



HILL TOP NEWS



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ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, DROMORE

FASHION AND VARIETY SHOW

On Thursday night 14th December 2017, parents, past pupils and the local community in Dromore were treated to a fantastic night of Fashion, Music and Drama by the pupils of St John's College. This annual event has now come to be one of the highlights of the year with patrons flocking from the surrounding parishes of Fintona, Trillick, Drumquin and Omagh to see an action-packed event which is renowned for being highly entertaining.

MC on the night was Ms Ann-Marie Clare-Kelly. The very impressive props and stage settings were prepared by the Design & Technology Dept and Art & Design Dept under the guidance of Ms Beattie & Mr Logue. Among the many acts were songs from "Mama Mia", "Thriller", "Blame it on the Boogie", "The Haka" and sketches called "The GAApprentice", "The Exchange Teacher", and "Sean Nos Dancing" to name just a few. Music was also provided by the traditional group and various singers on the night. A brilliant night was had by all as you can see from the photos below and loads more inside.

SCHOOL DETAILS

PRINCIPAL:

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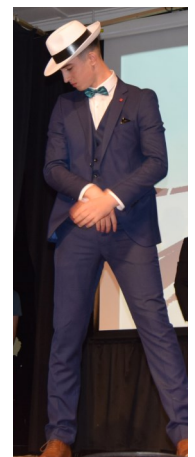
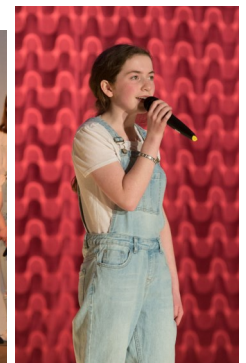
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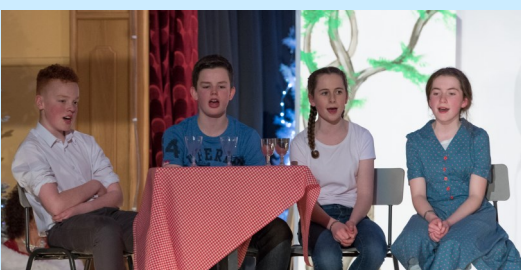
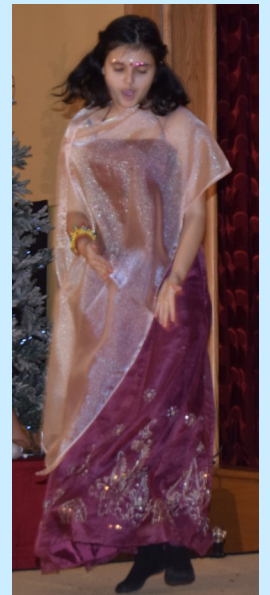
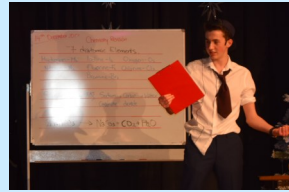
SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays

Friday 22nd Dec to
Thursday 5th January
(inclusive)



MORE FASHION & VARIETY SHOW PHOTOS



King of the Ring

Sean Fee from Fintona in Year 10 participated in a European King of the Ring boxing tournament in Boras, Sweden on the 22nd – 26th November this year. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Boxing club, Omagh where 7 members of the club took part in the tournament.



Upcoming Dates for your diary

5th February 2018 -
Year 12 mocks begin

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23rd February 2018-  
Merit Awards Trip

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Mon 12th - 16th February 2018 -
Mid Term Break

ARC

Nuala Ormsby and Roley McIntyre from the ARC *Healthy Living* Centre visited our school in November and delivered workshops to Year 8, 9 and 10. Arc are based at Irvinestown and aim to improve the well-being of local people by bringing together a partnership of community health activities and services.

Key Stage 3 Environmental Programme

Anthea Owens, Recycling Officer with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, spoke to Year 9 about reducing, reusing and recycling. They discussed the various items that can be recycled and the different types of bins that are provided to households by the council. Michael McKinney, the Biodiversity Officer, also with the council, assisted 8A2 build bee homes using pallets and bamboo.

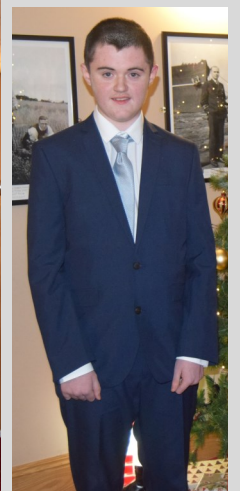
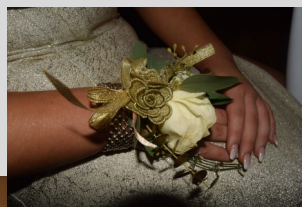
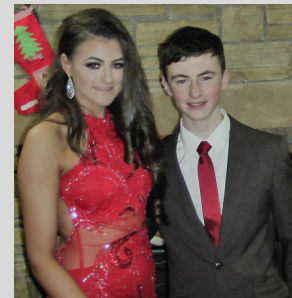
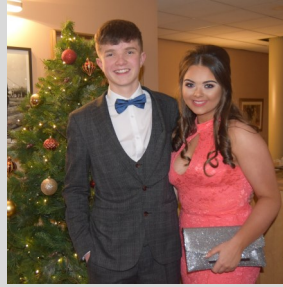
Pupils worked in groups to size and cut their bee home frame, nail it together and fill with bamboo. Michael informed the pupils that the bees laid their eggs in these homes so that the young bees could emerge safely. 8A2 sold the bee homes at the school Christmas Fair.



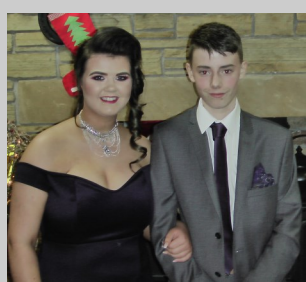
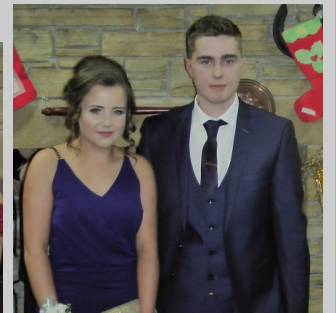
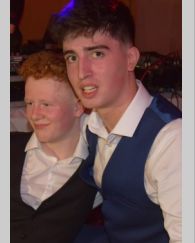
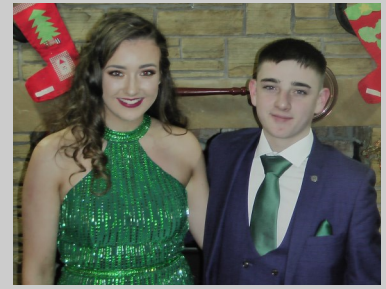
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FORMAL 2017

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Wednesday 13th December 2017. On the night the weather was cold put thankfully everyone arrived on time, safe and well. The girls looked beautiful, the boys handsome, and a great night was had by all. Liam Curran provided the disco. This year we had a photo booth provided by FotoPod in Dromore (Paddy Poyntz). Both the students and the staff took great enjoyment out of it.

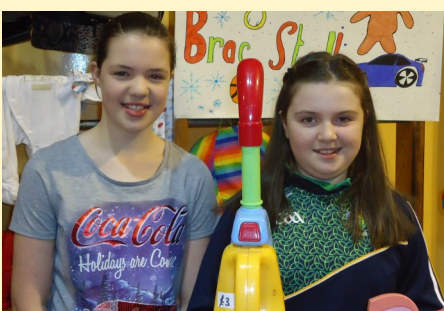
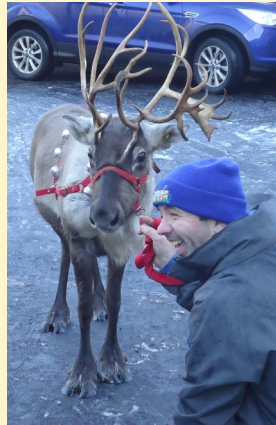


MORE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2017

The 2017 Christmas Fair was another huge success for St. John's and its students. The pupils in the school developed various products, all of which proved to be popular with visiting members of the community. Students sold plants, stunning floral arrangements and Christmas candles. We also had a very successful home baking stand to which parents had donated items. A special thanks to Keys, Dromore who provided the tractor and to Corbally Mobile Fun Farm who brought along the animal farm. Thanks to all the students and staff who assisted with the running of these events and especially all the parents and members of the community who supported the event on the day.



GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Megan McGirr in Year 8 who was recently awarded 5th place for the floor recently in a competition held in Shooting Starz in Derry. This medal adds to Megan's collection she already has, well done Megan!



Credit Union Art Competition



Left to right - Grainne Donnelly, Mya Williamson & Shauna Brogan

In October, Year 9 pupils participated in the Credit Union Art Competition entitled 'Set your Imagination Free'. Mya Williamson got first place with her fairytale inspired picture and received £20. Shauna Brogan took second place with her space themed image and received cinema tickets. Grainne Donnelly took third place with a fairyland image and also got cinema tickets. Well done to all who entered the competition.

Colin plays the bodhran for the president

On Saturday 9th December, a Year 9 pupil, Colin Carney travelled to Dublin to attend the switching on of the Christmas lights ceremony at Aras an Uachtarain. He travelled with Sarah Maguire and her family to the President's House. Colin had the privilege of playing the bodhran for Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina along with Sarah on the accordion. They enjoyed supper with the President and a number of other families. They were invited to stay overnight as guests of the President.



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017

Another successful year for "The Shoe Box Appeal" with filled 50 boxes and £275.00 raised.

Massive thanks to all the parents, pupils and staff who supported the appeal this year. Irene Boyd (Samaritans Purse) thanked St John's for all their support once again this year.



Irene is pictured with Caitlin Leonard, Laura Large & Molly McManus presenting the cheque and shoe boxes.

Year 8 students visit An Creagán

8A2 went on an educational visit to An Creagán on Monday the 13th of November 2017 for a Peatland Ecosystem study targeting Key Stage 3 which involved an introduction to bogs, their formation, plant and animal species that live there and a taster of some of the sampling techniques used to study a habitat along with Year 8 pupils from Castledearg High School.

As part of the day we went on a Bog Walk where Peter Brown or Niamh walked us along the bog edge and into the forest plantation with stops to look at key features and species. The pupils got to experience Pond Dipping, using nets to sample inverts and amphibians after an introduction to methods of sampling a habitat. Our afternoon saw us turf cutting using a turf spade to cut several pieces of turf concluding with a melting of marshmallows over a turf fire in a mud thatched round hut and mud floor. A great day was had by all, with brilliant hands-on experiences. A day to remember.



Pearse and Paschal are brave enough to eat the lichen which grow in environmentally clean air areas

Stefan and Mark find a unique place to get out of the rain

"We needed that" - Marcus and James with a delicious hot chocolate



What can be found in a bog? - turf sods, an Irish Hare and a turf spade

