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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

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SCHOOL DETAILS

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Open Day - Friday January 30th 2009

On Friday 30th St. John's welcomed Primary 7 students from all our feeder primary schools to sample a range of practical activities in a number of subjects. As the photographs prove they had a really enjoyable day and took home examples of their wonderful work.

At lunchtime they had the opportunity to sample some of the activities offered at St John's, under three of the main areas of study, *Gymnastics, Games and Athletics*.



In Science the P7's carried out an investigation on the energy content in food. (A lot of crisps and Wotsits were burnt at this stage).

The Performing Arts Department joined up with the Modern Language Department and their activities included Music and Drama with French to give a very exciting experience which included singing, movement and games. They explored the Home Economics room and were made aware of safety & hygiene, as well as how to use time effectively, explore a recipe, get ingredients, make decisions and sample the final cooked product.

As you can see from the photos below, a great day was had by all students.

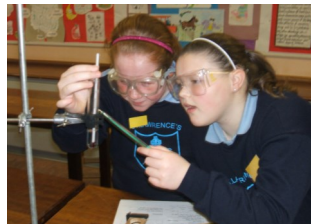
SCHOOL CLOSINGS

St Patrick's Day - Monday 16th March 09 - and Tuesday 17th March 09 .

Easter Holidays - Thursday 9th April 09 — Monday, 20th April 09 (inclusive).

School Website

<http://stjohnsdromore.com>



In Art and Design the P7's had an opportunity to try out new techniques of using felt and the photos clearly show the fun being had on the day.



For Technology they had an opportunity to actually design and make a key fob. The P7's were also made aware of how important Health and Safety is in the workshop.



In Information Technology the P7's produced a Personal Profile and learned to access a website through the Internet.

President Mary McAleese and her husband visit Dromore

On Wednesday 18th February 2009 at 12.00 noon, President Mary McAleese and her husband Dr Martin McAleese arrived in Dromore to officially open St Dymphna's GAA new football pitch. After the official opening they came to the Sports Complex where a large crowd of people were waiting to see the special guests. A number of students from each of the local primary schools were in attendance, as well as students from St John's and members of the local community (approx 200 people in all).

In her speech President McAleese commented on the number of great football players that had been provided by St Dymphna's GAA and past students of St John's Business & Enterprise College who now take up their proud places on both the Tyrone Minor and Senior Teams. After the event tea, coffee and sandwiches were served by St John's.



President Mc Aleese and her husband Dr Martin Mc Aleese arrive at Dromore Sports Complex



Mary and Martin Mc Aleese with Brian Mc Carron (DECP) Damien Maguire (Sports Hall Manager), Denise Mullan and Deividas Paliokas (St John's Students)



Michael McGirr & Maeveen Mc Nabb, representing "The spirit of Paul Mc Girr Foundation" on the occasion of President Mc Aleese's visit.



Master of Ceremonies, Seamus Mc Nabb (Secretary of Dromore St Dymphna's CTFC) addresses President Mc Aleese & her husband Martin.

Rev. Canon Breen, Pat Darcy (Chairman of Tyrone County Board) and Kevin Sludden (Club member of new Synthetic pitch)



President Mary Mc Aleese addresses the large crowd in Dromore Sport Complex.



Jack Poyntz, a senior student at St John's presents a token to Dr Martin Mc Aleese.



Catherine McNabb, a senior student at St John's presents a bouquet of flowers to President Mary McAleese.



John McCusker, former Club Secretary and former Principal of St John's addressing President Mary McAleese.

ART & DESIGN PROJECT

During December 2008 Year 9 students worked with the artist Genevieve Murphy on a school sculpture. The sculpture was to highlight the Business and Enterprise opportunities within the school. The students took photographs around the school and made drawings. They used a variety of materials and techniques to make the artwork. Students enjoyed the experience of working with an artist and producing a large scale sculpture. The finished product now hangs in the school foyer. Have a look the next time you are in!



Miss Deirdre Bradley and some of our Year 8 students who took part in our Number Day activities to raise money for NSPCC and Childline.

Congratulations to ALL our Key Stage 3 students.

Total Amount Raised was £617.00

PHOTOSHOP PROJECT

On the 20th and 22nd January Joy and Bronagh came from the Nerve Centre in Derry to do Photoshop with year 8. Our task was to design a history poster on the Black Death. We had never done this before and it was hard at the start moving the images onto the screen. At the end of the two sessions we were skilled in Photoshop. The end result was excellent and we all enjoyed it very much.

Darren McCusker 8a2

ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE HOUSE SYSTEM

At the beginning of the school year students were randomly selected and placed into Houses for our new Inter House System. The House System is an opportunity for students to gain and build up points as reward for good work and taking part in extra curricular activities among other things.

The houses are named after Sean Quinn, Simon Cowell, Bill Gates and Richard Branson. The entrepreneurial choice of names, make a fitting theme for our Business and Enterprise College.

Quinn House were winners of Term 1 and will be going on a trip very soon but the race is still on for Term 2.

Digital Story Telling

On the 4th and 5th of February 9A1 and 9A2 did Digital Story Telling with Kevin O'Kane from the Nerve Centre, Doire. In class beforehand we did story boards telling the history of the school. We were put into groups of four. On the day each group was given a video camera and we were instructed to go around the school filming. The groups told the story of the school: the beginning in 1965, the bombing in 1974 and the new Sports Hall in 2008. At the end of the session we edited our work by adding music and special effects. We produced our own DVD of a short history of the school. Some students said their favourite part was the outtakes because they were funny.

By Cillian Mc Dermott, Shae Campbell and Ryan Mc Elduff.

Maths Valentines Competition

The Maths Department ran a poetry competition with a difference. The task was to compose a Valentine's poem that was to include at least 5 mathematical words. There was great interest in the competition with the two winners winning a romantic meal for 4 in the canteen and the runners-up winning some romantic goodies.

"Love was definitely in the air"

Congratulations to our Winners

Chloe McCaffrey 9A2

Emma Smyth 9A2

Runners-up

Sorcha McGrade 8A2

Arlene Anthony 11A



Below are the winning poems, I'm sure you'll agree they would melt anyones heart!!!

Me+u=2

You are the area of my heart,
The pie in pie chart,
You are the prime of my time,
You being negative is always a crime
I hope we are never divided and you're never mean to me,
I hope we always multiplied and living happily
To me you are: Beautiful
Observant
Delicious
Mysterious
Attractive
Smart
And I hope that we are never subtracted apart,
So happy valentines my little sweet heart because you
are the circumference of my heart!!!

By Chloe Mc Caffrey 9A2



My valentine

Your number one in my heart
Number two in my chart
I'd walk 100 miles
For one of your smiles
I'd count all my money
To spend with you honey
I can not measure
My love for you I treasure
So if you have the time
I'd make you mine
Now is your chance
I hope you can dance
My one my only
valentine.

By Emma Smyth 9A2

