



# HILL TOP NEWS



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

# Switched On Schools Programme

Northern Ireland Electricity, the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Education and Library Boards in Northern Ireland have been working in partnership to develop this landmark project which aims to install solar photovoltaic panels at 21 rural schools throughout Northern Ireland, as well as 25 renewable streetlights at 9 of the schools. We in St. John's were one of the lucky recipients.



Staff and Pupils listen with interest as Solar Energy is explained to them by Ann Kellagher from NI Energy



This Solar Panel was installed after Easter this year onto the gym roof. We have already made savings as well as reducing the amount of pollution going up into the air (nearly 1000kg of CO2).

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Halloween Holidays

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October 2008

Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December-Friday 2nd January 2008 (inclusive)



## Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November 2008 in

St. John's Business and Enterprise College from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

All Welcome



## Congratulations

Year 11 GCSE Art and Design pupil, Corey Slevin, won the 'Rap It, Bin It', Poster Competition Senior section organised by Omagh District Council. As part of a campaign to keep the streets gum free, Omagh District Council have issued shops and schools with chewing gum disposal paper in a small packet. It is on this packet you will see Corey's winning design. He won an ipod and the school received a compost bin. Well Done!

> Corey receives his prize from Cllr Martin Mc Colgan, the Chairman of Omagh District Council.



#### SAM COMES BACK TO TYRONE!!

On the 27th October St John's had the pleasure of having both the Sam Maguire and the Tommy Markham cup visit the school for the afternoon. Students and staff had the opportunity to have photographs taken with both the players and the cups. After the photos students had a question and answer session with the players. A great afternoon was had by all.













## The LET Programme

On 6<sup>th</sup> October 10 pupils set off on the first residential of this year's LET programme. The year 9 pupils involved this year are, Mary McGowan, Chloe McCaffrey, Kelly McNabb, Cora McKenna, Melissa McCann, Donna McPhillips, Donna McNabb, Michael Sheridan, Kornel Lovei and Sonnie McDonagh. The pupils stayed in Portneal Lodge in Kilrea again this year and they all took part in many out door activities. The activities included, Laser Quest, raft building and kayaking. A great time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to the Residential 2.







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# Welcome to our new Year 8 Pupils

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Back Row From left: Emily Mc Connell, Cathal Mc Goldrick, Edward Kelly, Tejay Richards, Shannon Gallagher

Front Row From left: Maurice Mc Cloughan, Damien Mc Quaid, Kieran Corey, Gerald Murphy

Missing from the photo: Declan Mc Nulty



#### 8A2

Back Row From left: Killian Doherty, Kirby Mullan, Conor Mc Gurren, Peter Teague, Cillian Mc Goldrick, Gabrielle O'Reilly, Dean O'Neill

Front Row From left: Tiarnan Sludden. Eimear Curran, Shannon Slevin, Ciara Mc Carney, Niamh Campbell, Sorcha Mc Grade, Rhys Mc Caffrey

Missing from the photo: Darren Mc Cusker, Michael Wilson, Deirbhla Mc Nulty, Chelsea Leigh-McKenna



# FAST FOOD COMPETITION



Year 9 and Year 10 Home Economics pupils have entered a 'fast food from scratch' competition in association with the British Heart Foundation. The aim of the competition is to develop a healthy snack in 15 minutes from scratch. Results will be released next year. Below is a sample recipe which everyone can try...

#### Hawaiian Grill

Ingredients: 1 piece of bread, 2 pieces ham, 1 ring pineapple, 1 cube cheese

<u>Method:</u> On the bread, place your ham and pineapple, grate your cheese and sprinkle over ham and pineapple.

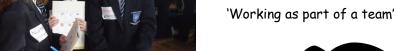
Set under grill for 5-8 minutes until cheese melts and enjoy!

# YOUNG ENTERPRISE Big School Year 8



On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, Marie from Young Enterprise delivered a programme to Year 8. During the time Year 8 focused on how we greet each other, how to design a business card and how to launch a product through a business. They all experienced how a business works and how important their roles would be in a business. There were prizes given from Young Enterprise to those pupils who designed their business cards and for those pupils who worked well as a team to launch their own product.

'How to greet each other' in business'





'Talking and listening to each others' ideas'

# Entrepreneurship Masterclass







Year 11's Enterprise Trees

A Master Class in Business Studies was held in St. John's on the 29<sup>th</sup> September with Ms. Clare and the Year 11 students. It was a day promoting entrepreneurship and business co-operation. It was organised by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and led by Lorna McManus along with Sandra Magee and Fionnula.

The guest speakers were Billy Dixon, an Image Consultant and Collette Mc Nulty, of " A Cut Above" in Dromore who provided a great insight to their chosen career paths.



The students were told 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 like how to walk, stand, sit and behave in an interview. Year 11 students had a great learning experience.





# DROMORE SPORTS COMPLEX NEW COMMUNITY ROOM NOW OPEN

The new extension to the Sports Complex opened for use in September. Since then there have been various dance classes, keep fit, Karate, Aerobics, First Aid and Children's Parties.

Planned events include the Christmas Ceoltas Session and a cross Community Carol Service.

If you wish to hold an event, hire a room or hire the hall, please contact Damien on 028 82898618.

#### Young Writers

Congratulations to the following 9A2 pupils who had their work published in the Autumn edition of Young Writers' *Spark The Imagination creative* writing book series.

The pupils are: Emma Smyth, Naomi Mc Manus, Chloe Mc Caffrey and Ebony Garrity. The pupils were asked to write a mini saga of fifty words on any theme that inspired them.

# Democracy Week

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On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October a group of Yr 11 students attended a Democracy workshop in the Concept of Loretto convent Omagh. A number of local councillors facilitated the meeting where topics such as Concept of Recycling, Rural Development, Proposed New School Campus, Omagh Hospital and the Strule Art Centre Concept of the local Concept of the workshops were well attended with representatives from the majority of the local Concept of the lo

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#### St. John's and Young Enterprise

On the 16th of October, Lorna from Young Enterprise delivered a programme entitled the "Economics of Staying in School" in St. John's B&E College. The programme helps students to understand the link between education and their future success and happiness in work and life.









Among the responses were: "I liked everything about today.... Working in the groups.... Discussing what we want to be when we are older....."



Lorna giving advice to Roisin



Luke enjoying the discussion with Samantha



Claire, Pauline, Nicola and Clare working well together



#### Year 9 - Quick Start Programme with Young Enterprise

Year 9 have the opportunity to develop skills for work through a real-life enterprise experience. Along with Miss Beattie and Ms. Clare the Year 9's have set up a business and will run the company over the year. It is called Quick Start. They have attended meetings organized by Lorna McManus form Young Enterprise. The programme supports the development of key and life skills and it offers students practical experience of work and business.

During one of the activities the pupils were divided according to their characteristics and personalities into group areas that will help decide what part they will play in the company.



The Analytical Type: Killian, Shane, Sinead, Donna, Kelly, Natalie and Hayley





The Organising Type:

Ryan, Odhran, Conor Natalie, Chloe, Mary, Monika





The Supportive Type: Shae, Michael, Ebony, Naomi, Leona





The Creative Type:

Donna, Amy, Kerri, Kornel, Belinda, Amy, Shane, Emma, Cora, Sonnie, Melissa



