



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Year 12 Retreat to Rossnowlagh



On the 9th March our Year 12 pupils joined with St Mary's Irvinestown and went on a retreat to Rossnowlagh. The main speaker was John Pridmore who told his inspirational life story. He now travels the world to tell people how he transformed his life. It was a very enjoyable day.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Easter Holidays

Thursday 13th April -
Friday 21st April 2017
(inclusive)

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2017



YEAR 8 ART CLUB

Year 8 pupils were busy recently during lunchtime making cards under the guidance of Classroom Assistant, Una Carney.



Left to Right: Eirinn Donaghy, Ella McSorley, Laoise Mullin, Eimear McCann, SORCHA Rafferty, Grainne Donnelly, Mya Williamson and Laura Baxter



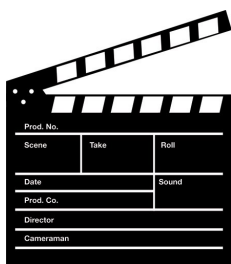
1st, 2nd & 3rd place
Eimear McCann, Eirinn Donaghy & Mya Williamson

Canon Breen's memory lives on in St John's

We are all delighted to see the first blossoms flourish on the tree that was planted last year on the school grounds in memory of Canon Breen .



Film Club



Leagh Donnelly, Melisa Alieva & Emma Weir receive their Silver Certificate for the Film Buff Challenge.

As part of the Film Buff Challenge pupils watched 5 films during lunchtime from various categories. The aim of Film Buff is to introduce young people to some of the gems of cinema, from classics to animation to world cinema. The challenge has three levels of award: Silver, Gold and Platinum. On 21st March the girls also attended a screening of 'Hidden Figures' at Brunswick Moviebowl in Derry as part of the Foyle Film Festival along with Year 11 Sociology pupils and Year 12 RE pupils. Congratulation girls!

Sharing Education

On the 24th March, as part of the Foyle Intercultural and Anti-Racism Film Festival, the Nerve Centre delivered a Sound and Vision workshop at St John's College. The Film Festival hopes to raise awareness around issues such as racism, harassment and bullying ultimately, aiming to promote tolerance and inclusion.

The Nerve Centre artists worked with pupils from P5, P6 & P7 in Tummery PS and Dromore PS and Year 8 pupils from St John's College. During the two hour workshop, the pupils worked together to make an alternative soundtrack to a sequence from the animation 'Moana'. Pupils used iPads to employ foley, audio loops and software instruments to create their own emotional soundtrack.

The pupils involved in the workshop have been participating in a Sharing Education Programme running in St John's College. This is a cross community partnership involving St John's College, Dromore PS and Tummery PS.

Speaking to the Ulster Herald, Project coordinator Mr Brian McCarron said "Under the programme all pupils from Dromore and Tummery primary schools travel to St John's every Thursday and Friday afternoon for joint cross community classes in Art and ICT (Miss Beattie and Mrs Clare-Kelly), ICT (Mr McCarron), Drama (Mrs Donaghy) and Sport (Jimmy McCloughan). Other joint events arranged include a residential trip to Gortatole, Maths Trails and training days for all the staff from each of the schools. At the end of the year a Showcase event is held which gives parents an opportunity to view the children's work".

The programme was inspected by the Department of Education in February 2017 and it received an extremely positive report. Inspectors "found that there were high quality experiences of Art, Drama, ICT and Sports activities. Interaction was very well-facilitated; children were able to build on relationships first established at play school. Children were given opportunities to develop teamwork skills and that there was good development of oracy and literacy skills throughout the activities."

The Sharing Education Programme is set to continue next year as it is currently in its second year of a three year programme.



Dromore Playgroup visit St John's for Egg Hunt

On Monday 10th April St John's invited the children from the Dromore Playgroup to come up to the school to take part in an Egg Hunt. The children spent time in the Home Economics Department making buns and in the Art Department decorating egg boxes. They also had the opportunity to take part in a hunt for Easter Eggs. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by both the Playgroup and the students from St John's. All 33 children received an Easter Egg from St John's as they left.



ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to Emma Weir 9A2 and Aishling Goodwin 8A2 on winning the Art & Design Easter egg design competition. Well done girls!



YEAR 11 STUDENTS TAKE PART IN SENTINUS PROGRAMME

