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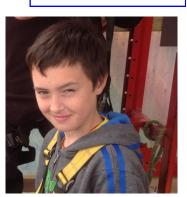
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### A newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

#### DAY TRIP TO TODDS LEAP

On Thursday 5th June 2014 the Year 8 students along with the prospective Year 8's for next year, attended a fun day at Todd's Leap in Ballygawley. Students took part in activities such as zipline, wall climbing, giant swing and finished the day off with a hill rally in one of the off road jeeps. The day proved a thoroughly entertaining day, fully enjoyed by all students and staff!

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# GOLFING – FINTONA GOLF CLUB

The Annual school Golf Tournament was held at Fintona Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> June. The College would like to acknowledge the Golf Club for access to the course and the work done by the chief organiser Mr Jimmy Mc Cloughan. The event was also partially funded by the Extended Schools Programme. As you can see from the photos below everyone had a fabulous day!



# IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES



Through Extended Schools students are currently receiving extra Irish Language Classes.

Maria Lavelle, their teacher is pictured with Claire McCarney, Emma Spratt, Anita McCoole, Sarah McCusker, Caitlin Logue and Jodie Walmsley. Tá said go hiontach. (They are wonderful) Prize winners on the day :-Closest to the pin: Caolan McCusker Longest Putt: Ronan Slevin Longest Drive (leaders only): Damien Maguire

Teams winners 1st: Gareth Kelly, Pearse McNabb and Kieran Bresnahan



## **Omagh Carnival**

The theme for this year's Omagh Midsummer Carnival was 'My Favourite Things'. All the Year 8 pupils worked with the carnival company Artastic from Dublin to produce Lego costumes. On Saturday 21st June, Elizabeth McClenaghan, Mollie McGowan, Emma Teague, Jodie Walmsley, Orlaith McCarney, Holly McWilliams, Erin Quinn and Anita Patterson took part in the carnival in their costumes, along with twenty other schools and Youth Organisations.



#### YEAR 8 HURLING BLITZ

The Tyrone Vocational school Year 8 Hurling Blitz took place in Garvahey on 17<sup>th</sup> June. St John's students gave a good account of themselves with Rory Burns and Simon Garrity to the fore in all games. This team also attended the Year 8 Ulster Blitz held in Cookstown and a number of indoor Hurling blitzes throughout the year.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Once again congratulations to the staff in our school canteen on achieving their

#### Food Hygiene Rating 5



### WARD CUP PRESENTATION

On Thursday 12th June winners of the Ward Cup Final were presented with their medals. Sponsors of the football kit, team players, their parents and invited guests were treated to a buffet lunch before the presentation of medals and kit bags.



# SPORTS DAY

St John's Sports Day took place this year over 2 days, Thursday 19th & Monday 23rd June. The weather was just right for all the events. The day was a great success with all students being presented with their winning medals on Monday evening.































The end of year trip for all students took place on Friday 20th June to Lisburn. It was a fun filled day with plenty for everyone to enjoy. We began the morning with an enjoyable shopping trip to Bow Street Mall which had over 70 stores to visit. This was followed by lunch. In the afternoon the students visited the Lisburn Leisure Plex just outside the city centre, where they had the option of either a relaxing afternoon at the cinema to see the film "Godzilla" while those looking for a more active afternoon opted for the swimming pool. The Leisure Centre boasts the largest leisure pool of its kind in the North of Ireland, with some of the fastest, longest and wettest water rides in Ireland. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff.

# **ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION**

Year 12 students had a very enjoyable evening presenting their Art & Design pieces to parents and family members. As you can see from the photographs they produced outstanding final pieces of art work and should be very proud of themselves.



Shannon Barrett pictured with her mother Ursula



Zoe Murray pictured with her father Joey



Leona Walsh pictured with her sister

Shannon Tunney pictured with her mother Rose

# YEAR 9 ECO-SCHOOLS AWARDS

Year 9 pupils receive the Eco-schools Global Wind Award for Operation Energy School of the Year (Post-Primary) and a cheque for £50 at the awards ceremony in the Everglades Hotel, Derry. Congratulations to all the students involved.





Megan McCusker, Sinead Slevin, Michelle McMahon and Mary Kate McQuaid are pictured with their teacher Ms Beattie

### Parent Teacher Association Corner

On Friday 13th June the PTA held it's first "Lucky Ladies Night" which was a huge success. The event was organised to raise money for "Tickled Pink" & St John's PTA.

The 135 ladies who attended were greeted at the entrance with a glass of bubbly and then escorted upstairs to view the beautiful array of stalls. Later the ladies were treated individual free "goody bags" filled with beautiful beauty products, a 3-course meal and a fashion show modelled by staff, parents and other members of the community. The night ended with a huge raffle consisting of prizes donated by the local community and a disco provided by Micky & Jimmy.

The committee members would like to thank everyone who came and made the night so memorable.

The total amount raised on the night was  $\pounds$  1,800



## Year 8 blitz @ Carrickmore on Friday 13th June 2014

Well done to the year 8 boys who took part in a recent Gaelic football blitz held in Carrickmore and played against Dean Mcguirc, St. Joseph's Coalisland, Sacred Heart Omagh, Drumragh Integrated College and Dungannon Intergrated College. There was no silverware to show for their efforts but it was encouraging to see the talent of this young team. The players have developed really well throughout the year and this is thanks to the efforts of Jimmy McCloughan and Conor Gormley for their after school training help every Tuesday! I know these boys are looking forward to competing for the Under 14 Tyrone Vocational School Championship next year.

**Players:** Gary Hunter, Ciaran McCanney, Conor McDonnell, Daniel Devine, Dara Monaghan, Rory Burns, Ruairi McGovern, Pauric Maguire, Simon Garrity, Ronan Hughes, Mark Maguire, Keelan Healy, Ryan Roberts, Phelim Gallagher, Aidan Lawlor, Ciaran Teague, Stephen McManus, Cameron Logue, Darragh McMahon, Kieran Bresnahan, Dermot Love.



## Year 9 @St. Patricks College, Dungannon on Friday 30th May 2014

A number of pupils form year 8 and 9 represented St. John's in the Vocational School's blitz and their efforts were rewarded with winning the B section defeating St. Joseph's Coalisland, Dean Maguirc Carrickmore and Omagh Sacred Heart on their way to glory.

Well done lads!! We hope this is a springboard for future success!!

Pupils representing the school : Ciaran McCanney, Dara Monaghan, Daniel Patterson, Gary Hunter, James McCaughey, Conall Mullin, Caolan McCusker, Conor McGovern, Matthew O'Neill, Daniel Devine, Ciaran Taegue, Pauric Maguire, Simon Garrity, Ruairi McGovern, Conore McDonnell, Phelim Gallagher, Rory Burns

