



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

LIVESTOCK & MEAT COMMISSION VISIT ST JOHN'S

On Tuesday 7th February, Margaret Anderson, from the LMC, visited the school. During the visit she highlighted the benefits of including red meat in our diets. She prepared some of the meals which pupils could make incorporating red meat, such as beef stirfry, creamy peppered beef and homemade burgers. Pupils then were allowed to sample what she had made which they all enjoyed.



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Mid Term Break

Wednesday 15th -

Friday 17th February
2012

St Patricks

Monday 19th & Tuesday
20th March 2012



St John's has a brand new Staff Room

Over a ten week period our staff room was converted from an old, outdated room into a bright, modern, fresh, co-ordinated room of great social comfort. We moved in on Wednesday January 25th 2012. It has been many decades since the staff room had a face-lift.



'International Wheelchair Basketball Challenge'

The Year 8's travelled to Antrim Forum Sports' Centre on 8th February to watch some of the top wheelchair basketball teams in the world. They saw teams from Great Britain, Poland and Italy playing competitive matches in the build up to the Paralympics 2012. It was a wonderful experience witnessing athletes with various classifications of disabilities playing sport at the highest level. The trip has given our Year 8's the motivation to use any talent they have to the best of their ability.



The teams in action



Megan Logue & Shauna Dillon enjoying the game



Clare McCann, Rosie Campbell, Jodie Mullan, Dora Gorog, Hannah Gallagher and Zena Quinn waiting patiently to get in to see the game!

Life Skills

On 9th January Peter Thompson, the Neighbourhood Liaison Officer with the PSNI, visited the school to give Year 10 a talk on Drugs Abuse as part of their Life Skills lesson. Pupils had the opportunity to wear Drunk and Dangerous glasses that illustrated how drugs and drink can impair your vision and capabilities. Pupils were able to see small samples of various drugs. It was an informative and interesting talk.



OPEN NIGHT

On Tuesday 17th of January St John's welcomed Primary 7 students and their parents from all our feeder primary schools to view St John's for their annual Open Night.

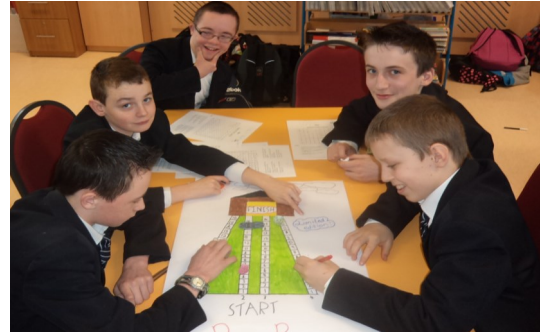
To our delight an unprecedented number of pupils attended to experience a tour around the school, an exhibition of gymnastics and talent in Drama as well as tasting pizza slices in HE and pain au Choclait in French. The evening finished off with everyone gathering in the school assembly hall for refreshments and a display of the wonderful talent that St John's has to offer. A special thanks go to all the students who helped on the night to create a highly successful evening.

Young Enterprise and Year 9

Year 9 pupils took part in YE 9 workshop on Wednesday 8th February with Grace from Young Enterprise. The activities involved included defining “entrepreneurship” and understanding how they could become an entrepreneur. The final activity involved them creating their own game and designing a business plan for the marketing of their product. Well done to them all!!!



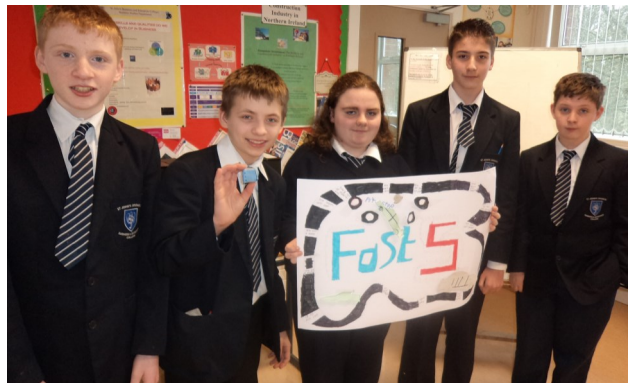
Petra, Ciara, Paige, Naoimi and Áine created a game called “**Rat Trap**” with creative colourful tunnels and obstacles to catch the prey.



Brandon, Ronan, Colm, Shane & Ruairi working on their project



Blake, Darragh, Steven, Ross and Jack tied in the show “**Mrs Brown’s Boys**” to produce their game where the characters are thwarted in their efforts to get to Foyle’s Pub.



Pádraig, Dawid, Hannah, Henri and Des developed a game where 3 cars going around the laps and if the car lands on a white square, the owner would go to the pit stop or get an upgrade. They called their enterprise “**Fast 5**”.



A monopoly based game from **phen, Emma, Malise and Ellen** titled “**Limited Edition Christmas Game**” was devised where you collect presents and the winner is determined by possessing the most presents.

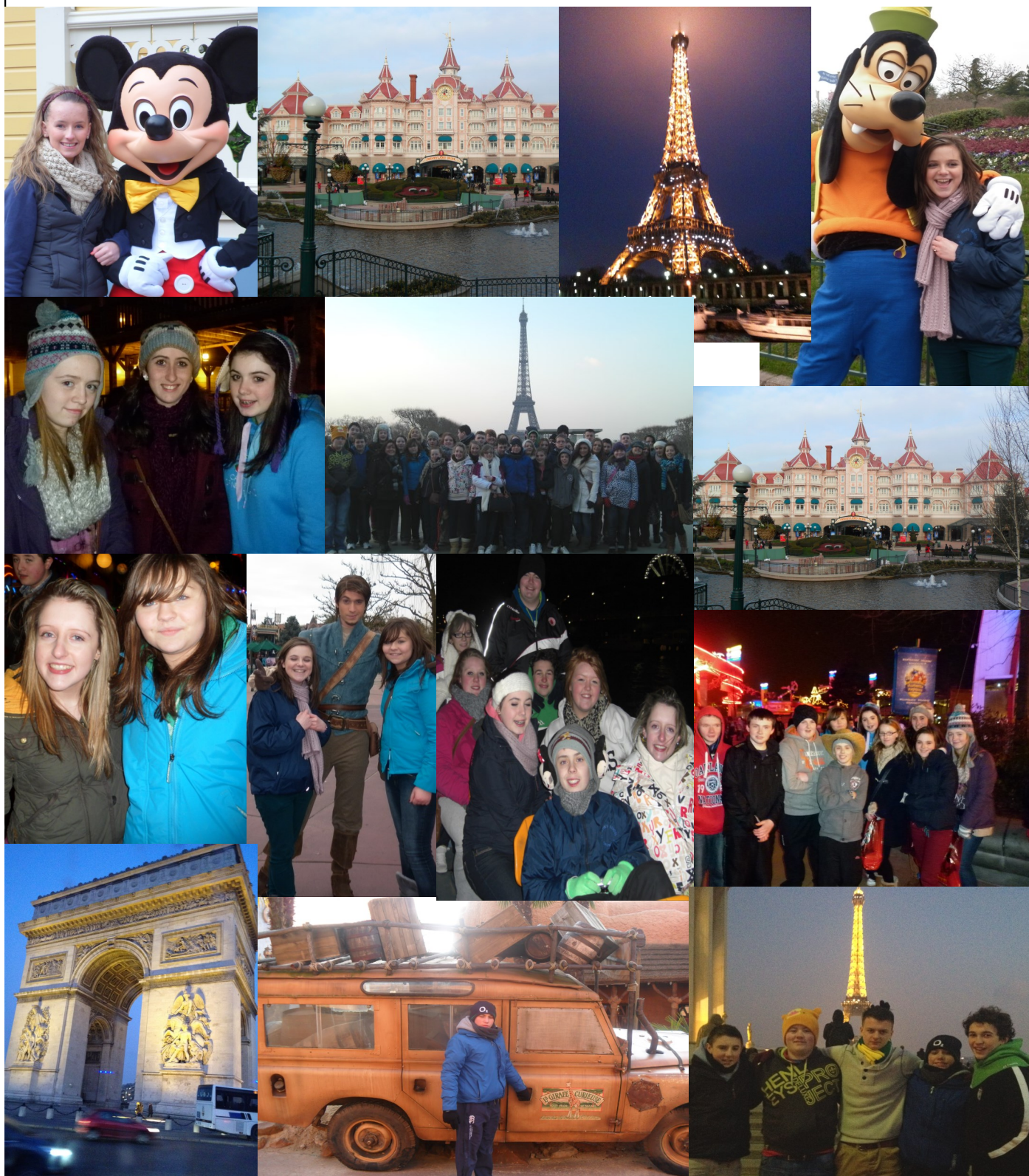


Brandon, Ruairi, Shane, Ronan and Colm came up with a limited edition “**Bang, Bang**” game for farmers where the players work their way up the stack and if they land on a stickman they get shot and have to go back to the beginning. As they wrote “**It is good craic for the farmers**”.

Students visit Disneyland, Paris

From Monday 30th January to Thursday 2nd February, 40 students from Years 10 – 12 accompanied by Miss McLaughlin, Miss Bradley, Miss Latimer and Jimmy McCloughan visited Disneyland, Paris on a Maths Study Experience. Students enjoyed all the events and shows and especially the rides within Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios. The trip included a tour of Paris, culminating in a boat trip along the river Seine.

An enjoyable experience was had by all staff and students.



CROSS COUNTRY

Students recently took part in Cross Country which was in Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh. Congratulations to all students who took part.



ARMAGH PLANETARIUM VISIT THE SCHOOL!

In January the Armagh Planetarium came to our school. It was in response to a Christmas card competition that the pupils entered last year. A large inflated dome was set up in the Sports Hall. Mary Bulman, the Education Officer, gave a talk to each year group inside the dome about the solar system. Here are some of the pupils' thoughts on the experience.



I enjoyed the dome, looking up at the stars on the roof and going in the entrance.
phen Maguire Year 9

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I enjoyed being in the dome and the talk was good. I enjoyed learning about the space food.
Hannah Quinn Year 9

I found it very interesting, particularly the way the stars make up our solar system. Tiernan Gallagher

Girls Gaelic Football

7th February @ Dromore

Result: St. John's, Dromore – 3-8 St. Patrick's Dungannon – 2-4

Our under-16 girl's continued their unbeaten run in this year's competition against a very impressive St. Patrick's side. The opening quarter was dominated by St. John's, leading the game by 0-4 to 0-1 with Emma Smyth the main scorer. St. Patrick's finally settled into the game and by half time there wasn't much between the sides. The second half started much like the first with St. John's enjoying most of the possession and most attacks ending with scores. The game took a slight change when St. John's won a penalty resulting in one of the St. Patrick's players being sin binned for 10 minutes. This injected a bit of life into Dungannon and they came right back into the game by scoring a penalty of their own. However, our girls had to dig deep to get the result they deserved and our defence worked very well to contain the pressure. We look forward to our next fixture which should be a semi-final in the Ulster schools competition.

Team: Leona Bradley, Kelly McNabb, Cora Traynor, Aimee Teague, Mary McGowan, Cathy Teague, Emma Smyth, Donna McPhillips, Chloe McCaffery, Donna McNabb, Shannon Quinn, Alanna Quinn, Hayley Slevin **Subs:** Niamhbh Rafferty, Ellen McGowan, Ebony Garrity, Shannon Gallagher, Sinaed Hannigan, Malise McKenna, Emma McDonnell, Shauna Dillon, Megan Logue. Kerri McDonnell, Naomi McManus.



Girls Gaelic Football

16th January @ Dromore

Result: St. John's, Dromore - 9-11 St. Joseph's, Coalisland – 1-6

St. John's Under 16's have maintained their unbeaten run in this year's competition at the expense of St. Joseph's Coalisland. It was a very tough encounter against the experienced Coalisland team, with our girls well prepared.

Dromore started the opening 10 minutes very strongly. However, this was not reflected on the scoreboard. Emma Smyth and Donna McNabb launched numerous attacks with no reward. With the opening quarter coming to an end and any pre match nerves gone, the girls started to make their possession count. The movement provided by Hayley Slevin, Chloe McCaffrey and Alanna Quinn enabled Emma and Donna to link well and convert score after score.

St. Joseph's never gave up but their efforts were met by tenacious tackling by Aimee Teague, Kelly McNabb and Cora Traynor. Even with building up a strong lead our girls work rate did not fade and they got the result they deserved.

St. John's Team: Leona Bradley, Kelly McNabb, Cora Traynor, Cathy Teague, Mary McGowan, Shannon Quinn, Emma Smyth, Donna McPhillips, Chloe McCaffrey, Donna McNabb, Aimee Teague, Alanna Quinn, Hayley Slevin. **Subs:** Ellen McGowan, Shannon Gallagher, Ebony Garrity, Kerri McDonnell, Emma McDonnell, Shauna Dillon, Malise McKenna, Sinead Hannigan.

Year 9 “Young Enterprise”

On the 9th of October “Young Enterprise” delivered a programme to Year 9 called “Enterprise in Action”. The students had to compete against the clock and each other to design and develop their own prototype product to bring to market. Enterprise in Action engaged and excited the students with an inspirational, high impact and high energy enterprise experience.



Paige making her presentation



Stephen presenting his group's invention

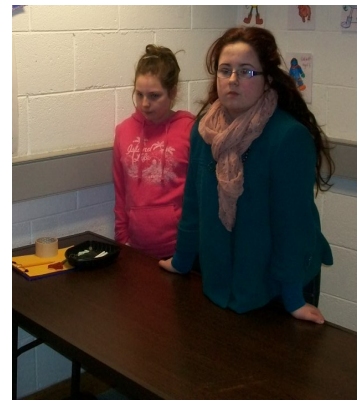


Conall seeing the funny side of his presentation of “Mickey”



Stephen preparing to present his groups invention

ARMAGH PLANETARIUM VISIT



Valentine's Day competition

The Maths and Home Economics Departments organised a Valentine's Competition for Key stage 3 pupils. Every pupil was asked to create a Valentine's poem that contained at least 5 mathematical words. They were also asked to create their own valentine's menu involving three courses. The winning entries received prizes including a romantic meal, and they invited a guest to join them.

Valentines Poem

By Hannah Gallagher



To a special person on a special day,
To sum up my feelings what can I say.
From morning to night together no fear.
100% together you're always near.
When I wake up in the morning you're by my side.
No negatives, no worries, nothing to hide.
To say you are my number one would be very
true,
Suffice to say that I love you.



Runners up were:

- Shauna Dillon in Year 8
 - Caoimhe McGrade in Year 9
- Sinead Hannigan in Year 10

WINNING MENU

Starters

Garlic Mushrooms with side salad

Homemade soup with a crispy bread roll

Egg Mayonnaise

Main Courses

St John's style Sirloin Steak

(served with a sauce of your choice, Pepper, Garlic or gravy)

Creamy Chicken Supreme on a bed of rice

Fresh Atlantic Salmon in a creamy sauce

Dessert

Homemade Chocolate Fudge Cake
(With ice-cream or fresh cream)

Crispy Fresh Fruit Pavlova, Strawberry Cheesecake

My Valentines Poem

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

I'll love u 4 ever more
You're my common denominator
You fill the volume of my heart
May we never ever part?

The approximate estimation of our love is 100%
Or 1 whole pie
When you're rounding across the room you make
my heart go boom boom.

The 2 axis of our love graph would be love and
passion a love like ours won't go out of fashion.
Our love is like a line of symmetry
we are both the same

By Ronan Slevin

How I Sum up one day of the year!

It's the time of the year when girls are at a
plus, boys just sit and try to
figure out all the fuss?

The percentage of card sales rises as
mostly everyone does buy

The probability of not knowing who sent it
is also very high.

The mean people wait towards
the end of the day,
Getting their cards, chocolates and flowers
at a fraction of what others had to pay.

The day in question, a day for
total love I will say.

So I hope you all have a lovely
Valentine's Day !



By Megan McBrearty

