

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

### PRIMARY 7 MATHEMATICS FUN DAY

All the Primary 7 students from the majority of our feeder schools joined forces on Thursday 4th June for the first ever Maths Fun Day run by the Maths Department – Miss McLaughlin & Miss Bradley.

The Mathematics Department along with Sentinus created a Mathematics Fun Day, which aimed to provide an enjoyable mathematics experience for children of all mathematical abilities and encourage students to enjoy mathematics.

Teams had to put their heads together to solve a variety of questions and puzzles. The day ended as each pair made a rocket which they had to make and shoot into the air. There were prizes for the rockets that stayed up the longest as well as for the winning teams.

As the fun came to a close each student was presented with a 'Certificate of participation' and a few goodies. The school then they gave out prizes to the top teams from St Macartan's PS Dullaghan and Tummery PS.

A special thanks goes to Pat Jameson from Sentinus and our Year 11 girls, Lynsey, Aine, Clare, Keva, Claire, Nicola and Roisin. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to running the day next year again.

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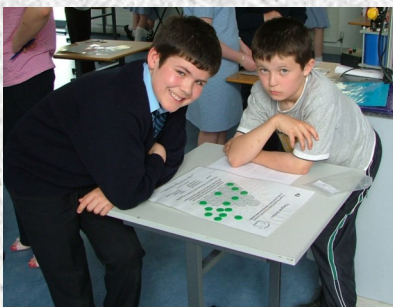
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## Ulster American Folk Park

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms Bradley and Veronica 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 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.



## Holland Exchange Trip

On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007 five students from St John's travelled to Holland as part of an exchange with Devenish College. Our students were partnered with students from Dr Moller College in Waalwijk in Holland. The students from St John's that participated were Shannon McManus, Megan Mullan, Barry Skelton, James McDonagh and Rory McCusker. During the trip the students enjoyed several fantastic experiences, such as a visit to a concentration camp, a day spent at a massive amusement park and a 32 mile cycle. The students were accompanied by Miss Kennedy. Great friendships were made and a fantastic time was had by all who took part.



### RETIREMENTS

This year saw the Retirement of two members of our staff, Mr Patsy Corrigan - Caretaker for 30 years and Mrs Rosemary McFarlane - English Teacher for 16 years. We would like to take this opportunity to wish both of them a very Happy Retirement from all the staff and students in St John's.



## CAR BOOT SALE

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 11 Occupational Studies class held a Car Boot Sale in the all - weather pitch in the afternoon. There was a wide variety of goods for sale ranging from a bird cage to a selection of jigsaws. There were games and activities for all the family. The sun shone down and the car boot sale was deemed a success. Congratulations to the Occupational Studies group on their organisation and preparation.



Ms Bradley, Ms Latimer 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 a group of Year 9 girls attended Hairdressing and Child Care workshops and a mixed group of boys and girls attended Motor Vehicle and Catering workshops. Both groups found the day thoroughly enjoyable and informative for their career choices.

## **ART COMPETITION WINNERS IN THE DROMORE FLEADH**

*Many congratulations to our winners in the Art Competition*

**1st Place - Damien McQuaid**

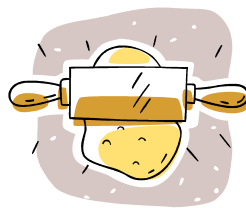
**2nd Place - Edward Kelly**

**3rd Place - Sorcha McGrade**

## **PUPILS FROM ST LAWRENCE'S COOKING UP A STORM!!!**

Pupils from St Lawrence's have been working hard in Home Economics this term to learn how to make tasty treats such as cupcakes and mini pizzas.

An enjoyable time has been had by all and the pictures show how the pupils have learnt new skills such as grating cheese and preparing their bun mixes. Well done to them!





# African Drum Lessons

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June our junior students were given the chance to learn how to play African Drums. This programme aims to introduce students to music from other cultures. Ronan McKee from Play Percussion showed our students some excellent rhythms on the African Drums. It was difficult at the start to get the hang of it but with a little practice, most of the students were able to make some lovely music and keep in time. It was a really enjoyable experience.



## **PEER MENTORING COURSE - ST JOHN'S & DEVENISH COLLEGE**

A group of Year 11 students from St John's joined together with a group of Year 11 students from Devenish College, Enniskillen to participate in a Peer Mentoring Course. The course ran for 6 weeks and included modules such as the benefits and values of mentoring, communicating and listening, confidentiality, conflict management, role plays, peer pressure and taking responsibility. The groups had an outing to the Bowling Alley in Irvinstown at the end of the 6 weeks for a fun day. This course will now be valuable to our students who will be mentoring our new Year 8 students next year.





# GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO LOUGH HILL WIND FARM - DRUMQUIN

Lough Hill Wind Farm, Drumquin



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Adrian Mc Laughlin our tour guide for Action Renewable



In front of the "Joe Power" turbine

Lough Hill Wind Farm, Drumquin



# BUSINESS STUDIES FIELDTRIP TO THE TAYTO FACTORY TANDRAGEE



St. John's & St. Mary's



The Birthday Girls



"The fashion"



"Just a wee cuddle"



## Omagh Midsummer Carnival

Students from St John's took part in the recent Omagh Midsummer Carnival. Year 8 students worked hard after school to help create their costumes. Well done to all the students that took part. A great evening was had by all students as you can see from the photographs.



## ST JOHN'S TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Key Stage 3 pupils took part in a Talent Show held at the school. Acts included songs such as 'Run', 'The Fields of Athenry' and poems 'The Sound Collector' and 'The Want Want Twins'. We also witnessed a variety of dances and a very entertaining 'Disco Faces of St Johns'. It was a fantastic afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

## Winners of the Talent show

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Fly on the Wall

(Year 9 Dancers- Melissa McCann, Natalie Pearson, Niamh Rafferty, Cora McKenna, Mary McGowan, Monika Kairyte, Belinda McGowan and Amy Kelly)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Run

(Sung by Amy McGirr, Ciara Teague and Donna McPhillips with dancing by Samantha Gallagher)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Sally Gardens

(Sung by Donna McPhillips)

## DROMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL ENJOY A DAY IN THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Students from Dromore Controlled Primary School enjoyed an afternoon of science practicals in St Johns. It was organised as part of their Science week. Students enjoyed lighting the Bunsen burners, wearing safety glasses and in general taking on the role of a scientist. Who knows what their future holds?







## YEAR 11 STUDENTS PAINT MURALS

For the Dromore Fleadh a group of Year 11 students painted murals on the old corner at slevins. The students involved were Corey Slevin, Ruairi McCusker, Luke Chadwick and Barry Skelton. When passing through Dromore, have a look at the wonderful talent on show from the students.



## GREEN FINGERED STUDENTS IN ST JOHN'S

From April 2009 there has been a lot of work carried out in our new garden which is situated at the back of the Science Block. The garden comprises of many new features including sitting areas, pathways, flowers, pond and vegetable patch.

St John's also entered for the competition for the Best Kept Schools Award and was delighted to receive High Commended as this was the first year the school entered. As you can see from the photographs below the garden is blooming, something that the students are very proud of.





## ST JOHN'S SPORTS DAY

Sports Day for Years 8 and 9 took place on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Students participated in competitions such as the long jump, high jump, 100 meter run, 50 meter run and the relay. It was a very enjoyable day helped along by the sunshine. Students particularly enjoyed the tug-o-war where the girls and boys competed against each other. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day enjoyed by all involved.



Dean throws the shot putt,  
watched on by Sonnie  
McDonagh



The boys' tug-o-war team!!



Running for gold!!  
Amy Kelly and Leona Bradley



Conor McGurran flying high!



The girls' tug-o-war team!!



Tiernan Sludden and  
Michael Sheridan running in  
the boys race.

## ST JOHN'S GIVING BACK TO CHARITY



Year 8 & 9 raised £1447.00 for Action MS



Mr Brian McCarron presenting a  
cheque for £500 to Damien  
McQuaid on behalf of Chernobyl  
Children's Charity.



Students presenting a cheque  
for £423.15 to Bridie Duffy  
from Trocaire



£200 presented to Joanne from the WHSC  
Trust for Diabetic research. Also in the  
photograph is Barry Skelton and Helena Kelly



Year 8 students pictured with Miss Bradley  
raised £617 for NSPCC and Childline  
through a Number Day held in the school