



# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## Fashion and Variety Show a great success

On the 10th of December St John's Year 11 & 12 Sport, Leisure and Travel students held a very successful Formal Wear Fashion Show and a Variety Show attended by over 350 people. Students who attended the formal the previous night modelled at the show. Mrs Ann-Marie Clare/Kelly compered the evening and an excellent night of entertainment was had by all. Highlights from this year's show included a performance of "Annie meets Oliver" which was developed by staff and students here at St John's. Dromore Primary School also preformed a version of Oliver and the local Comhaltas group entertained the crowd with a selection of music.

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.

### SCHOOL DETAILS

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### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

#### Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 22nd December -  
Tuesday 5th January 2010

All students return  
Wednesday 6th January  
2010



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Well done to all students and staff in St John's who gave their help in whatever way they could to the Shoe Box Appeal 2009. This was definitely a whole school initiative and the handing over of the shoe boxes proved a really enjoyable experience. Also to add to the shoeboxes, a collection was run and £40 was raised by pupils alone to assist with the postage of the boxes. Many thanks to all parents/guardians who donated items as well.



Year 9 students with some of the shoe boxes donated by the school



Cathal McGoldrick,  
Shannon Slevin, Emily McConnell



Edward Kelly &  
Mauris McCloughan loading  
the van with the shoe boxes



## InnoTaytors

Dean O'Neill, Tiernan Sludden, Eimear Curran, Niamh Campbell and Conor McGurran proudly show off their winning entry for the Tayto Competition. All Year 9 students worked with Lorna and Amanda from Young Enterprise to design a new crisp bag design, flavour and concept for Tayto Crisps. All pupils received a Young Enterprise goodie bag. We are now through to the third stage of the competition so fingers crossed!

## BUDDING ARTISTS

Melissa Mc Cann 10A1 was placed joint 3rd in a national competition for The World Mental Health Day Poster. Melissa and her family attended an award ceremony in Derry where she was presented with a £15 Easons' voucher. Emily McConnell 9A1 won first place in the World Peace Poster Competition organised by Omagh Lions Club.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009

The 2009 Christmas Fair was another huge success for St. John's and its students. The five year groups developed various products, all of which proved to be popular with visiting members of the community. Year 8 sold plants, stunning floral arrangements and Christmas candles. Year 9 created handmade jewellery, wrapping paper and decorations. Year 10 sold handbags, scarves and hats, while also serving in the tea room. The tea room also featured guest harpist Dearbhla Bradley, and her performance was commented on by many of our visitors. Year 11 produced photographs and a chocolate fountain, while also supervising the lucky dip and tombola. Their signed Celtic shirt also proved to be popular. Year 12 organised a bric a brac, darts and Christmas logs. The sports hall hosted a penalty shoot-out competition and a bouncy castle.

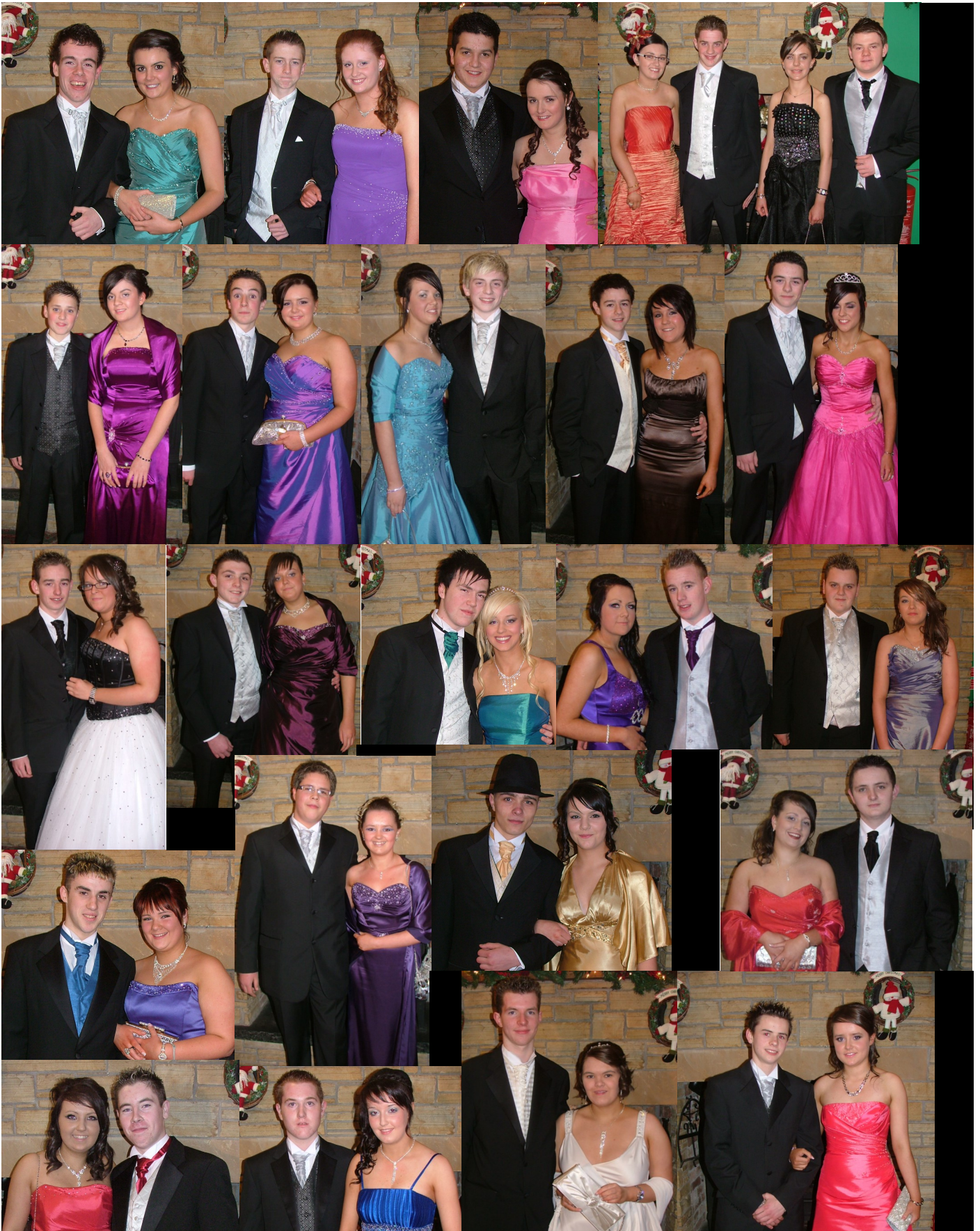


## Competition winners on the day

- Guess the number of sweets in the jar - Ann-Marie Clare/Kelly, Trillick & Monica McCusker, Dromore
- Name the Teddy - Monika Kairyne, Fintona
- Dromore football shirt - Sarah Teague, Dromore
- Celtic Football Shirt- Megan McBrearty, Dromore
- Christmas Hamper - Mrs Dillon, Dromore

## St John's Business & Enterprise College—Formal 2009

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Wednesday 9th December. Despite the cold 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 on the night was former past pupil, Joanne Colton an Accountant with local firm O'Neill Electrics, Dromore



**TOP STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2009**

Catherine McNabb receives her award from Joanne Colton



**TOP GCSE BOY STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2009**

Jack Poyntz receives his award from Ms Christine Doherty—Principal



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR SUSTAINED EFFORT 2009**

Theresa McCarney receives her award from Joanne Colton



**Contribution to School Life 2009**

Catherine McNabb receives her award from Joanne Colton



**SCHOOL TO WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2009**

Conor Sludden receives his award from Gerry McGread of the School to Work Programme



**SPORTS BOY AND SPORT GIRL OF THE YEAR 2009**

Jack Poyntz & Lauren McCann receiving their awards from past pupil Kevin Donnelly also proudly displaying the O'Neill Cup which he brought along on the night

## FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATE AWARDS FOR ST JOHN'S

Year 12 were recently awarded their Food Hygiene Certificates through the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

They worked along with Miss Latimer and pupils from Devenish College to complete an online examination. These certificates are a really worthwhile career opportunity.

Congratulations and well done in all your hard work Year 12



## MORE FORMAL GROUP PHOTOS



## Cash for Clobber

Thanks to all the pupils and staff who helped to collect bags of clothes for the Cash for Clobber Appeal. We collected 40 bags and raised £120. The clothes will be sent to people in developing countries. You can continue to help by putting your unwanted clothes in our new Clothes Bank located at the Sports Hall. The money raised will help us buy recycling bins for the school. Well done!



Niall, Eoghan, Eamon and Leigh standing beside our new clothes bank located at the Sports Hall



## Environmental News

Anthea Owens, Environmental Officer at Omagh District Council, came to the school in November and work with Year 8, 9 and 10. Pupils learnt how to make paper and compost. Jill Corry visited the pupils during gardening club and showed the pupils how to make bird food using grease, seeds and raisins. This was put into tubs and hung in the trees in the school garden.



Kelly Mc Nabb & Cora Mc Kenna in afterschool Gardening Club



Conor Mc Gurren and Dean O Neill put the bird food in the tubs



Year 10 girls mix compost and grass seeds



Year 8 watch on as Anthea shows them how to sieve the paper



## MATHS FUN DAY

Sixty Key Stage Two pupils from our feeder Primary Schools gathered at St John's recently to take part in the Sentinus "Keyquest" roadshow. The roadshow encouraged pupils to put their curriculum-based learning into practice and to develop their problem-solving, teamwork, communication and confidence building skills.

The young pupils put their problem solving skills to very good use by working through a series of mathematical puzzles - working with shapes, numbers and cracking codes. They worked their way through a strange and perilous land in a quest to discover a mystical gemstone, encountering wizards, trolls and an imprisoned queen along the way. The Key Stage Two pupils worked in teams and were guided through this mysterious land by "treasure hunters" - also known as our Year 11 mentors.

All participants - both Year 11 Students and Primary pupils - had a lot of fun.



## St Sciries PS, Trillick - Specialist School Programme

As part of the Specialist School Programme, St Sciries PS, Trillick took part in St John's home economics programme for six enjoyable weeks making various practical dishes from pizza to snowballs. They all worked hard and found the experience really enjoyable. Well done to them!!



## Key Programme

On the 23rd November to the 25<sup>th</sup> November, a number of year 11 pupils accompanied by Miss Bradley attended the Young Enterprise Key Programme in Kilcronaghan, Co. Derry.

Students participated in a number of outdoor activities including abseiling and canoe building as well as completing many business related activities such as completing a CV.

All year 11's really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next residential in February.



