



HILL TOP NEWS

"Celebrating 50 years"



60th Edition

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A newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Friday, the 10th of June was a great night in the storied history of St John's Business & Enterprise College. The 50th Anniversary is a wonderful landmark in the life of a school. The evening began with the celebration of Mass in St Davog's Church at 7.30pm. I would like to thank Fr MacEntee for leading such a beautiful service and also Fr Dolan, Canon McKenna & Fr Brendan Collins for celebrating with him. The night continued with light refreshments and a stroll down memory lane back at the school. Mobile phones were on overdrive as the crowds eagerly scanned the walls for images of themselves which they could photograph as a keepsake. Plenty of craic was had by all and the howls of laughter were ringing around the school right up to midnight.

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A big thank you to all the past and present staff and pupils who came along to join in the celebrations and made the night so memorable.
C Doherty



More 50th Anniversary Photos



Planting of a tree in memory of Canon Breen

On Tuesday 14th June a special tree was planted in memory of the late Canon Breen. The tree was planted by Danny Ewing (Year 9 pupil) who is a great-nephew of Canon Breen. The tree was planted to coincide with our 50th Anniversary.



Pictured at the tree planting was Danny McGirr, Eireann Kelly, Leah Donnelly, Mrs V McCanny, Ms C Doherty, Danny Ewing, Patryk Mitoraj & Melissa Alieva.



Danny Ewing pictured with Ms Doherty, Principal



SHARING EDUCATION SHOWCASE

We have come to the end of the first year of the Shared education programme which involves St John's College, Dromore Primary and Tummery primary school pupils. Under the programme Dromore and Tummery primary school pupils have travelled into St Johns every Thursday for joint cross community classes in Art, ICT and Drama. There have been a number of other events as well such as a joint residential trip to Gortatole with the primary school pupils accompanied by two sixth year pupils - Ross Hunter and Chloe Maye. Others events included Maths Trails and joint training days for all the staff from each of the three schools. At the end of the year a Showcase event was held in Dromore Sports Complex which gave parents an opportunity to view the children's work. Pupils put on a Drama display and also showed parents their final animated stories created using iMovie on the ipad's. This is a three year project so activities will resume again in September.



DAY TRIP TO TODD'S LEAP

On Wednesday 8th June 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 and the giant swing. The day proved a thoroughly entertaining day, fully enjoyed by all students and staff!



ADOPT A BEE

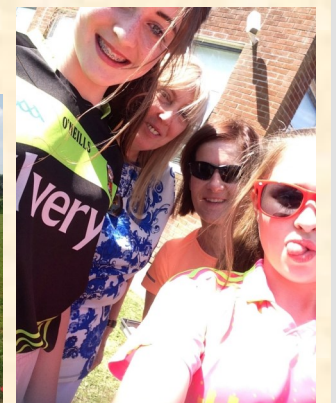
Julie Corry, the Biodiversity Officer with Tyrone and Fermanagh Council, has set up a scheme where, local schools were given a planter full of flowering plants to attract bees. Julie spoke to Year 8 about the importance of encouraging bees into our gardens. She told us that 'bees visit the flowers to collect nectar and pollen, which they use as food for themselves and the larvae. By moving from flower to flower, they are vital pollinators of many garden and wild flowers. Insect pollination is essential for the cropping of most fruits and vegetables.' All planters were returned to the council and can be seen throughout the town over the summer. Allana McMenemy won the Year 8 'Adopt a Bee' poster competition and the winning entry will be displayed on our planter. Well done, Allana.



Julie Corry, Biodiversity Officer and Veronica McCanny, Classroom Assistant
along with some pupils from 8A1 and 8A2

SPORTS DAY

St John's Sports Day took place this year with the weather just right for all the events. The day was a great success with all students presented with their winning medals on the day.





END OF YEAR TRIP TO LISBURN

The end of year trip for all students took place on Tuesday 21st 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 Leisureplex just outside the city centre, where they had the option of either a relaxing afternoon at the cinema to see the film "The jungle book" or for those looking for a more active afternoon, 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.

GCSE ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

On the 27th May 2016 parents and family members took the opportunity to view the GCSE Art and Design work on display in the Art room. There was a great range of work to see including paintings, felt bags and animal boots. Well done to all the pupils involved.



Zena McCusker pictured with her parents
Vincent & Rose



Mairead Corey pictured with her mum Ann-marie



Mollie Chadwick pictured with her family at
the exhibition.



P6 and P7 pupils from St Dymphna's PS also got a
chance to see the work on display

Horse Jumping Success

Congratulations to Year 9 pupil Mackenzie Healy on her continued success at show jumping. Mackenzie recently completed in Belgium in the European Show Jumping Trials and was very successful in the competition. We wish Mackenzie all the best at the Dublin Horse Show in July in which she is competing.



Fun Day Summer Term

St John's hosted a Fun Day for the Year 8, 9 and 10's on Friday 10th June. The pupils participated in rounders, soccer, Gaelic football and bubble football. Thanks to all pupils who took part and made it a very enjoyable day!



Aerial Photograph

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, we organised an aerial photograph with a group of students to be taken in the form of '50'. We want to thank Dessie O'Neill, Dromore, for taking the photograph (using a drone) which will form part of the memories of our 50th year.



SPIRIT OF PAUL MCGIRR

Through the Spirit of Paul McGirr St John's recently donated old football jerseys to Zambia. We were delighted to receive a photograph back showing the jerseys being used.



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL BLITZ

Our Year 8's attended the last ever blitz held under the Vocational Schools. The games took place at Carrickmore GAA Grounds where they played games against Sacred Heart College, Dean Maguirc and St. Joseph's Coalisland. The boys played very well and were able to showcase the talents that we can look forward to seeing for years to come. They reached the final and were narrowly defeated by a strong Sacred Heart team.



Team Photo:

Back row – Sebastian Watroba, Nikodem Hareza, Sean Boyle, Sean Mc Williams & Kevin Teague

Front row – Ciaran Malone, Eoin Teague & Sean Fee

Canon Breen Memorial Tournament 14th June 2016

St John's hosted the first Primary school blitz in memory of Canon Breen on Tuesday 14th June at the Dromore GAA grounds. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all who were involved, especially the pupils who played. There were two sections running throughout the day and all games were played in a spirit that would make Canon Breen proud. The schools who attended were: St Dympna's Primary School, St. Lawrence's Primary School, St. Scire's Primary School, Knocknagor Primary School, Tummery Primary School, Drumlish Primary School and Magheralough Primary School. We would like to thank all schools for participating in the blitz and congratulations to St. Dympna's and Knocknagor for winning their section. We look forward to inviting all schools back next year for this annual event.

