



Shoe Box Appeal 2013

Many thanks to all who helped contribute this year to the Shoe Box Appeal including The Order of Malta Group, Dromore who once again helped to make up some shoe boxes. "The Samaritan's Purse" really appreciate all the support given by St John's and this year we collected an amazing 61 boxes. Eileen Boyd collected the shoeboxes this year and reported that they would be on their way to children in extremely disadvantaged countries. Once again thanks so much for all help given.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Mid Term Break

Monday 17th February &

Tuesday 18th February
2014

St Patricks

Monday 17th March 2014



OPEN NIGHT

On Wednesday 22nd 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.

U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL

A group of U-14 girls consisting of girls from First, Second and Third Year, travelled to Brefni Park, Co. Cavan for their first game on Friday 7th February. The girls played against a very strong team from BallyJamesDuff, Co Cavan. The girls were accompanied by Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Louise Mc Philips. Megan Logue was named Captain of the team for this game. The girls put in a good performance but were defeated by a very strong team. The girls battled hard right to the end whistle and continue to train for the upcoming games.

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Chinese New Year Trip

On 5th February the pupils of St John's were invited to a celebration of the Chinese New Year. Last year our Year 10 pupils were involved in a project in which they were given the opportunity to learn Mandarin Chinese. The project was organised by the Confucius Institute and the University of Ulster and we hope to continue it this year for our junior pupils. Last year the pupils had to sit an exam in Chinese. This was a very difficult exam and all who took part should be commended. Fourteen of our pupils passed the exam and were invited to receive their certificates in The Waterfront Hall during the New Year Celebrations. We had a fantastic day and we managed to squeeze in the cinema and some shopping. Well done to all those who participated in the project and special congratulations goes to all those who received a certificate.



POPPING CANDY PRODUCTION

On Tuesday 28th January Year 13 & 14 pupils travelled to the Strule Arts Centre in Omagh to watch a drama production called "Popping Candy".

This production highlighted the danger of drink and drugs. The negative effects of drug abuse not only with their own body but how it effected homelife, friends and college work. This was a hard hitting and meaningful production.

Year 14 University Open Day

Year 14 students attended the University of Ulster Jordanstown for their Open Day on 12th October 2014. The visit gave the students the opportunity to have a look around the University and to talk to other students and find out information on courses they are

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 11th February St. John's & St. Mary's Girls took part in the Girls Rugby Schools Cup. The competition took place at Clogher Valley Rugby Club in Fivemiletown, and 12 schools took part on the day. The girls put in some great performances and fully enjoyed their first real experience taking part in a Rugby Competition. There is also the opportunity for any U18 girls interested in playing full contact rugby to start training with Accies Rugby Club. Any girls who gave their contact details will be contacted soon about Open Day and Training.



Cross-country

St. John's pupils from Year 8 to Year 11 took part in Cross-country competitions at Necarne, Irvinestown. The Fermanagh Schools Competition took place on 15th January 2014 and there were some excellent performances from Simon Garrity, Conor McDonnell, Emma Teague, Megan Logue, Claire McCann, Daniel Logue, Pearse McNabb and all the other boys and girls from the school who took part and completed the course on the day.

The E District competition also took place this year at Necarne on Monday 3rd February. It was an excellent but tough course for the pupils to run and. However, all pupils from the school that took part have to commended for their effort, and also for their dedication to training during their lunch break in the lead up to the competition. Rory Burns finished well in the Mini Boys competition and Megan Logue, Daniel Logue and Pearse McNabb all performed well in the Junior Competition.

Congratulations to all pupils that took part.



Ski Trip

On the 12th of January students from the school joined with students from St Eugene's, Roslea, Collegiate, Enniskillen and Dungannon Integrated for a ski trip to Baldova in Italy. An action packed week was enjoyed by all and to our great delight a number of the St John's students were scouted for the 2018 Irish down Hill Team.





Ward Cup Semi-Final

Rural Academy (St. John's, Dromore & St. Mary's Irvinestown) 0-12
Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana 0-3

3rd February 2014 @ Urney GAA ground

At the first time of asking, the Rural Academy has reached an Ulster final. The Ward Cup is the grade 2 vocational schools competition and to reach the final the Rural Academy had to come through tough battles with Sacred Heart Omagh, Dean Maguire Carrickmore and Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana. They now await the winners of Bellbawn College (an amalgamation of two small Cavan schools) and NRC, Magherafelt.

The semi-final was played in very cold, wet and windy conditions and this did not allow for free flowing football. The Rural Academy however showed the greater work rate, perseverance and hunger from the start and this earned them a 9 point victory in the end.. With wind advantage in the first half, the Dromore/ Irvinestown team notched up an 8-2 lead at half time, with well taken scores from Emmet McNabb, Joe McCusker and Liam Maguire.

The second half was going to take a gallant effort as it was obvious Buncrana were going to throw everything they had at the Rural Academy goals. However, Buncrana found the Academy's midfield and defensive units very hard to break down. Special mention goes to the efforts from the Maguire twins, Michael and Paul, and Malachy McLaughlin for their tight marking and the pressure they put on their opponents. Buncrana only managed to score once in the second half and with scores being added for the Rural Academy by Emmet McNabb, Sonnie McDonagh and Declan McNulty this ensured a well deserved victory and a place in the Ward Cup Final in the coming weeks. After the match Joint manager Joe Ball said "It's great to coach a group of lads who are prepared to work so hard for each other. They have had tough tests and been fantastic. They deserve to be in the final. There is a great buzz about both schools now, but the boys know it will be an even tougher battle, whoever we meet in the decider".

We are currently seeking sponsorship for new jerseys, shorts & socks for the final, keep an eye out for our sponsors and photos in our next edition.



Team: C.Donnelly, P. Maguire, C. Cullen, M. Maguire, M. McLaughlin, M. McCloughan, C. McGovern, M.Kelly, J. McCusker (capt), S. McDonagh (0-1), L. Maguire, C.McNabb, E. McNabb(0-7), S. McFarland, R. Gray(0-1). Subs used: D.McNulty(0-1) , C. McKelvey, N. Aiken, D. McCusker, C. Starrs.
Subs not used : M. Sheridan, TJ, McMulkin, M. Corry.