



# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## TYRONE ALL-STAR AWARD FOR CATHAOIR



Cathaoir pictured with his mother, father and Peter Canavan on the night

Cathaoir achieved a Vocational School's All-Star for his dedication and commitment to school Gaelic football. He received his award at a presentation night in Kelly's Inn, Ballygawley. The guest speakers included Peter Canavan and Terry McCann who encouraged and hopefully inspired the young All Stars to continue their dedication to within their schools and Gaelic Games.

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### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

#### Easter Holidays

Thursday 21st April -

Friday 29th April

#### Bank Holiday

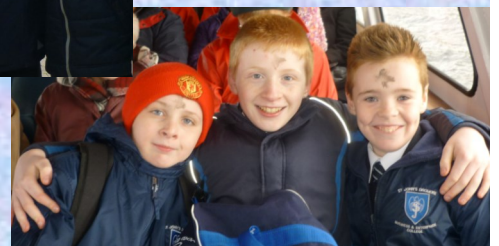
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#### School Closure

Tuesday 3rd May

## Trip to Lough Derg

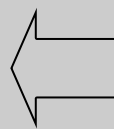
All year 8 students went on a spiritual retreat to Lough Derg on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. The students were accompanied by their form teachers Mrs Corry and Mrs Nugent and classroom assistants Una and Veronica. Also on the trip was Miss Anna Nugent a student teacher from St. Mary's University College who gave a lovely guided tour of the island. The Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As you can see from the photos below everyone had a great day.





## HOME ECONOMICS PROJECTS WITH THE LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

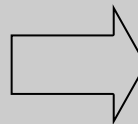
Through our Specialist School status local primary schools have been able to take part in Home Economics and Design & Technology projects. This involves St John's providing transport for the schools to take part in a six week programme based in St John's. Recently Magheralough PS and Drumlish PS have enjoyed Home Economics classes. They made a variety of dishes and took part in some enjoyable tasks. Well done!!



Magheralough  
Pupils working hard  
on their fifteens



Drumlish Pupils  
working to make  
their fairy  
cakes and  
tortilla wraps



## CASH FOR CLOBBER

Year 8 want to thank all the students, staff and parents who bought in their unwanted clothes for The Cash For Clobber Competition. We collected a grand total of 40 bags. All clothes will go to people in developing countries.





## Year 9 Dress up for World Book Day

On the 3rd March 9A1 pupils dressed up as characters from their favourite book. The pupils went around the other classes and talked to the pupils about these books. Gabhan McCusker took on the character of Harry Potter the wizard from the book by JK Rowling. Zoë Murray's favourite book was the Big Friendly Giant by Roald Dahl and she dressed up as the intrepid Sophie. Laura's character was the unfortunate Oliver Twist from the Charles Dickens novel of the same name. Leigh Palmer was the diarist Anne Frank from the Diary of Anne Frank. The other pupils really enjoyed listening to the stories.



## St. Patrick's Day Assembly

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by all Key Stage 3 students on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. A beautiful prayer service was organised by Miss A Nugent and Mrs Corry. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following students who took part in the liturgy: Pdraig Quinn, Blake Palmer, Stephen Maguire, Emma Mc Donnell, Shane Mc Coole, Michaela Traynor, Gavin Teague, Shannon Quinn, Shannon Gallagher, Rhys Mc Caffrey, Edward Kelly and Niamh Campbell. A special thanks to Pdraig who also had the role of St. Patrick. The lovely music was provided by Miss Fawcett and Cathaoir Mc Elhom (Year 12).





## YOUTH SPORT UPDATE

### Cross Border Day

A Youth Sport cross border trip was held for Year 9 students on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in Sligo VEC. There were a wide range of activities on offer. These included Team Building Activities, Boxercise, Peace & Reconciliation workshops, Basketball, Golf, Tag Rugby and Yoga. As you can see from the photographs below a great day was had by all students.



### Coming up soon

Year 9 are due to go to Donegal Adventure Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> May for a day of water sport activities with year 10 set to go to the Share Centre Lisnaskea on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May for Canoeing and Banana boating.

## **LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE**

Darragh Campbell, 8A2 and Megan Mc Brearty 9A2 were selected to represent the school in a public speaking competition organised by Omagh District Council. They had to speak between three and five minutes on the topic 'Love Food, Hate Waste.' The event was held in Omagh Leisure Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. They did their own research and they came up with some interesting statistics about the amount of food we waste.



## **UK Maths Team Challenge**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Tiarnan Sludden (Year 10), Peter Teague (Year 10), Emmett Mc Nabb (Year 9) and Dermott Logue (Year 9) attended the UK Maths Team Challenge in St Columb's College, Derry along with Miss McLaughlin.

They competed with many other schools in the North West Region participating in lots of difficult number puzzles and questions.

They performed very well and were excellent representatives for St John's. Well done boys!



## YEAR 10'S VISIT TO OMAGH HIGH SCHOOL FOR STEM PRESENTATION

Our Year 10 students attended Omagh High School for a presentation on STEM which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. These four subjects linked together can open up a fascinating career. We interviewed Damien and Deirbhla to find out more about it. "The STEM presentation was about how everything around us is made by using STEM. Things like our mobile phones, chairs and buildings were all made by using STEM" stated Deirbhla. Damien said "It was a fun and educational presentation performed by actors from a group in Belfast."

**Reporter: Ross Hunter, Year 8**



## SCHOOLS EUROPEAN QUIZ

On Friday 11th March 2011 St. Mary's College in Irvinestown came to our school to participate in an European Quiz organised by Mrs McCrory. Each team was named after a country in Europe and consisted of pupils from both schools. The quiz had a variety of questions about Europe. Greece was the winning team with Emma Mc Donnell, Dearbhaile McElholm and Chloe. The winning team enjoyed their chocolate Easter egg prize.



## DROMORE PLAYGROUP EASTER EGG FUN DAY

On Wednesday 13th April children from Dromore Playgroup were treated to a fun day organised by Mr Joe Ball and students from St John's. The day's activities included Face Painting, Egg and Spoon race, Easter egg hunt and making buns in the Home Economics Department.







## Easter Outdoor Adventure

On the 18th April the PE Department, Jimmy Mc Cloughan and Joe Ball, organised a whole school outdoor activity day. John, Marty, Damien and Hannah from Ardclinis Outdoor Adventure, Cushendall, Co Antrim set up Lazer Quest, the Climbing Tower and Archery on the school's grass pitch. The students had the opportunity to experience the variety of activities on offer. For some students it was the first time they may have had the chance to try out these activities. The four trained staff ensured that everyone had a safe but fun time.





## LMC VISIT THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPT

On 29<sup>th</sup> March Patricia Gallagher from the LMC visited the Home Economics Department and showed the Occupational Studies Catering class how to make home made 'Meat Balls in a Tomato Sauce' and home made 'beef burgers.'

The Year 11's and 12's who were involved with the demonstration really seemed to enjoy what was made and especially enjoyed the tasting session afterwards.

Well done to all involved!!!



## Of Mice And Men

On March 10<sup>th</sup> Alter Ego Theatre Company came to the school to put on workshop for the years 10, 11 and 12. The purpose was to bring the characters like Lennie, George and Curley's wife alive and to perform parts of the novel in groups. Niamh Rafferty 11A said "the morning was great. It was interesting and creative". The performance lasted almost two hours. The group looked at a number of key scenes from the novel and then the students explored them with the help of the actors. They re-staged some scenes, gave the actors direction and did bits on their own letting their imaginations run wild.



Miss Nugent photographed with Year 11 students and Mrs Corry

## Miss Anna Nugent leaves St Johns

Miss Anna Nugent is a third year student at St Mary's University in Belfast training to be a Religious Education Secondary School teacher. She recently completed a seven week placement here in St John's College. These are a few words from Miss Nugent on her experience at the school:

'My short experience here at St John's has been an enlightening, amazing and heart changing one. St John's is a friendly, welcoming and above all a pupil centred school. It is a place where every pupil is nurtured so that they can reach their true potential. It is a school where strong relationships and team work contribute to the immeasurable atmosphere that exists here. The school shines with a family like ethos which in turn generates a warm environment that leads to effective teaching and learning. Without a doubt, my time here at St John's has taught me what education is really about. It is about working as part of a team, a team of both teachers and pupils, to nurture, encourage and facilitate young people as they grow and learn in a caring and compassionate school haven. St John's unquestionably provides this haven for a small bunch of remarkable children, teachers and all staff who I am privileged to have met.'

Pupils and staff want to wish Miss Nugent all the best in her future.

# YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Year 9 pupils took part in YE9 workshop on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February with Siobhan Colton from Young Enterprise. The activities they were involved in were identifying what entrepreneurship is and how they could become an entrepreneur. The final activity involved the designing of a game to make a profit from and design a business plan for the marketing of this product. Well done to them all!!!



## U'16 Girl's Football

### St. John's College V's ST. Mary's Irvinestown

Our girls travelled to Irvinestown on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March to compete in a friendly match. Even though this was only a friendly game the girls had been really looking forward to it. A ferocious and highly entertaining game was anticipated and it didn't disappoint. The game started with extreme intensity with both sides not willing to give away an advantage. However after the opening 10 minutes Emma Smyth, Mary McGowan, Chloe McCaffery and Aideen Quinn combined well and using the wind advantage started to open up a gap between the two sides. St. John's had a comfortable lead at half time but after the break St. Mary's used the wind to great advantage and started to tally up a few score to get back into the game. A serious injury to one of the St. Mary's girls with about 10 minutes left led to the final whistle being blown early. Apart from this unfortunate incident it was a highly entertaining game played with all the enthusiasm, competitiveness and energy we expected.

Padraig proudly shows off his cup he won on the night



## **BOXING SUCCESS**

A Year 12 pupil, Dylan Taylor, won the Mid-Ulster Boxing championship at 63 kg. Dylan went on to represent Omagh Boxing Club at the Ulster Championships and won the Ulster Title. St John's College is very proud of our two boxing champions!

Congratulations to Padraig Quinn on receiving his cup on the Fight Night in Ederney. Padraig was entered in the 42 kilos match. He fought three rounds. Each round lasted three minutes. Padraig won the first round. Well done Padraig.

