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ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, DROMORE

FASHION AND VARIETY SHOW

On Thursday night 13th December 2018, 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, now in its 12th year, has 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 "The Greatest Showman", "Annie & Oliver", "Queen", The Disney Parade "Christmas is Here", dance acts from "The Greatest Showman" and Techno-dance alongside comedy sketches called "Daniel & Majella's B&B Road Trip", "GAA Active Retirement Home", an act from The Young Offenders, Traditional music and "Sean N6s Dancing" to name just a few. Whether it was performing, writing sketches or even helping back stage, St. John's students really pulled out all the stops for this year's event. A brilliant night was had by all as you can see from the photos below and loads more inside.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 20th Dec to
Friday 4th January
2019 (inc)



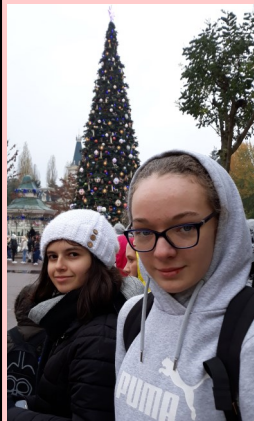
MORE FASHION & VARIETY SHOW PHOTOS



Disneyland Paris Trip 2018

This November saw the return of our popular trip to Disneyland, Paris. On Sunday 18th of November, 29 pupils and 3 members of staff flew to Paris to experience Christmas time at Disney for the first time. The trip usually took place in February but St. John's decided to take a chance and change to the November slot. This turned out to be a great decision as Disney certainly know how to host a Christmas Party.

The decorations and parades were even more spectacular than usual and I think the trip will change permanently to this new time slot. The whole trip was truly magical and will live in the memories of all the travellers for a long time. Below are photos of some unforgettable magical moments from the trip.



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FORMAL 2018

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Wednesday 12th December 2018. On the night the weather was cold but 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.

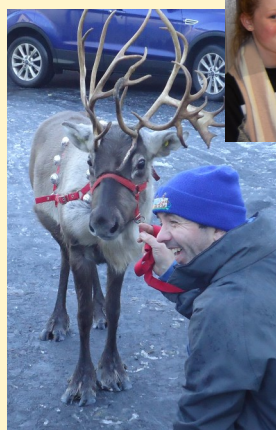


MORE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018

The 2018 Christmas Fair was a massive success for St. John's and its students especially with the change to a Friday. 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 the go-kart man - Kieran Beattie - who provided a train of tar barrels on wheels to the delight of the customers. From this £200 was raised and passed to Marie Curie as a donation from the school. Thank to the Ewing family for a great entrance for Santa on the cab of their lorry 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 that evening.



Credit Union Poster Competition

All Year 9 pupils took part in this year's Credit Union Competition. They explored the theme, 'Force of Nature' and looked at the many ways our environment is affected by natural disasters. Caoimhe McCann took 1st place and Sinead Barrett 2nd place. Well done to all who took part.



Bird Feeder Workshop

Julie Corry and Sarah Jane Beacom, Biodiversity Officers with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, delivered a practical workshop on birds and making bird feeders. 8A1 and the primary school children involved in the Sharing Education Programme took part. They used leftover apples, cheese, bird seed and lard which they combined and placed in empty yoghurt containers. This will give the birds a substantial meal and help them survive those cold winter days when other food sources would be scarce. Pictured below are pupils from Tummery PS, Dromore PS and Year 8 in St John's getting hands-on in their bird feeder workshop.



Swimming Gala 2018

In November, Omagh Leisure Centre held their annual Swimming Gala in which children from schools across the county participated. Our students Eimear McCann (Year 10) and Caoimhe McCann (Year 9) took part. Eimear achieved 2nd in the front crawl and 2nd in the back crawl. Caoimhe achieved 1st in the front crawl and 2nd in the breaststroke. Well done girls on your achievements.



Sisters Caoimhe McCann Year 9 and Eimear McCann Year 10

NIPPO N.Ireland Open

Congratulations to Owenie McMenamin a Year 9 student who played fantastic pool throughout the recent tournament to become the first NIPPO N.Ireland Open U-15 Champion defeating Piotr Samulewicz in the final on 5-2 score line.

Semi-Finals:

Owenie McMenamin 4-1 Haryy McMenamin

Piotr Samulewicz 4-3 Shane Prior

Final: Owenie 5-2 Piotr

Owenie will certainly be one to watch out for in the future.



Dromore Lantern Walk

On 8th December, 2018, Dromore Education and Community Partnership held their annual Christmas Lantern walk in conjunction with the Dromore 2000 switching on of the Christmas lights ceremony, funded by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Prior to the walk, three evening lantern making sessions took place in the Dromore Sports Complex, organized by Barry Campbell, Sports Centre Manager and facilitated by Miss Beattie. The walk was very well attended despite atrocious weather conditions. Back at the Sports Complex everyone was very glad of the lovely refreshments that were served and the Disco. A big thankyou to everyone who helped and to all who participated on the night.

