



## Omagh Midsummer Carnival

On the 20th June 2008 students from St John's took part in the Omagh Midsummer Carnival. This year's carnival theme was 'winged things'. Twenty different schools and Youth Organisations participated in the event. Year 8 students worked after school with Miss Beattie, their Art Teacher to produce costumes and props. They cut and carved into polystyrene to make the wings which were then covered in fabric and glue and spray painted. They were transformed into The Demon and the Cupids. Participants included Odhran Teague, Mary McGowan, Belinda McGowan, Kelly Mc Nabb, Donna Mc Phillips, Leona Bradley, Sinead Marlow and Monika Kairyle. A great evening was had by all students as you can see from the photographs.



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*GCSE results will be issued at the college on Thursday 21st August 2008 for AQA, CEA 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.*

### 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](http://www.stjohnsdromore.com)

## Cookery Demonstration with Jenny Bristow

All year 10 pupils visited W5 in the Odyssey in Belfast to watch the celebrity chef Jenny Bristow work her magic in the kitchen. She demonstrated how to make some mouth watering dishes and also encourage healthy eating. Students also visited the W5 exhibitions which were enjoyed by all.



## PERFORMING ART DEPARTMENT TRAVEL TO SEE BLOOD BROTHERS



On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June students involved in St John's choir and drama group went to see Blood Brothers by Willy Russell in the Grand Opera House in Belfast. The students were accompanied by Miss Molloy (Music Teacher) and Miss Doherty (Drama Teacher) and thoroughly enjoyed the show which is a heart-warming musical about twins separated at birth. It was described as a "roller coaster of emotions" and there wasn't a dry eye in the house at the end. With fabulous songs, dancing and great acting, a marvellous time was had by all. For those who have been working hard in performing arts extracurricular activities all year it was a spectacular way to end the term. The Performing Arts Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

### Orienteering

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 Year 11 GCSE P.E students took part in an inter schools Orienteering competition in Drum Manor Forest Park, Cookstown. This was a new experience for the students who did exceptionally well for their first time in such a competition. Outstanding performances came from Steven Mc Cann, who completed the course in the fastest time (13.01), Cathal Teague, Declan Mc Kenna and Turlough Mc Dermott.

The class will complete an 8 week orienteering course after the Easter holidays with an experienced coach coming into the school to take the class.

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL INTER PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

June once again saw St John's host 2 fun packed sports days. 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 changeable over the 2 days all the students had a great time and were able to complete all events. At lunchtime lunch was provided by the college canteen and the afternoon saw a presentation of medals.



### UK Mathematics Trust Challenge

A number of Year 9 students competed in the UK Mathematics Challenge in May 2008. This involved 25 maths puzzles for students to solve correctly. All students involved enjoyed the challenging experience and three of our students received prizes.

Gold Certificate awarded to Ciara Carron

Silver Certificate awarded to Cathair Mc Elholm

Bronze Certificate awarded to Bronach Sludden

Well done to those prizewinners and all who entered.

## GCSE Art and Design Exhibition Night



Parents and local people enjoying the display of GCSE Art and Design work in the Art room

## New Community Room

The new community room which is currently being built onto the Sports Complex is due to be completed by mid August. The room will contain a fully fitted kitchen and a multi use area. The project is being funded by the Rural Development council under the Vibrant Villages Programme and includes a contribution from the parish. The architects are Keyes and Monaghan, Irvinestown and the work is being carried out by Mc Aleer and Teague Contractors, Dromore.



## Year 10's at the Marble Arch Caves in Fermanagh

An educational visit to The Marble Arch Caves was arranged for Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May to study Limestone features. It was of particular importance to pupils considering taking Geography for GCSE. It was a very enjoyable day and they would love to go back again.



The gang relaxing before the walk of an hour and a half. Don't they look so motivated? Martina was in charge here!!!!



The lads before the tour into the caves. It might explain why there is not smiling.



As they descend into the caves.



A stalactite in the cave that began to form over 100,000 years ago



The excitement is palpable as they embark on a flat bottomed boat.



Incredible features of time seen in the caves



### "Taste and See" Day

Ms Bradley and all Year 9 students attended a "Taste and See Day" in South West College, Omagh on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This was a wonderful day for all as all Year 9 girls attended Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy workshops and Year 9 boys attended Joinery and Motor Vehicle workshops. Both groups found the day thoroughly enjoyable and informative for their career choices.

### END OF TERM TRIP

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 75 students accompanied by staff travelled to Lisburn for the Annual End of Term Trip. The students travelled by buses to Lisburn and split into groups, some wishing to go to the Cinema and some to the swimming pool complex. After a time of swimming and watching a movie everyone had a chance to do a spot of shopping in the shopping centre and have their lunch before heading down the road again to Dromore. A fantastic day was had by students and staff alike.