



# 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

Monday 31st October -  
Friday 4th November 2011  
(inclusive)

#### Staff Development Day

Friday 18th November 2011

## SPOOKY GOINGS ON AT ST JOHN'S

On Friday 28th 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)

## DROMORE WIN THE O'NEILL CUP

A big Congratulations from the staff and pupils at St John's to Dromore Seniors on winning the O'Neill cup for the 3rd time in 5 years on Sunday last. It was a highly contested game but Dromore came out the strongest in the end to take the title!



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# PRIZEGIVING NIGHT

On Thursday 20th October 2011 St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2011. 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 Miss Aisling Sharkey.



**Student of the Year 2011**

Ciara Teague receives her award from Ms Doherty, Principal



**Contribution to School Life 2011**

Emma Corey receives her award from Miss Aisling Sharkey, Guest Speaker



**Top GCSE Boy of the Year 2011**

Cathaoir McElholm receives his award from Ms Doherty, Principal



**Top GCSE Student in English**

Megan Mullan receives her award from Fr McEntee



**Sport Girl of the Year 2011**

Ciara Teague receives her award from Niall Colton, DMN Hire who kindly sponsored the Sports Awards



**Top GCSE Student of Religious Studies**

Bronach Sludden receives her award from Canon Breen



**Contribution to Art 2011**

Ciara Carron receives her award from Miss Aisling Sharkey, Guest Speaker. This award was sponsored by Colm McCrory, Spires Art, Omagh



**Principal's Award for Sustained Effort 2011**

Lauren Donnelly receives her award from Ms Doherty, Principal



**Top GCSE Business Studies 2011 Mairéad McGoldrick receives her award from Aisling**

## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2011

A big thank you to all who helped with the Shoebox Appeal, 2011 this Year!!

Pupils, Parents, Teachers have all greatly supported this good cause as well as Dromore Cadets who also donated 15 boxes to the appeal – Thank You!!

Once again it was greatly supported with 70 shoe boxes being filled to go to countries such as Asia and Africa with 'The Samaritans Purse Charity.'

Below are some photos of the Shoeboxes getting ready to be brought to the depot and our certificate from Lillian Willis, Area Coordinator with the Charity.



## GARDEN CLUB COMPETITION

Last week members of the Garden Club held a competition for the best carved out and decorated pumpkins. Special thanks go to Kenwells in Dromore Granard Nursing Home, Omagh For donating some of the pumpkins. Below are photographs of the winners.



1st Prize

Shauna Dillion & Katie McCanny



2nd Prize -

Mairead Corey & Dora Gorog



3rd Prize -



Thomas Hunter

Highly commended -

Petra Mitnyikova & Ciara Sheridan



## RESULTS SUMMER 2011

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 88% achieved A\* to C in 5 or more grades, with 40% of the Year 12 students achieving 11 - 13 GCSE pass grades in total. From the photos below you can see the delight of all the students.



## DUTCH EXCHANGE

On 16th October 2011, Amy Kelly (Yr 12) and Leona Bradley (Yr 12) took part in the Dutch Exchange Visit where they visited the city of Waalwijk along with Ms Beattie. During their visit they took part in lots of activities such as bowling, cycling (which is the most common mode of transport!) visiting a Concentration Camp and going to the fun park, Efteling. The girls were also joined by pupils from Devenish College in Enniskillen and St Joseph's in Enniskillen.

An enjoyable experience was had by all.



Amy and Leona set off on their bikes!



Amy & Leona enjoying the Dutch students company and some ice-cream



Did anyone see MY bike!!!

## Year 12 Business trip to the Tayto Factory

On September 6<sup>th</sup> the Business and Communications & Business Studies classes from St John's joined up with St. Mary's Business Studies class for a tour of the Tayto factory in Tandragee. Pupils were shown the whole process from sorting out the potatoes, skinning and slicing them, removing the starch, cooking, flavouring and finally packaging. So much was learnt as well as tasted on that trip.



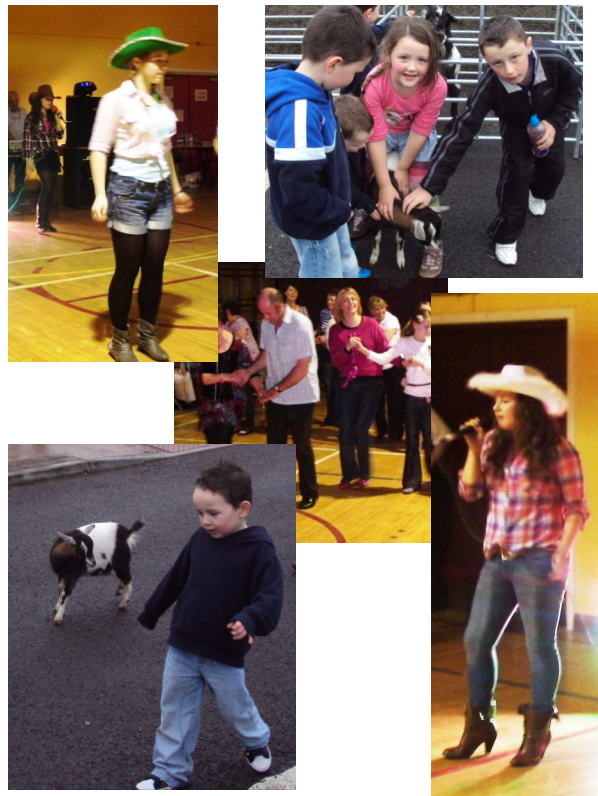
Naomi, Kelly, Aimee, Cora, Donna, Mary, Emma and Hayley with Mr. Tayto. Don't they look soooooooooooooo cool?



Joseph, Shae, Ebony, Niamh, Donna, Cillian, Kornel and Sonnie with Mr. Tayto trying to make the protective gear look really fashionable!

## DROMORE BIG WEEKEND

A community event was organised by Dromore Sports Complex in corporation with St John's on the 14th & 15th October for the whole family. Over the weekend around 200 people supported the event which included a Guest Tea & Dance on Friday night and a Zumba Party and Community Games Day on Saturday. Corbally Mobile Fun Farm from Fintona also was at the complex on Saturday, with a large selection of various animals which the children really enjoyed. Below are some photos of the event.



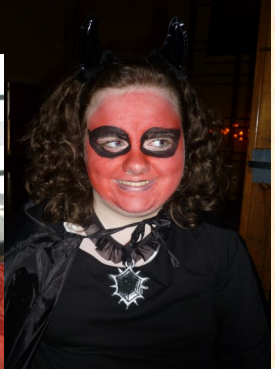
### Extended Schools Garden Club

It was not only our students that grew over the summer! Our garden club had planted sunflower seeds before the summer and below is how they looked when the pupils returned!



Amy Gallagher & Jodie Mullan admire the sunflowers

# SPOOKING GOINGS ON AT ST JOHN'S!!



## Year 8 Young Enterprise

On the 21st of September St. John's hosted a Year 8 Young Enterprise programme titled "Your School Your Business". It inspired the Year 8's to develop enterprising skills, attitudes and behaviours including, confidence and a can-do attitude, communication and presentation skills, creative thinking and problem solving, teamwork and leadership, resilience, persistence and responding to change.



## Macbeth' trip to Derry

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Year 11s and 12s went to the Millenium Forum in Derry to attend a performance of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. The production, by the 'Icarus' theatre group, has won numerous awards around the U.K, notably at the Edinburgh Festival. This gruesome performance was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Pupils were accompanied by teachers Mr Nelson and Miss Wilson and their classroom assistant Tina Hunter.

## *St. John's Fashion and Variety Show*

on Thursday

8th December 2011

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome – Tickets on sale soon!!

(This is a ticket only event)

## DRUMMING

We are really pleased to have Ronan McKee back in St John's to deliver another programme of drumming classes with Year 8 students.

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. Good luck and happy drumming!

# Year 11 Work Experience

## 12th - 14th October 2011



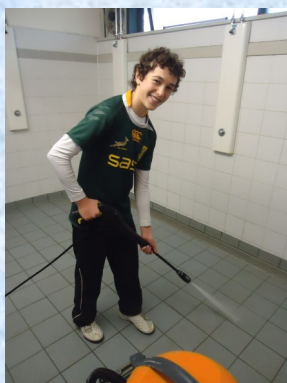
Michael working with St. John's Caretaker, Shane Keenan powerhosing changing rooms



Tiarnan Sludden – H&A Group, Plumbing



Darren Mc Cusker - Memorials Tummery Rd Dromore



Maurice working in the Dromore Sports Complex preparing it for the Dromore Community weekend



Dean O'Neill – Kevin Mc Grade – Friesian Farmer



Kirby Mullen – Supervalu, Fintona



Emily working in the School Canteen serving Staff and Students with a beautiful smile.



Chelsea Traynor – Fairgreen Vets, Fintona



Damien Mc Quaid – Ecclesville Printing, Fintona



Deirbhla Mc Nulty – Tummery Primary School