this term we went to a Photoshop course in the Technology Centre in Omagh.

The instructor's name was Bronagh McCartan. It was both a fun and an educational trip for our class. We were able to make a poster showing the effects of the Black Death using this lesson.

It was useful because we were able to collect our own pictures to do with the Plague from the internet. We learnt a lot of things about the Black Death.

Sinead Marlow 8A2



Gaelic Football Success

Congratulations to Shauna & Ciara McNabb and Katherine Irvine who were members of the Tyrone U14 championship winning team who beat Donegal in the final. Well done girls and keep up the good work.

Success at Feis Thir Eoghain and Feis Fhearmannach

Feis Thir Eoghain

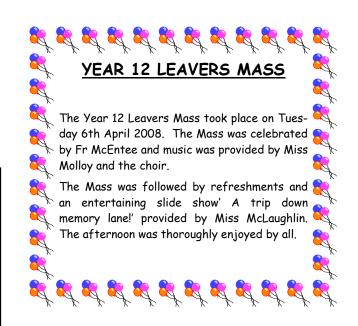
Key Stage 3 pupils From St Johns represented the school and competed in Feis Thir Eoghain in April.

Lydnsey Hamiliton (Year 10) competed in the KS3 Girls Solo Poem, performing 'My Mother Saw A Dancing Bear' by Charles Causley, and came fourth.

The Year 8 drama group entered the KS3 Choral Verse speaking competition, performing 'The Naming of Cats' by TS Elliot and 'The Car Trip' by Michael Rosen, coming in first place and winning a shield for the school.

Feis Fhearmannach

Congratulations to Arlene Anthony of 10A1 for achieving 2nd place in the History section of Fermanagh Feis. Arlene researched Amelia Earhart and wrote an interesting letter to the famous pioneering pilot. Comhghairdeachas. Well done to all students who took part.



Year 8 visit the Ulster American Folk Park

On April 22nd, Ms Bradley and Ms Mc Laughlin accompanied all the year 8 students to the Ulster American Folk Park on a Mathematics trail. This involved a trail that was specially written for the Folk Park by mathematics advisory staff from the Western Education and Library Board. This trip helped students reinforce mathematical concepts in a novel and an unusual setting. The trails dealt with such concepts as number, symmetry, time, estimation, shape and angles. An enjoyable day was had by all the year 8 students.