



# HILL TOP NEWS



90th Edition

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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College, Dromore

On Thursday the 18th of May we said farewell to our Year 12's, the class of 2022. We celebrated a beautiful mass with Fr MacEntee in St Davog's Church followed by a pizza party in the community room. The Year 12's enjoyed a trip down memory lane with a video showing their time in St John's, this was put together by IT technician Stephen McBride. We wish you all the best and hope you all have a great Summer.

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## PE KIT/SPORTS GEAR

The MFC link is now open to order St.John's sports gear. The link **closes on Thursday 14th July** to guarantee orders are ready for September 2022. The PE kit is compulsory for new Year 8 pupils and students going into Year 9 & 10.



## Fleming Agri Products Tour

In May, some of our Year 11 pupils took the opportunity to visit Fleming Agri Products at Newbuildings, Derry. During the tour the pupils learned how the factory manufactures a range of agricultural products such as bale handlers, land rollers, loader buckets, hay machinery and muck spreaders. Fleming Agri business has 150 years of experience in producing quality agricultural machinery. With over 100 Fleming Agri products available, their brand is widely known throughout the agricultural industry.



## Creggan Country Park

As part of the NI Science Festival 2022, Year 8 visited Creggan Country Park, Derry. The park is a 'not for profit' organisation designed to provide access to outdoor activities, training and education. The 100-acre site hosts three fresh water lakes, woodland, hedgerow, wildflower meadows and an activity centre. The Environmental Officer, Karen Healy, was on hand to lead the activities and the pupils enjoyed taking part in orienteering, a clay art workshop and outdoor environmental games. To round of the day, we all went to Foyleside for some food and shopping.



## Tag Rugby Years 8 to 10

The junior school have been taking part playing Tag Rugby in a four-week program with our student teacher Miss Murphy. The students got one lesson per week to progress their Tag Rugby skills. It was an opportunity for them to explore and take part in a sport that most students had no experience in. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time performing in the four-week program and look forward to the next sporting program delivered by Miss Murphy.



# St John's Win Pollinator Garden Grant

In June, Julie Corry, the Biodiversity Officer at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, visited our school to congratulate us on recently winning a **£12,000** School Pollinator Garden Grant. Mrs Clare-Louise Doyle, Year 10 Classroom Assistant, Mrs Clare-Kelly, Senior Management and Miss Beattie, Art teacher, have been working hard, behind the scenes, planning a new outdoor garden experience for the staff and pupils of the school.

The Live Here Love Here School Pollinator Garden grants are being wholly provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. They are being promoted through the Live Here Love Here collaborative partnership, involving DAERA, ten Local Councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

St John's College said, 'It is our aim to use the Pollinator Garden Grant to create a Legacy Garden that involve both staff, pupils and the wider community. We are all very much aware of the climate crisis and what that means for our planet. Pollinators have suffered greatly from loss of habitat. Our pollinating garden will be our response to this biodiversity crisis.'

'We want to create a new outdoor classroom that will give us opportunities to enhance learning with hands-on practical activities. We want to install a polytunnel so that more varieties of flowers and vegetables can be grown and allow learning to take place all year round. We want all pupils to be able to enjoy and experience our new garden space by installing outdoor covered, recreational seated areas. There is still a lot of hard work ahead but the teachers and pupils are so pleased and thankful to be awarded this grant.'



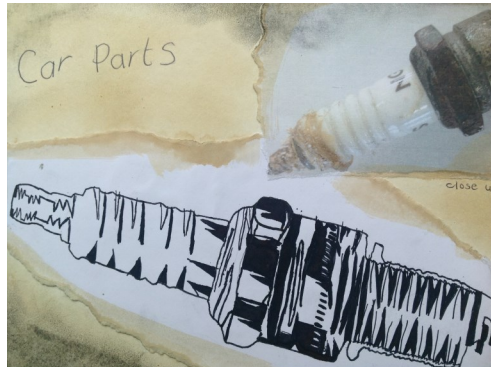
## Camphill Community Visit

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 10A1 visited Camphill Community in Clanabogan. We met Una Brogan, the head gardener who spoke to the group about the community. Camphill comprises of a large organic garden with polytunnels and a farm set in 40 acres. It provides care services for 70 people with learning disabilities and other support needs. Here the residents avail of a wide range of workshops and day activities such as gardening, farming and weaving. Clanabogan is also about ecology and sustainability. It respects the natural world around us and takes steps to minimise environmental impact through, biodynamic agriculture, fairtrade practices and energy-saving activities. 10A1 got a lot of inspiration which they were able to take back and incorporate into our own school garden.



# GCSE Art and Design Exhibition 2022

Parents and family were invited into the school to view this year's fantastic GCSE Art and Design work displayed in the art room. Students also from Years 5, 6 and 7 from St Dymphna's PS enjoyed visiting the Art show as well.





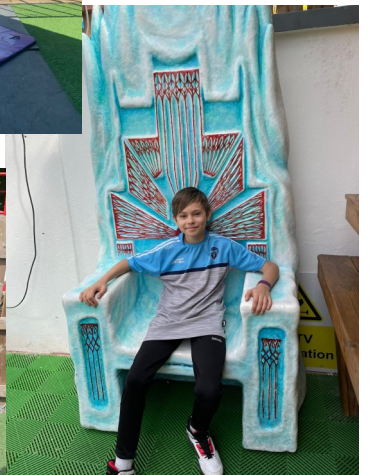
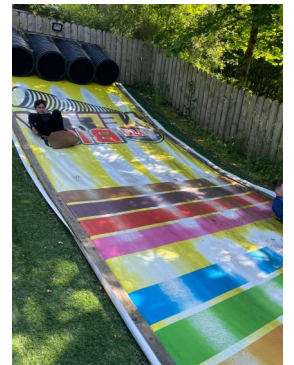
# SPORTS DAY

We held our annual sports day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was a very enjoyable day with lots of impressive performances to be seen. We were delighted to have many medal winners for the various events that took place. Well done to everyone.



# TODD'S LEAP

On Tuesday 7th June our Year 8 students and some of our staff had the pleasure of spending the day with our New year 8 pupils who will be joining us in September. It was a beautiful sunny day spent at Todd's Leap activity centre where we enjoyed a range of team building activities. We look forward to seeing all our new Year 8 students again after the summer break.



# GCSE PE ORIENTEERING

Our Year 11 GCSE PE class completed their Orienteering assessment on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Palace Stables Demesne Armagh. We had a beautiful day out and the students all worked very hard on the day for their practical assessment.

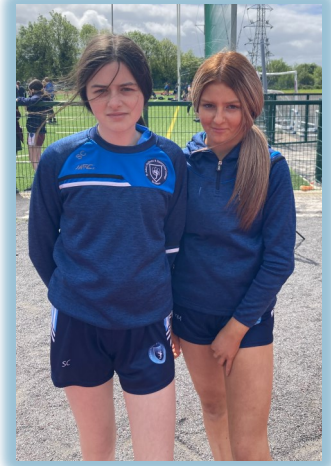


## Year 8 Girls Blitz

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June some of our Year 8 girls teamed up with girls from St Mary's College Irvinestown, to compete in the Fermanagh schools Year 8 Girls blitz at Lissan.

The weather conditions were poor on the day, but this did not deter the girls at all. The impressive display of football from the team allowed them to win all the games in their group and go on to win the final of their section. Superb performances from the St John's & St Mary's Girls! Well done!





## Fermanagh Schools Athletics

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May our Year 8, 9, & 10 students attended St. Michael's College for the Fermanagh schools Athletics competition. It was a great day out with some excellent performances on the day from our athletes. Well Done!



## IRISH AWARDS

Just before the end of term Mr McNamee presented our Irish students with their "Cupla Focal" badges and certificates.

We would like to thank Mr McNamee for his continued support in Irish.



Pictured left to right

Niall McCann, Michael McDonagh,  
Mr McNamee (Teacher) Sennan McQuaid,  
Ms C Doherty (Principal) & Cillian McClenaghan



Livia Garai receiving  
her award