



# 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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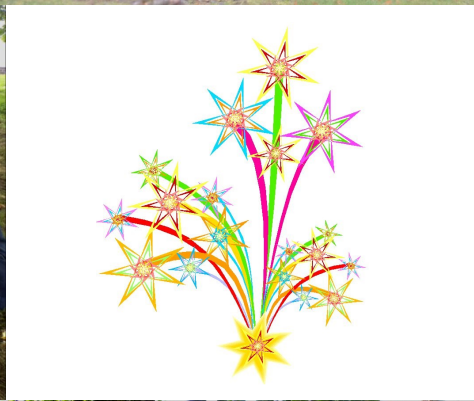
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### SCHOOL CLOSURES

#### Halloween Holidays

Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November 2013  
(inclusive)

#### Staff Development Day

Monday 28th October 2013  
(Staff Development Day)

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### Megan Mullan Presents a Talk to year 12, 13 & 14

Megan—a past pupil of St John's - recently won the prestigious JP McManus scholarship, which provides financial support to high achieving students. Megan explained to the groups the path she took and the effort she put in to win this award.

Congratulations to Megan.





## ST JOHN'S BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September Fr. Brendan Collin celebrated St John's Beginning of Year mass. Brendan was recently ordained a priest - the first in 25 years from Drumragh Parish. We in St John's have known Brendan since September 1995 when he began as a student in St John's High School. We have many great memories of his time here and were so honoured that he celebrated this mass for us.



## U'16 GAELIC FOOTBALL ST MARY'S AND ST JOHN'S 3-8 ST AIDAN'S DERRYLIN 3-8 VENUE - LISSAN GAA GROUNDS

This was the first game that saw St John's and St Mary's join forces on the GAA field. Even though this was a friendly contest you would be forgiven for not expecting the intensity of championship football. However, it held the essence of something special for both the young Dromore and Irvinestown players. It was a cold and windy morning and both teams had to try and sort out a system of play to suit the elements. St Aidan's, as expected, started the better of the two teams and it seemed the writing was on the wall for St John's/St Mary's, who only had a brief period before the start of the game to get to know each other. Nevertheless, the football talent of our boys started to shine through as they began to claw back St Aidan's lead, and eventually earned a draw for their efforts. Encouraging performances from the Maguire twins and Ryan Gray from St Mary's along with Callan Peace, Cahir McGovern, Cathal Starrs and Emmet Mc Nabb from St John's shows a promising future for Gaelic football in this area.

## U'16 GAELIC FOOTBALL

### ST JOHN'S 3-9 DUNGANNON INTEGRATED 0-1 @ GARVAGHEY

#### 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

This win against Dungannon has set up a repeat fixture against Drumragh Integrated in the Under 16 B final after Halloween. The game was played in Garvaghey and with the windy conditions it took both teams a long time to settle. With about 10 minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> half gone St John's began to show their superiority and this didn't let up until the final whistle. Dungannon had a few chances early on and only for our defence to come out on top who knows what the outcome would have been had they taken an early lead. The final that awaits our local boys will be a stern test and from the previous result between the two teams, the Dromore lads will certainly want to give a better account of themselves.



## PRETTY IN PINK DAY

### In aid of Breast Cancer



St John's had a fundraising day on Thursday, 10th October 2013 to raise money for breast cancer. The event was organised by Year 13 Cope Students and they very successfully raised £525. A special thank you to C J Kelly Repairs, Beragh who kind-



ly donated a cheque for £150 which leaves the grand total now at £675. All students and staff wore pink to school and there was a movie afternoon for Key Stage 3 students. They got to enjoy a real cinema experience with popcorn and other refreshments. A special thanks to Mo's Newsagents in Fintona for kindly donating a huge amount of popcorn and popcorn boxes.

## TOGETHER THROUGH CULTURE

Together Through Culture (TTC) was developed by Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta (The Council for Irish-medium Education), and seeks to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of Gaelic, illustrating its relevance to all who inhabit the island of Ireland, through references to place-names, surnames, music and through imparting some basic words and phrases in Gaelic. Maria Ní Bhuadáin, Project Manager, Tony Ó Dubhthaigh and Darren Ó Dochartaigh from the scheme worked with Year 8 pupils from St John's College and Years 5, 6, and 7 pupils at Tummery PS. On 4th October the group went to Parkanaur Forest Park outside Dungannon and participated in various outdoor activities such as orienteering, bridge building and a blindfolded walk and worked in teams to complete the exercises. A second session was held in St John's College. Tummery PS pupils and St John's Year 8 pupils were introduced to traditional Irish dance and drumming by the dance specialist Tura Arutura from Zimbabwe. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved.





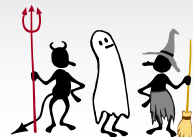
## RESULTS SUMMER 2013

A big congratulations to all our past Year 12 students who received their GCSE examinations results & Year 13 students who received their AS Level results in August. St John's was once again delighted with grades achieved by all our students. From the photos below you can see the delight of all our students.



## YEAR 8 INDUCTION NIGHT

On Thursday 3rd October the annual Year 8 Induction Night took place. This was a liturgical celebration organised by the year 8 teachers, Ms Anita McKenna and Mrs Nuala Maguire. The liturgy was accompanied by the beautiful choir, organised by Ms Bogue and Mrs McCrory. It was lovely to see all students take part in the liturgy and the choir. The ceremony was followed by refreshments and the night was enjoyed by all.







### Under 16 Gaelic Football

#### St. John's 3-6 v Drumragh Integrated 7-5 @ Dromore- 15<sup>th</sup> October

This was a contest our under 16s were eagerly anticipating as it signalled the beginning of their under 16 league. Unfortunately they were met by strong opposition in Drumragh Integrated and their strong display in the first half set them in good stead for the rest of the game. The half time interval gave St John's a chance to regroup and this obviously helped as they matched Drumragh for scores during the second half. A defeat is always hard to take but the boys know that a win against Dungannon Integrated will see them play Drumragh again in the under 16 B final.



### Under 14 Gaelic Football

#### St. John's 3-6 v Drumragh Integrated 7-4 @ Dromore- 15<sup>th</sup> October

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October the Under 14 boys' Gaelic team took on Drumragh Integrated College in Dromore. Overall, the first half was a close encounter with plenty of good play from both teams, with Eoin Maguire and Simon Garrity getting on the score sheet for St John's and Conor Mc Donnell and James McCaughey impressive in defence. After a team talk from Jimmy at half time, St John's came out in the second half and played some excellent football. Pearse Mc Nabb controlled the centre of the field and made some excellent runs, with Aidan Lawlor and Garrity again taking some good scoring chances. Unfortunately, despite an excellent second half performance, Drumragh held on at the end to win by a score line of 7-4 to St John's 3-6.



## Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair on the 23rd November 2013

in  
St. John's Business and Enterprise College, Dromore  
10.30am to 1.30pm.

All Welcome





A special thanks to Spar who donated fruit to our Halloween Party.

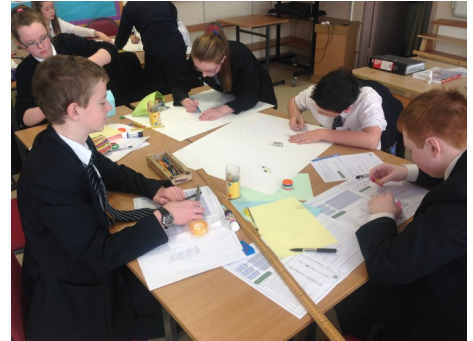
# SPOOKING GOINGS ON AT ST JOHN'S!!





## 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 8s 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.



## FOOD AND DRINK MASTERCLASS

### WITH THE YEAR 13 AND 14 PUPILS FROM ST JOHN'S

A Young Enterprise Food and Drink Masterclass took place in the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The students looked at existing businesses in the Food Industry and worked together in teams to come up with a new product idea which they had to pitch in front of a panel of Dragons, one of whom was the proprietor of Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown, Mr Joe Mahon. They also had the opportunity to produce a business plan and a promotional advertisement for the new product idea. The Yr 13 and 14 pupils were given the opportunity to



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

on Thursday

12th December 2013

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome - Tickets on sale soon!!

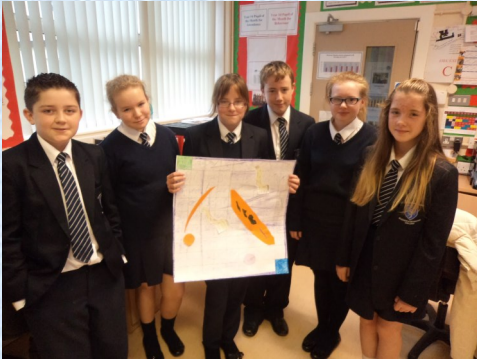
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## YOUNG ENTERPRISE - YEAR 9

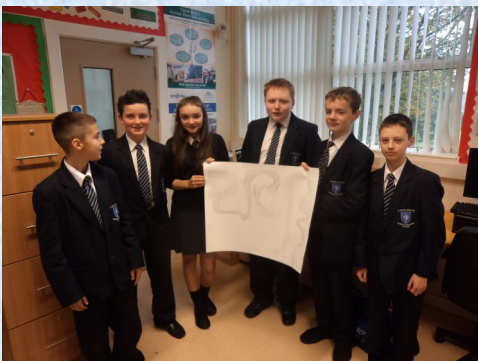
Year 9 pupils took part in YE9 workshop on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October with Sandra Magee from Young Enterprise. Activities included defining entrepreneurship and understanding how they could become an entrepreneur. The final activity involved designing a game for them to make a profit, and designing a business plan for the marketing of the product. Well done to all!!!



**Company Name - "Megss":** Gareth, Sarah, Shannon, Daniel, Megan and Elle produced a board game "Grafts" - a game similar to snakes and ladders.



**Company Name - "Poloboard"** Claire, Clodagh, Peter, Caolan, Emma, James and Emmett produced a Polo Board game where the player throws a dice to go around the board three times answering questions. If you can't answer, the next person gets a go.



**Company Name - "Craddocks":** Ryan, Conall, Sinead, Nathan, Matthew and Kamil produced a game called "Craddocks" which is like monopoly for children.



**Company Name - "Maths Magicians":** Caitlin, Mairead, Daragh, Roisin, Ruairi and Anita produced a game called "Problem Solvers" where the aim of the game is to follow the grid, answer the questions and if you get it wrong you had to go to the start again.

**This team won the Class Competition**

**Company Name - "Simpson's":** Mikolaj, Sean, Ann-Marie, Michelle, Conor and Mary-Cait produced a board game titled "Doughnut run's" - the aim is to get to the end as quick as possible.

