



HILL TOP NEWS



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ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, DROMORE

HOPEFUL MINDS GRADUATION

On Thursday 3rd December, Mandy Chism and Suzie Mitchell from Hopeful Minds returned to St John's for this year's graduation celebration. Year 10 had been really looking forward to this day which had to be postponed due to Covid 19 and lockdown. The pupils had completed a two-day fun and interactive workshop in the school back in February, where they had learned some very important "hope skills". Such as "How to cope with failure" and "How to pass on hope to others". The graduation was a time for the young people to celebrate their success on this hope journey.

Mandy Chism would also like to let any parents, caregivers or anyone working with young people know about the Ambassador Training available with Hopeful Minds, due to take place in the New Year. Anyone interested in this training, or anyone who would like to know more about it, can leave their name and email address with the school and we will get Mandy to contact you. Below are some of the photos of the Year 10 group during the workshops and at the graduation. Well done everyone and a huge thanks to Mandy and Suzie for their continued enthusiasm and kindness. And hopefully we will see them again soon.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays

Monday 28th Dec -

Wednesday 6th January

2021 (inclusive)



Piano Lessons - there are a small number of spaces available for piano/keyboard lessons, which take place on Thursday mornings. Please contact the Music Department for more information to avail of this great opportunity to learn a new skill.



Foyle Film Festival



On 25th November, 2020 Foyle Film Festival came to St John's. As films are not being shown in cinemas, Rois Sona and Clare Melarky from the Nerve Centre in Derry screened the film 'Little Women' in the school. Year 12 and Year 10 girls in the respective bubbles enjoyed watching this Oscar-winning film based on the classic book by Louisa May Alcott. A big thanks to the Nerve Centre for the opportunity.



Guitar Lessons

Owen McNulty is delivering guitar lessons again every Tuesday in the music room. Pupils are in their respective bubbles, in a well-ventilated room, 2m from the tutor and wearing face coverings. We have 12 participants already so if you feel you would like to learn an instrument come along. You do not need to have your own guitar as you can use the school's guitars.



Virtual Run

Well done to all our students who took part in our 'Virtual Run' at the school recently. Brilliant effort from all who took part.



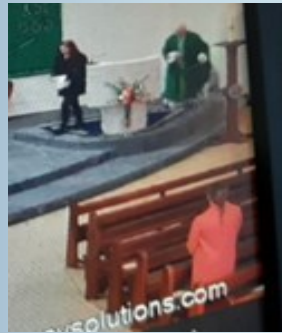
YEAR 8 SCIENCE RECYCLING PROJECT

Fantastic work carried out by Year 8 students in their Science Recycling Project



Virtual School Mass

On November 26th, St. John's College celebrated a virtual mass for our deceased relatives and friends. Canon MacEntee led the mass with readings by Mrs. Nuala Maguire and Shauna Brogan. The staff and pupils of St. John's watched the service from their respective classrooms. Many thanks to Canon MacEntee for his help in organising this.



Simon Community N.Ireland

This year the staff at St John's College have been busy collecting food items and toiletries for Simon Community, who have 22 hostels across N. Ireland, providing much needed accommodation for the homeless. Our donations will make up 'Welcome Packs' which are distributed to clients when they arrive in the hostel.

Some people arrive with very few belongings at all so these will help them to feel they have something of their own. Heather Downes from Limavady also made some fantastic masks in lots of different designs for the school with all proceeds going to the charity. We also organised a Christmas Jumper Day in the school, 'Sweaters for Simon' where we asked pupils and teachers to put on festive jumpers, Santa hats or antlers and make a donation. All these donations will then be used to help those without a home of their own this Christmas. A big thank you to our staff and pupils for so generously giving to this very worthy cause.

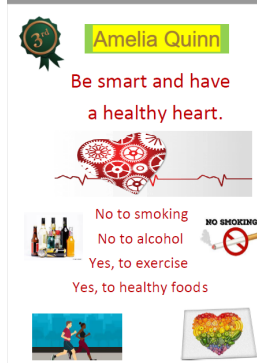
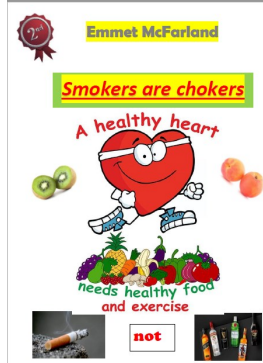


CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR THE SIMON COMMUNITY



POSTER COMPETITION

As part of their work in Mr McCarron's Science class, Year 9 pupils carried out a study of the Circulatory System. The pupils were then asked to design a poster to show how to ensure that a person will have a Healthy Heart. 1st place went to Fianna Kearney, with Emmett McFarland 2nd and Amelia Quinn 3rd.



Credit Union Poster Competition

'Imagine This ...'



**Credit Union Winners - Weronika Watroba,
Leah McBride & Amelia Quinn**

The theme for this year's Credit Union Competition was 'Imagine This...'. All Year 9 pupils got the opportunity to enter. Weronika Watroba achieved first place and overall winner with her poster design for which she received £45. Leah McBride won second place and received £10 and Amelia Quinn was third and got £5. Well done everyone and a big thanks to the Credit Union.



Christmas Dinner in the Canteen



12V Mock Interviews

12V Prince's Trust pupils took part in mock online interviews with Helen Quinn from the Careers Service as part of their work for their 'Career Planning' Unit of work. The interviews took place on Monday 30th November and Monday 7th December 2020.

