



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

OPEN NIGHT AT ST JOHN'S

On Thursday 17th of January the staff and students of St. John's welcomed current P7 students to our annual Open Night. St. John's School Choir, under the direction of Mrs McCrory, performed a medley from our Christmas Show, followed by Ms Doherty's Welcome Address. Mr McCarron then showed a video highlighting some of the activities undertaken by our current Year 8 students.

We thought the P7 students might like to hear more about the school, so we knew the best way to do this was to invite some of our First Year students to detail their experiences since they arrived in September, and they spoke confidently and succinctly.

The guided tours for P7 students and their families were hosted by pupils from Years 9 to 12, who were brilliant on the night. After the tours a cup of tea was waiting in the gym along with acts performing routines from our Fashion & Variety show to entertain the guests.

All the students who assisted staff in their rooms were a credit to St. John's and their families. They were helpful, interactive and innovative, and made us proud!

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Mid Term Break

Monday 18th February -
Friday 22nd February

St Patrick's Day

Monday 18th March &
Tuesday 19th March 2019



CRASH SIMULATOR

On Tuesday 29th January we had a Crash Car Simulator supplied by the PSNI visit the school. Year 12 students, plus those studying Motor Vehicle and Road User Studies, had the opportunity to learn first-hand about the devastating consequences of poor driving conditions.



Accelerated Reading Rewards' Day

As part of our 'Accelerated Reading' programme, students' progress is monitored. Each term, we then examine students' reading records, and recognise those who have made significant progress in their reading.

On Wednesday 9th January, 25 students went to the IMC cinema in Omagh to see 'Bumblebee'. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. We would encourage all students to make a great effort in the coming months, as there will be a final 'day out' at the end of the year.

Camogie success for Sinead

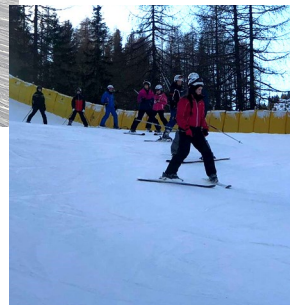
Congratulations to Sinead Barrett, Year 9 student who plays with Omagh's U14 camogs and recently won the Tyrone League & the Aine Hughes Memorial Shield in Camogie. Sinead then progressed on to win the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Division 7 shield. Congratulations Sinead, what a wonderful achievement!



Sinead pictured with the prestigious awards

SKI 2019

A group of students spend a wonderful week skiing in the Italian Dolomites from 19th - 26th January. The weather was amazing and the ski condition were wonderful. A lot of memories were made and we are sure the students will remember their trip for many years to come.



THE BIG TELLY THEATRE COMPANY

On Friday 1st February our school took part in a project called **Operation Online**, designed to raise awareness about the consequences of sexting and cyber-bullying. The project has been carried out simultaneously in post-primary schools across the area. The project, delivered by Big Telly Theatre Company, has been commissioned by the PSNI and the PCSP via Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.

The first stage of the project was a piece of invisible theatre performed in the assembly hall by two professional actors. Invisible theatre is when actors play out a scene which the audience believe is real life. Unbeknown to our students Katie had spend part of the day posing as a new student. Two PSNI officers arrived during assembly to remove the new pupil for questioning about the sharing of illegal images and the whereabouts of her missing friend. An older sibling bursts into the assembly to confront her.

The pupils were then informed that what they had witnessed was a fictional performance and not real life. A follow-up discussion was then led by Big Telly Theatre Company actors & PSNI.

Operation Online aims to help young people understand what to do if they receive (or someone asks them to share) harmful images or messages. It impressed upon them the gravity of generating and sharing potentially harmful images or messages of themselves or of others. It informed them of who to go to for support if they are being coerced or pressurised to upload, post or share such images or messages.



Katie, one of the actors in the centre pictured with Roisin Dillon & Amy Goodwin



Actors Katie & Matt Pictured with Michael McGirr, Emmet McGoldrick, Mya Williamson & Shauna Brogan



Katie discusses with the students who was right and who was wrong

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

1. Don't post any personal information online - like your address, e-mail address or mobile number.
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it. It's not just yours anymore.
3. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
4. Never give out your passwords.
5. Don't befriend people you don't know.
6. Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
7. Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
8. Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
9. Respect other people's views; even if you don't agree with someone else's views, it doesn't mean you need to be rude.
10. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried, leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to, and tell a trusted adult immediately.