

HILL TOP NEWS



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CANON BREEN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - 26TH MAY 2018

St. John's hosted the annual Canon Breen Memorial Tournament. It was great to see so many young pupils enjoying the experience and getting to showcase their skills. There were two sections and both had a very competitive edge throughout, something that Canon Breen would be very proud of. We would like to thank all the staff and pupils from the primary schools who competed. We look forward to inviting you back next year.

Schools attended: St. Dymphna's Primary School - Dromore, St. Scire's Primary School - Trillick, St. Lawrence's Primary School - Fintona, Tummery Primary School - Dromore, Drumlish Primary School - Dromore & Magheralough Primary School - Trillick.

Congratulations to St. Lawrence's Primary School and Tummery Primary School, the winners of their respective sections.

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DAY TRIP TO TODD'S LEAP

On Wednesday 6th 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!



500m long! 50ft in the air! Witness Ireland's longest zip line at Todd's Leap! Many have walked to the Tower, only for fear to strike and send them hastily retreating. But not these two brave, young warriors, Geraldine McAllister and James Daly. As they courageously surveyed the descent before them, neither blinked. Steel coursed through their veins. Look at their faces- pure confidence!!!



Soccer Tournament

On Friday 22nd June, ten boys from our Year 8 group represented St. John's in the inaugural West Tyrone Federation of Youth Clubs' Indoor Soccer Tournament. The day was a great success, with some notable victories and hard-fought draws. The boys' tireless effort and industry was commended by many of those present. Callum Welsh was awarded our team's 'All-Star', while Nathan Hunter was awarded the 'Goal of the Tournament' accolade.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a great success. It was a chance for all our athletes to show off their sporting capabilities and they did not disappoint. We had Year 8, 9, 10 and 11's competing in all track and field events. We saw some great talent this year, we have high expectations of some of our athletes to go further and compete in athletic competitions next year. We ended the day with a well deserved ice-cream from the ice-cream van.



Extended Schools Programme

Bake and Banter with Year 8 & 9 students

Last term saw students take part in the Extended Schools Programme, Bake & Banter. Under the guidance of Una Carney after school once a week the students learned to bake whilst enjoying the banter!



Mya trying her hand at piping icing!



Shauna is just delighted with how her baking turned out



Conal & Thomas showing that boys can bake too!



Leah's smile says it all!



Caitlin & Niamh show teamwork pays off



Sorcha & Laoise definitely enjoyed the banter!



Sinead & Caoimhe showing their homemade buns



Chelsey & Laney with their creations



Any buns for the office Molly & Laura?

Adopt a Bee Bed Campaign

Julie Corry, the Biodiversity Officer with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council visited our school and spoke to Year 8 students about the importance of encouraging bees into our gardens and local areas. Julie and the pupils then fill a planter full of pollen rich flowers which was placed in the school garden and the pupils check its success throughout the year.



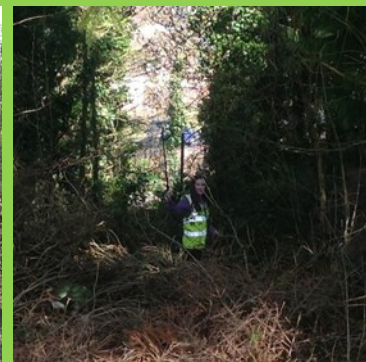
Into Film Club



Year 9 Litter pick

As part of our Environmental programme within the school Year 9 pupils eagerly took a litter picker and bag and spread out around the school grounds lifting litter.

“Don’t contaminate our air, ground or water with your discarded rubbish, just bin it.”



TYRONE FLEADH SUCCESS

We are so proud of all our students who had excellent success at the recent Tyrone Fleadh 2018 held in Dungannon. They were involved in a variety of solo and group performances throughout the weekend and many are progressing to the Fleadh Uladh in Castlewellaan in July! Sarah Barrett, Grainne Donnelly, Kevin Teague and Ciaran Teague performed under Dromore CCE.

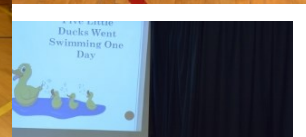
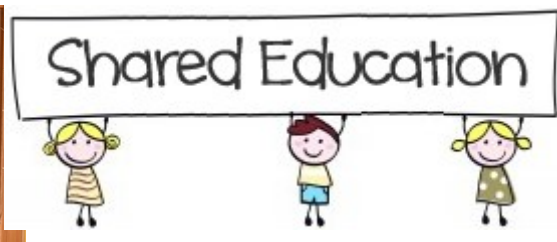
Those involved in solo competitions and also qualifying for the Ulster Fleadh include Oisín McGirr, (Dromore CCE) who came 2nd in the Button Accordion 15-18 age group and Micheala McCusker (Irvinestown CCE) in Year 10 who came 3rd in her 12-15 Button Accordion competition. Year 8 student Niamh Carney (Fintona CCE) came 2nd in the 12-15 Button Accordion and 2nd in the Sean Nos Dancing. Her brother, Year 9 student Colin Carney (Fintona CCE) came 1st in Drums, Bodhran and Sean Nos Dancing in the same age group.

Sean Dolan, our student teacher also came 2nd in the Button Accordion O.18. With such talent in our local area, it is clear that the future of Traditional Irish Music is in great hands! Well Done everyone.



Shared Education End of Year Celebration Event

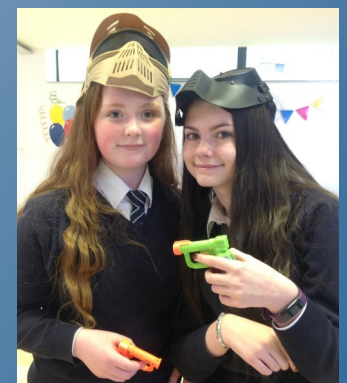
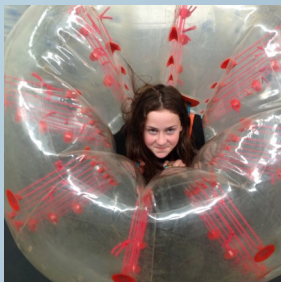
The Dromore Schools Shared Education end of year celebration event took place on Thursday the 14th of June in St John's College. This was organised for all P1 - P4 pupils in the Dromore partnership from - Dromore, Drumlish and Tummery Primary schools. Pupils were presented with certificates for their Art work and then entertained the mums and dads with their Drama sketches which incorporated the use of musical rhythm. Co-ordinator for the programme Mr Brian McCarron complimented the pupils for the excellent entertainment they had laid on and he thanked Miss Angeline Beattie and Miss Arlene McCarroll for all their hard work with the children throughout the year.



Shared Education End of Year fun Day

A massive Shared Education fun Day took place on Friday 15th June in Dromore Sports Complex. This was organised for all pupils in the Dromore partnership - Dromore PS, Drumlish PS, Tummery PS and all Year 8 pupils at St John's College, over 200 pupils in total took part.

The range of activities included Nerf Guns, Photo Booth, Bouncy Castle, Demolition Zone, Bubble Football, Paintball Targets, Archery and Dartboard Football. A great time was had by all. Activities were provided by Niall Mimmagh of Hunter West Drumquin as well as Liam O'Neill and Paddy Poyntz of Kool Candy, Dromore. Speaking afterwards event organiser Mr Brian McCarron said that, "It is great to see the genuine friendships that have been established between pupils from different faith schools through our shared education programme. This is now the end of the third year of the programme and we look forward to resuming activities next year".



Gaelic Football 2017-2018

It has been an extremely successful year of GAA for St. John's. Both the U16 boys and girls reached the Ulster final but unfortunately were beaten. The U14 girls also made it to the Ulster semi-final to play St. Kevin's Derrylin, however the strong Derrylin side were the team which secured their place in the Ulster final. It has been a great year for GAA in St. John's with some excellent displays of football from both boys and girls. With skills and determination displayed by the pupils there will be no doubt that some sliverwear will be won in the near future.



Art and Design Exhibition

Parents, family and local primary children took the opportunity to view the fantastic GCSE and A Level Exhibition on display in the Art Room at the school. Well done to all the pupils involved in producing these exquisite works of art.

