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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Fashion and Variety Show a great success

On the 4th of December St John's Year 11 Sport, Leisure and Tourism students held a very successful Formal Wear Fashion Show which also featured Deal or No Deal hosted by Ms Ann-marie Clare-Kelly and a Variety Show. Students who attended the formal the previous night modelled at the show. Mrs Maura Pat McReynolds compered the evening and an excellent night of entertainment was had by all.

It has been a manic few weeks here in St. John's especially for Mrs Martha Gavin, Mr Jimmy McCloughan and the Occupational Studies class. It was a stylish night where the girls were transformed into sublime elegance. As for the fellas they looked cool, calm and sophisticated.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays -

Monday 22nd December 08

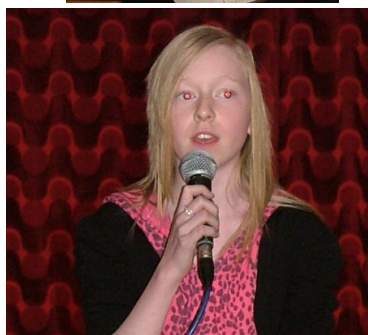
- Friday 2nd January 09

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Mid Term Break -

Thursday 12th February 09

- Tuesday 17th February 09



Mechanical Doodles Competition

Year 10 pupils took part in an exciting cross-curriculum based project organised by Queens University, Belfast. The Art and Design and the Technology Departments collaborated to assist pupils to design and make a kinetic sculpture - art that moves. Pupils have been inspired by the work of Barry Orr which they saw on a recent visit to the Naughton Gallery at Queens. They also had the opportunity to see a racing car that had been developed by the students in the Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Department. As part of the competition, artist, Paddy Bloomer, visited the school and helped pupils to further develop their designs. On the 28th November one group presented their kinetic sculpture at Queens along with 10 other schools across N. Ireland.



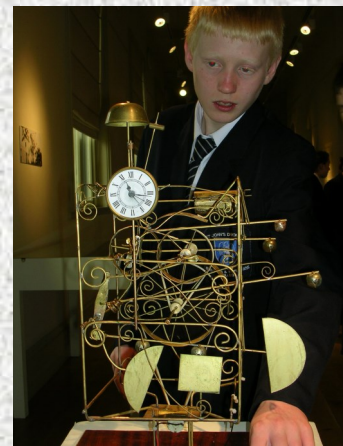
Emma Corry tries out the De-elevator made by Paddy Bloomer



James Coley sitting in the racing car



Paddy looking at Emma and Zoe's Sculpture designs



Lyton Mullan looking at Barry Orr's kinetic sculpture

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Year 11 and Year 9 pupils went to see this film. We went on Monday the 10th November. It was a very good film. It is about an eight year old boy called Bruno, who moves from Berlin to Auschwitz in Poland because his father has got a new job there, as Commandant. Bruno meets Shmuel a Jew. Shmuel lives in Auschwitz, an extermination camp for Jews. Bruno doesn't understand why Shmuel has to wear striped pyjamas.

By Aimee Teague 9A2

Year 8 Library Competition

Congratulations to all year 8 pupils who took part in the library competition. The task was to design a poster for their favourite book using ICT.

The winners were

1st Eimear Curran

2nd Conor Mc Gurren/Tejay Richards

3rd Kieran Corey

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2008

On Saturday the 29th of November a Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair was held in St. John's Business and Enterprise College from 10.30am to 1.30pm. The students in their houses made products or provided services for sale on this very popular day which has become a yearly event. A lot of effort and wonderful entrepreneurial skills went into their work. So congratulations and thanks to all who had a part to play in this successful day.



St John's Business & Enterprise College—Formal 2008

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on 4th December. Despite the poor weather conditions everyone arrived on time and safe and well. The girls looked beautiful, the boys handsome and a great night was had by all. Gerry McGread, Mickey Donnelly and Jimmy McCloughan provided the disco and the students contributed some highly entertaining acts.



PRIZEGIVING NIGHT

On Wednesday 5th November St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2008. Ms Doherty gave a warm welcome to the large gathering praising their achievements both academic and social and wishing them well in their future careers.

Guest speakers were Tyrone Minor Captain and former past pupil, Ronan McNabb and Tyrone Minor Player also former past pupil Conor O'Neill.



TOP STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2008

Cathy Mullen receives her award from Canon Breen



TOP GCSE BOY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Ethan Teague receives his award from Ronan McNabb



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR SUSTAINED EFFORT 2008

Cathy Mullen receives her award from Ronan McNabb



Contribution to School Life 2008

Conor Kelly receives his award from Ronan McNabb



SCHOOL TO WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2008

(Jointly awarded to Patrice Mullen and Barry Slevin.) Presenting the award is Gerry McGread from the School to Work Programme



SPORTS BOY OF THE YEAR 2008

Conor O'Neill presents Ryan Martin with his award



SPORTS GIRL OF THE YEAR 2008

Conor O'Neill presents this award to Paula McManus

DRUMLISH STUDENTS PUTTING THEIR COOKING SKILLS TO THE TEST

Drumlish P.S. have been coming to St John's on Thursday afternoons for a six week Home Economics programme. The students have been working hard to make a selection of different dishes as well as learning about safety, food hygiene and why it is important to have a balanced and



healthy diet.

A selection of the different dishes that they made include sunny scrambled eggs, Hawaiian grill and cupcakes.



Key Programme

On the 1st October, the Year 11's set off with Jimmy and Miss Bradley for their first Residential for the Key Programme. It was held in the Share Centre in Lisnaskea and despite some terrible weather a great time was had by everyone. The students made their own canoe as well as testing it on the water to see whose boat would sink first! They were all involved in a number of ice-breaker activities to enhance their entrepreneurial skills. Everyone had a great time and the countdown has begun to the next residential.

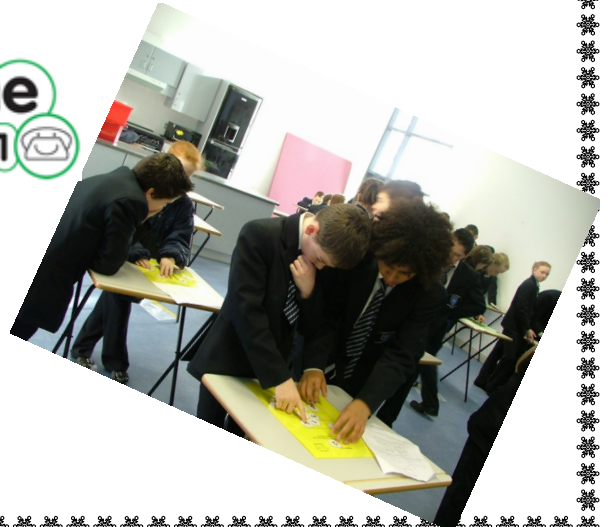


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NUMBER DAY

On Monday 8th December, all students in Years 8,9 and 10 participated in Number Day in order to raise money for the charity, Childline. The day included taking part in the 'Fun Maths Roadshow' and also a mathematical table quiz. The day was a great opportunity to get pupils to enjoy maths and raise money for the NSPCC and ChildLine. A total of £620 was raised for the charity. The money raised will help many abused, neglected and vulnerable children to have happier lives. Many thanks to all who contributed to our Number Day!



YE-Nine

On Tuesday the 28th of October the Year 9 Pupils were introduced to enterprising skills and qualities. The *YE-Nine* programme was fun and interactive. The pupils learnt through participation what it means to be enterprising. They learnt from the example of existing entrepreneurs in their local community - Our invited entrepreneur Mr. Rory Gormley - A Dromore Auctioneer spoke about his job and the importance of innovation and creativity. The characteristics of an enterprising person were explored and students had to identify their own personal enterprise skills as well as learning about the importance of setting goals



The girls working together on their creative skills



The team present their idea to the whole year group.



This group are working well together putting their entrepreneurial skills into practice



Conor and his final presentation



Amy with her finished masterpiece



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Year 9 pupils were involved in designing and producing a product for sale. The product was a waterproof pocket pencil case which they called LILPOK. They also came up with a logo, business card, poster and flyer.



The Year 9 pupils at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair in Omagh Strule Arts Centre.

FOOD HYGIENE

Year 12 were recently awarded their Food Hygiene Certificates through the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Liz Simpson from Loughrey College gave pupils their certificates and held an informative talk on the food industry and careers within the food industry which was greatly received by all. Congratulations and well done on all your hard work Year 12



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