



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

St John's welcomes its new Year 8 students

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SCHOOL CLOSURES

Halloween Holidays

Thursday 28th to Tuesday
2nd November 2010
(inclusive)

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 23rd –
Wednesday 5th January
2011 (inclusive)



8A1

Back Row: Padraig Quinn, Des McLaughlin, Colm Corry and Blake Palmer.

Front Row: Henrich Alder, Hannah Quinn, Mrs Corry (Form Teacher), Ciara Sheridan and David Nowak.



8A2

Back Row: Ross Hunter, Brandon Gallagher, Malise McKenna, Emma McDonnell, Conall McCann,

Middle Row: Jack Woulfe, Stephen Maguire, Stephen McBride, Darragh Campbell, Ronan Slevin, Shane Pratt

Front Row: Paige Watts, Caoimhe McGrade, Mrs Nugent (Form Teacher), Naomi Harkin and Petra Mitnyikova.

DRUMMING



We are really pleased to have Ronan McKee back in St John's to deliver another programme of drumming classes with Key Stage 3.

Last year, the drummers were the opening act at the college's annual Fashion and Variety Show. After the success, we hope with practice that this new group will make as big an impact.

World Poetry Day 7th October 2010

On Thursday 7th October Chris Thompson came to talk to the Year 8 students about World Poetry Day. It was organised by the WELB. We all wrote our own poems. We learnt about *similes* and *metaphors*.

Here is an example:

I Am.....

I am as golden as the sun,

I am as fit as a cheetah pulling a car,

I am as hot as a summer's day,

I am a new pair of Nike trainers,

I am as yummy as chips.

SPOOKY GOINGS ON AT ST JOHN'S

On Friday 22nd October St John's held a spooktacular Halloween Party in the school Gym for Years 8, 9 and 10 students. The students all dressed up in their scary costumes and were treated to a disco and a tour of our very own designed Haunted House on the stage. It contained all sorts of scary creatures (even real ones!) and the dark, cold atmosphere left everyone feeling very frightened at the end! Thanks to all especially Miss Beattie who helped get the haunted house ready for some victims to experience!!! (See inside for some spooky photos of the day)

NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE SERVICE VISIT THE SCHOOL



On Tuesday two local firemen, Enda McAleer and Seamus Bradley, came to the school and gave the students a talk on the Northern Ireland Fire Brigade safety guidelines for bonfires. Students had the opportunity to try on the firesuits as well as use the breathing apparatus.

Sharing Education Programme

St John's is the only one out of four other schools across Northern Ireland to secure funding for yet another year of the Sharing Education Programme. Mr Mc Carron has devised another programme that will include the following primary schools.

St Dymphna's PS Dromore, Tummery PS Dromore, Langfield PS Drumquin, St Joseph's PS Drumquin, Denamona PS Fintona, Lack PS Lack, St Macartan's PS Dullaghan, Drumlish PS Dromore and Dromore PS Dromore

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 will receive 7 weeks of Art and Design, P.E, Music and Drama at

Road Safety Road Show



On Thursday 7th October 23 students from year 11 and year 12 attended a Road Safety Road Show in the Leisure Centre in Omagh. The event was organised by PSNI Traffic Education Branch and was designed for all young road users. It focused on the aftermath of a road traffic accident. It dealt with all the agencies and relatives involved in the accident. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and hopefully they gained something from it.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Extended Schools Programme for the students, parents and the whole community has started up again. Students are availing of the opportunities to take up drumming, dance, gardening, boxercise and soccer. Parents and the community are also signing up for night classes in Healthy Eating Cookery and Recreational Wall and Floor Tiling. More details for new classes will be available after Christmas. Flyers will be sent home with all students.



St. John's Fashion and Variety Show

on Thursday

2nd December 2010

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome – Tickets on sale soon!!

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2010

Many thanks for all the hard work by both parents, pupils and staff who all made contributions to the appeal this year. We filled over 30 boxes to go to the "Samaritans Purse" charity.

Lillian Willis, Area Co-ordinator for the charity thanked St John's for their hard work and also the organisation of a non-uniform day on Wednesday which raised the money to post the boxes to countries such as Africa, Asia and Central Europe. A special thanks also goes to Miss Latimer, Cathy Teague, Hannah Callaghan, Edward Kelly, Emma McDonnell, Shannon Slevin and Ciara McCarney and all the other students for all their help in putting together the boxes ready for the charity to collect.

Below are some photos of the students and the filled boxes ready to be collected.



Miss Latimer pictured with Cathy Teague and Hannah Callaghan



Edward Kelly, Emma McDonnell, Shannon Slevin and Ciara McCarney



Bright Futures Study Skills Experience



On Thursday 21st October Year 11 & 12 students attended a Study Skills programme facilitated by Roisin McPheeley and Bernard Thompson.

Bright Futures aims to inspire young people, make them aware of the opportunities available to them, help develop the essential life skills which build self confidence and make the most of any situation. Bright Futures programmes explore hobbies and interests, help identify strengths and weaknesses and reinforce positive experiences, so young people can grow in self confidence, have that competitive edge and have a better start in life. The main focus for students was to learn different revision techniques to help them with their modules and exams that are approaching very soon. We wish all students the best in their coming exams.



DUTCH EXCHANGE

On 19th September Shannon McManus (Yr 12) and Leona Bradley (Yr 11) took part in the Dutch Exchange Visit where they visited the city of Waalwijk along with Ms Latimer. During their visit they took part in lots of activities such as bowling, cycling everywhere, visiting a Concentration Camp and going to the fun park, Efteling. The girls were also joined by pupils from Devenish College in Enniskillen.

An enjoyable experience was had by all.



Pupils from St Johns, Devenish and Moeller College in Waalwijk

The display at the Concentration Camp



Some the attractions at the fun park, Efteling

Anne Frank Exhibition

On Tuesday 19th October 9A2 and 10A1 English classes went to Lisburn Library to see the Anne Frank Exhibition. This exhibition is funded by the Anne Frank Trust UK. It draws on the power of Anne Frank's life and diary to challenge prejudice and reduce hatred, encouraging people to embrace positive attitudes, responsibility and respect for others. 10A1 have been studying Anne Frank, while 9A2 are studying 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.' This was an excellent opportunity for both classes to enhance the student's knowledge and understanding and bring to life what they had been learning in class. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all students.



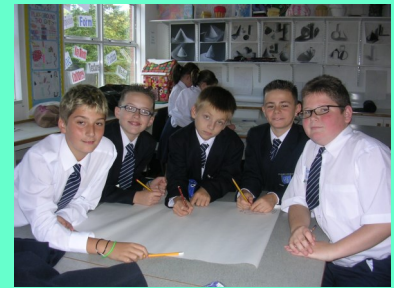
RESULTS SUMMER 2010

A big congratulations to all our past Year 12 students who received their examinations results in August. St John's was once again delighted with grades achieved by all our students. An exceptional 87% achieved A* to C in 5 or more grades. From the photos below you can see the delight of all the students.



Young Enterprise Your School Your Business Programme

On Monday 4th October Young Enterprise came to St John's College to work with the Year 8 group during Citizenship class. The students discussed their interests and goals for the future. In small groups they designed a poster advertising the positives features of their new school. Some mentioned their favourite subjects, activities, canteen food, and teachers. The teachers enjoyed the experience.



Stormont Speakers Visit St John's

St John's were joined by 2 speakers from Stormont this term who spoke to Year 9 – Year 12 citizenship classes on their job roles in Stormont and what 'The Northern Ireland Assembly' is about. The speakers gave pupils a great insight into what Stormont is like to work in and who they work with.

All year groups took part in a fun but interesting quiz which answered all their questions



Naomi McManus and Kerri McDonnell taking a real interest!



Quiz winners, Cathy Teague, Ryan Goulding, Shane McCoolle, Zoe Murray and Shannon



Trip to Man City

Thirty three pupils have just returned to school following a trip to see Man City versus Arsenal at the Weekend. The pupils were accompanied by staff members Mr B Mc Carron, Mr J McCloughan Miss K McLaughlin and Miss D Bradley. The three day trip was part of Ulster bus tours. The group stayed at the Swallow Bower Hotel in Manchester and as well as attending the match participated in a coaching session at the Man City Academy prior to the match. The game proved to be of high quality with Arsenal winning 3 – 0 much to the delight of our many Arsenal fans in the St Johns party. The pupils finished the day with the chance to play a game of crazy golf. This proved very enjoyable indeed. On the second day the pupils were taken on a stadium tour of Old Trafford before visiting the Trafford Centre for a chance to go shopping.



Michael Sheridan, Shane Knox and Shae Campbell relaxing just before the match started.



The boys try their hand at a bit of crazy golf!



The John's gang outside the Swallow Bower Hotel were they were staying.

ST JOHN'S GAA CORNER

20th October 2010 - Beat St Ciaran's Ballygawley

The young St John's footballer emerged triumphant after a strong performance. The boys started at blistering pace, with Peter Teague leading the side very well. The defence was kept tight with not many scores being let in. The tackling was fulsome with Cahir McGovern keeping his defence well organized. Dromore forwards were always looking to get on the ball, take scores and use the support provided by Maurice McCloughan. Des McLaughlin was a late sub into the game and showed very well finishing with a personal tally of 2 points. An excellent team performance making it St John's Day.

27th October 2010 - Beat St Eugene's Castlederg

St John's lined out with a strong 15 fully expected to pick up where they left off against St Ciaran's Ballygawley, however St Eugene's had other plans. The North Tyrone side made things very difficult for St John's in the first half. It took the leadership of Peter Teague, Cahir McGovern, Tejay Richards and Darren McCusker to provide the determination to finish the first half in the lead.

The Second half was a more typical organized and attacking style performance with Rhys McCaffrey, Conor McGurran and Cathal Starrs leading the attack. Colm Corry was introduced late in the second half and won a lot of ball.

A well deserved victory in the end for St John's, showing great team work completing two wins out of two.

TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!!!



This class photograph was taken in September 1989



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Do you recognise anyone?