



# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## AWARD WINNING ANNIE & OLIVER DRAMA GROUP

St John's students recently took part in the widely acclaimed North West Drama Festival in Strabane. The competition was of an exceptionally high standard with GCSE & A-level groups performing dramatic pieces. The students shone through and acted out the short feature devised by Ms L O'Neill and as a result the students were awarded "Best Moment in Theatre" which was a magnificent achievement for these talented students.



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### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

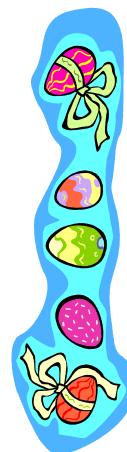
#### Easter Holidays

Thursday 1st April -  
Monday 12th April (incl)

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://stjohnsdromore.com>

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College Newsletter are  
available from the College  
Office



## Fermanagh Feis 2010

Congratulations to Dermott Logue in Year 8 who won third place for his picture in the Fermanagh Feis and to Hannah Callaghan also Year 8 who was Highly Commended. Well done to all the other students who entered, all work is now on display in the school.



## World Book Day 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010

On World Book Day pupils from 8A1 dressed up as characters from their favourite novels. Some of the characters we met were Goldilocks who brought along an empty bowl and a spoon; Fagin and the Artful Dodger entertained us with their various antics; the intrepid Sophie from the BFG managed to come along. Two modern characters made their way here: namely Harry Potter complete with scarf and we had a poignant reminder of the Holocaust with Shmuel.

## DROMORE CREDIT UNION QUIZ

On Sunday 31st January 2010 Dromore Credit Union held its Annual Credit Union Quiz in St John's. All the local primary schools took part and the winners are pictured below



### Tummery PS Section A Champions

L to R Tiarnan Mc Carron, Kieron Mc Dermott, Martin Curran ( Chairman Dromore Credit Union), Joseph Mc Cusker, Ryan Mc Cusker and Mr Sean Maguire (Principal)



### St Dymphnas PS Section B Champions

L to R Peirce Mc Nabb, Dermot Montague ( Dromore Credit Union) Clara Kelly, Mrs Claire Maguire (Vice principal) Eanan Edgar, John Mc Rory.



### UK Maths Team Challenge

*On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Tiarnan Sludden (yr9), Kirby Mullan (yr9), Emma Smyth (yr10) and Kornel Lovei (Yr 10) attended the UK Maths Team Challenge in St Columb's College, Derry along with Miss Bradley.*

*They competed with many other schools in the region participating in many difficult number puzzles and questions.*

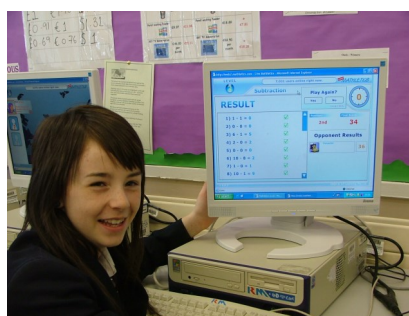
*They performed very well and were excellent representatives for St John's.*

## WORLD MATHS DAY

St John's pupils from Year 8 to Year 12 participated in World Maths Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

1,133,246 students and 56,082 schools from 235 countries united to set a new world record by correctly answering 479,732,613 maths questions! Wow that's impressive!!! Students had the opportunity to play at home and at school against other students around the world in live games of mental arithmetic. Each game lasted for 60 seconds and students earned points for each correct answer. This was a truly unique world event and a fantastic way to promote numeracy within our school and improve pupils' mental arithmetic skills and have fun in the process.

*Congratulations to Cathy Teague, Dermott Logue and Hannah Callaghan who received top scores in St John's!*



Chole McCaffrey answering her questions on the Mathletics Website.

## Cookie Crumble Cheesecake

Try this recipe for a real Easter treat!!

(Serves 6-8)

180g digestive biscuits

275g Galaxy Cookie Crumble

300g cream cheese

200g double cream

2tsp lemon juice

50g caster sugar

To serve – Galaxy Cookie Crumble chocolate shavings



1. Lightly grease a 20cm (8in) flan or tart tin

2. Place the digestive biscuits in a large bowl and bash with end of rolling pin until they are randomly broken with chunks and crumbs

3. Melt 120g of Galaxy Cookie Crumble in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Stir this into the biscuits and mix really well, to coat all the crumbs with chocolate.

4. Pour the mixture into the tart tin and press down evenly with the back of a spoon. Place the tin in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.

5. Melt the remaining Galaxy Cookie Crumble in a bowl over a pan of simmering water.

6. Beat together the cream cheese, double cream, lemon juice and sugar.

7. Pour in the melted chocolate and just stir a little – do not mix it in completely.

8. Spoon the cheese mixture on the top of the biscuit base and smooth over very roughly.

9. Decorate with the shavings of Galaxy Cookie Crumble.



## SCIENCE HAVE A HAIR RAISING EXPERIMENT



Monika Kairyte, Melissa McCann,  
Belinda McGowan and Cora McKenna

## French Breakfast



On Thursday 11th March all Year 8 students came together in Miss Kennedy's room to celebrate this year's "Petit Dejeuner Français." They enjoyed beautiful French breakfast food such as croissants, pain au chocolats, brioche, hot chocolate and a range of French Cheeses. All pupils had a fantastic time. After eating they all took part in a European quiz, the quiz winners were Eoghan Teague, Tiernan Gallagher, Gabhan McCusker and Gavin Teague. Well done boys.



Barry Gray enjoying his hot Chocolate



Shannon Barrett and Shannon Tunney enjoying their pain au chocolats



Cathy Teague enjoying her French Breakfast

## SPECIALIST SCHOOL STATUS CONTINUES AT ST JOHN'S

After an extensive application process plus a school inspection visit in January, St John's Business & Enterprise College were delighted to be told that they had been successful in securing a further year's funding for their Specialist School Status.

This was no surprise to the staff and pupils of St John's as they are well aware of the great benefits the specialist status has brought to their school.

In 2006, the number of pupils receiving 5+ A\*- C grades at GCSE rose to 80% placing them 3rd in the list of the Top 50 Post Primary Schools in all of Northern Ireland. This high standard continued over the next 2 years with the results consistently staying well above the Northern Ireland average for similar schools.

However the excellent results were not the only positive to come from the Specialist Status. The funding also helped to buy many new resources for the school and the emphasis on Business & Enterprise has helped the pupils to practice their life skills in real situations. This is why events like the Fashion and Variety Show and the Christmas Fair have become annual events in their calendar.

The funding has also allowed the school to offer their feeder primary schools a range of 6-week workshops in Technology, Home Economics and Modern Languages. These have proved very popular with the local schools. Indeed, being a Specialist School directly resulted in them being involved in the Sharing Education Programme. The funding from this programme allowed the school to offer even more courses to their primary schools. The current offer is Drama, Music, Art & Design and Physical Education.

The new funding will allow them to open new mini-shops with their school. The plan is to open shops to sell products designed and made by their own pupils. The pupils will also take responsibility for the day to day running of the shops. This once again lets the pupils gain invaluable life skills from working in a real life situation.

### Hurling

Hurling Training continues for Year 8 to 10 boys on a Friday morning

### Netball

Netball training for Year 8 girls will continue after Easter on a Thursday from 3:30-4:30





# GARDEN CORNER

## Garden Club

Once again the Garden club has started, this year we have over 24 members. There are lots of things to do in the garden at this time of year, pruning, weeding, and getting the drills ready for planting.

We have already planted tomatoes, lettuces, coriander, garlic, ginger etc. As we have entered the Super Valu competition again this year for Best Kept School Garden we would appreciate if all the students would maintain the same standards we had last year in keeping all areas tidy. The gardeners all stay over on a Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm with Veronica McCanny.

## Flower arranging!

Here at St. John's we do flower arranging. We did flower arranging for the Christmas Fair and for Mother's Day. We will be doing flower arranging at Easter as well. It is so much fun.

Veronica is the Head of the Garden Club and she helps us make the flower arrangements.

We sold our arrangements to the 5<sup>th</sup> years students.

All proceeds from the flowers were donated to Haiti.

We love the Gardening Club and Flower arranging.

Hope you liked our story.

Written by Hannah Callaghan + Cathy Teague

## New Youth Sport Programme

### just announced

St Johns College is one of twelve post primary schools in the Western Board Area that has been selected to participate in a new cross border Youth Sport initiative. The programme is part of a peace and reconciliation package that involves cross border and cross-community contacts between schools in counties Fermanagh, Tyrone and Sligo. Local primary schools will also benefit from the programme. St Johns has been to the fore in previous Youth Sport programmes and the new programme will once again be coordinated by Mr Mc Carron. Below are photos from previous youth Sport programmes which show just some of the activities involved. It is anticipated that activities will start in the last term.



Copies of the report on our recent inspection can be found on the Department of Education Website



**TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE  
(DO YOU RECOGNISE ANYONE?)**



**Naoimh Eoin Hurling team 2004**



**TRIP TO PARIS - 1993?**



## YEAR 12 PUPILS VISIT SOUTH WEST COLLEGE, OMAGH

Our Year 12 students recently visited South West College, Omagh. Students toured the facilities and were provided with information on the various courses available. Our photos show students visiting the Media suite and the Catering and Hospitality area.

More information about the courses can be found online at [www.swc.ac.uk](http://www.swc.ac.uk).



Paul McGrath, Sean Quinn and James McDonagh



Arnoldas Sileikis, Clare McGirr, Roisin McGrade and Declan McGurren



Declan McGurren, James McDonagh and Sean Quinn

## CLANABOGAN DRAMA CIRCLE

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March Clanabogan Drama Circle presented "Where there's a Will" a 3-Act Comedy with all proceeds to The Haiti Fund.

A great night of laughter and chat was had by all.

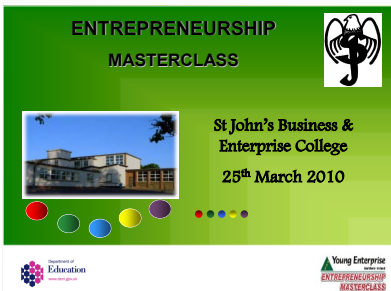


## ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

Year 9 students accompanied by Mr Mc Carron and Mrs Gormley went on a Science Trip to Armagh planetarium recently. The itinerary involved a Space Show in the Dome and an interactive workshop. The students also stopped off at Armagh Cathedral on the way.



# Entrepreneurship Masterclass with the Year 11 classes from St. John's and St. Mary's Irvinestown



A Master class in Entrepreneurship was held in St. John's on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Year 11 pupils from St. John's and St. Mary's, Irvinestown. It was a day promoting entrepreneurship and business operation among them organised by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and led by Fionnula and Amanda.

The guest speakers were **Billy Dixon, an Image Consultant** and **Raymond Donnelly, of "EuroAuctions" in Dromore** who provided a great insight in the paths taken to their careers.

The students were informed by Raymond that "if you have an interest in something, work hard and you want to be successful, then you will get there. It is all down to working hard and being sensible" "It is possible to get what you want to do if you work hard at it" "The most important skills needed to be employed in Euroauctions are communication skills, a sense of humour and being sensible."

There were lots of fun activities like how to walk, stand, sit and behave in an interview. They had a great learning experience.



Billy Dixon - An Image Consultant



Raymond Donnelly - EuroAuctions



This group won a prize for the best Business Plan



The groups at work making "The Enterprise Trees"



Billy Dixon showing the group how to walk and carry themselves with confidence



This group won a prize for the best promotion methods