



HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

OPEN NIGHT AT ST JOHN'S

On Tuesday 21st of January the staff and students of St. John's welcomed current P7 students to our annual Open Night. The night started with the Principal's address at 7.30pm. 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 students from Years 9 to 12, who were brilliant on the night.

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 17th February -
Friday 21st February

St Patrick's Day

Monday 16th March
Tuesday 17th March
Wednesday 18th March



An award for Mya



Congratulations to Mya Williamson: Year 11 who was recognised by Trillick St. Macartan's GAA for of her achievements with the Tyrone Ladies All-Ireland quest.

"True Colours" Exhibition

Year 11 Art and Design pupils travelled to the Ulster Museum on Wednesday 5th February to view the True Colours Exhibition, the best of GCSE and A-Level Art and Design. They also took the opportunity to see the other displays in the museum. Afterwards, there was still time to do some shopping at Victoria Square.



INTO FILM CLUB

Through IntoFilm, Year 8 girls attended a screening of Frozen 2 at the Omniplex Cinema, Omagh in December. As part of the experience they were asked to write a review of the film. Overall, the pupils' work was highly praised and the school won an Amazon Kindle Fire. Weronika and Fianna received individual prizes for their reviews.



Eavan King from IntoFilm presents an Amazon Kindle Fire and other prizes to some 8A1 and 8A2 pupils who participated in the Big Film Review.

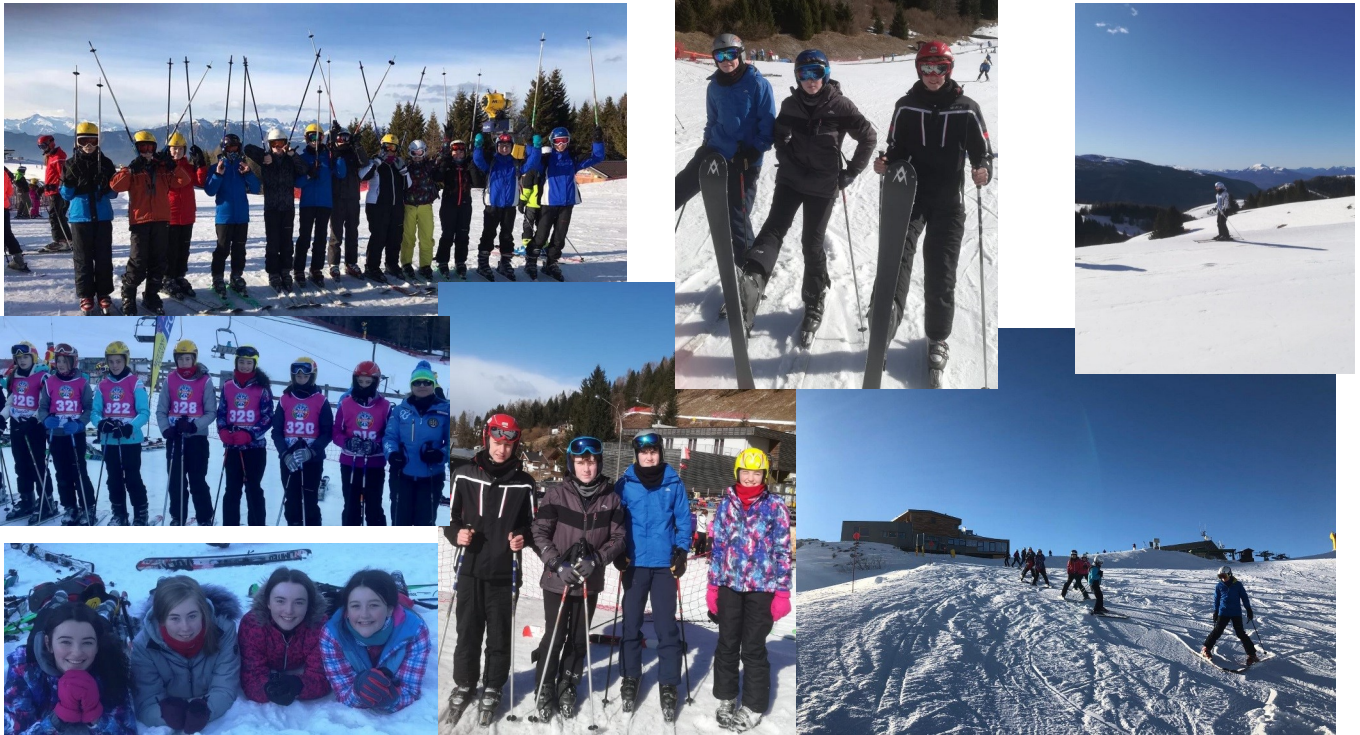
Swimming success for Bernard

Congratulations to Bernard Goodwin, Year 9, who won two Gold medals and one Bronze medal in the Special Olympics Swimming Gala in Omagh Leisure Centre on Saturday 8th February. Bernard received Gold in the Back Stroke & Freestyle and Bronze in the Relay Race. Bernard now goes on to compete in the 'Ulsters' in Bangor. Well done Bernard.



SKI 2020

A group of students spend a wonderful week skiing in the Italian Dolomites from 2nd - 8th February. The weather was amazing and the ski conditions were wonderful. A lot of memories were made and we are sure the students will remember their trip for many years to come.



Owenie's off to Malta!



Year 9 student Owenie McMenamin heads off to Malta this month to represent Northern Ireland in the European Pool Championship with Q Sport Academy in Fintona. What a wonderful experience for you Owenie. Best of luck!



FILM CLUB REVIEW

In February, Peter Murray from IntoFilm delivered a Film Review Writing Taster Session with all Year 9 pupils. Pupils discussed the elements of films they enjoyed. They watched a short film and using the 3Cs: Character, Camera and Colour and the 3Ss: Script, Set and Sound they were asked to write a review. This new understanding will help Year 9 improve their review writing skills in the future.



Peter Murray from Into Film with some of the Year 9 pupils that attend Film Club in the school

UNDER-14 BOYS WIN ULSTER TITLE

St John's Dromore played in the Ulster schools Corn mac Nesa Under 14 ½ cup final in MUSA, Cookstown, on Friday 17th January.

They fought their way to the final through a tough program of games, defeating teams such as Drumragh Integrated, St Mary's, Irvinestown and St John the Baptist Portadown in the early stages of the competition.

In the Quarter-final they faced a strong Sperrin Integrated from Magherafelt and came out comfortable winners by 4-15 to 1-5. Callum Welsh had an excellent game that day scoring 2-6, while Christy Mc Gurren was solid at centre-half back.

In the semi-final on the 17th December they met St Brigid's of Derry, winning by a scoreline of 8-15 to 4-2. The main scorers that day were Paschal Donnelly 3-7, Callum Welsh 3-7 and Callum Hunter with 2-0. Marcus Kelly had an excellent performance in defence that day.

In the final they met a very strong All Saints team from Belfast who fought hard in the first half, but as the game wore on St John's skill and determination flourished. We had strong performances from a number of players, notably Christy McGurren, Eoghan McCann and Calum Welsh, with Nathan Hunter getting through a lot of work around the midfield. In the end St John's were victorious by a scoreline of 4-12 to 3-4. Scorers on the day: J Moore 1-0, Paschal Donnelly 1-3, Colm McCann 1-0, Calum Welsh 0-8, Nathan Hunter 1-1.

A special word of thanks to our sponsors Adrian O'Neill for the new jerseys and Tommy Donnelly of Top Tools, Fintona for the water bottles. A final thank you to the parents and supporters who came out on the day to support and celebrate with the new **ULSTER CHAMPIONS!!!**

