



HILL TOP NEWS



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ST JOHN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, DROMORE

DISNEY TRIP - PARIS

On the 14th of November 47 students along with 7 staff set of on a wonderful adventure to Disneyland, Paris. It was a fun filled 5 days including 2 days in Disney Park and 3 days sightseeing around the beautiful city of Paris. We visited the Eiffel Tower, Montparnasse, the Palace of Versailles and also the Stade de France. The crisp autumnal weather added to the wonderful experience. A wonderful time was had by all.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 22nd Dec -

Friday 6th January

2023 (inclusive)





On Tuesday November 30th, Frank Diamond from ALPS (All Lives are Precious) presented a seminar to all pupils in KS3 & KS4. All Lives are Precious is a provider of specific front-line services of excellence in terms of Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention in a society where the distinct ethnicity, identity and experience of everyone in the community is acknowledged, celebrated and respected. Their mission is to provide a range of specific front-line services and supports to, with and for individuals, families, communities and organisations to enhance choices with care and integrity. Frank's presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all. He hopes that everyone took away at least one positive thought that will help their well-being.



BIODIVERSITY- COP22

The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) took place in Marrakesh, Morocco between the 7th and 18th November. During COP 22, parties encourage actions to implement the agreement that will address climate change. During this week, KS3 pupils did their bit to address Climate change. Year 9 cleared up around the school grounds by gathering up the fallen leaves and leaving them in the hedge-rows. Wildlife ranging from turtles and toads to birds, mammals and invertebrates rely on leaf litter for food, shelter, and nesting material. Many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring. Year 8, 9 and 10 also participated in a litterpick around the school grounds and the Dromore Riverside Walk.



GCSE ART & DESIGN

BELFAST TRIP

Year 11 and 12 pupils travelled to Belfast on 9th November, 2022. They were met by Dr Cherie Driver, Associate Head of School, who led the pupils on a tour of Belfast School of Art within the University of Ulster. Pupils were shown various departments and workshops and got a real insight into the day-to-day life of a student. Pupils then had a chance to see a bit more of Belfast and spent an hour in the city centre. Afterwards, they went to the Ulster Museum and got to view the annual Royal Ulster Academy Exhibition. It was a busy day but very enjoyable and informative.

CORN MAC NEASA UNDER 14.5 FINAL



Our Under 14.5 Boys travelled to Clones on a freezing cold day on Tuesday to play Inver College in the Corn Mac Neasa final. Unfortunately they were defeated on a scoreline of 4-8 to 2-6. Despite the loss the boys gave everything possible during the match and should hold their heads up high in defeat. There were some outstanding performances in very difficult conditions, particularly from Rory Partington who was solid as a rock at centre half back and Rhys Garrity who produced some excellent work both at corner back and in midfield. Other performances of note were Oisín Colton in the forward line who scored 1-2 on the day and Darragh McCann continued in his rich vein of form scoring 0-2 from midfield. As a management team we cannot have asked for more effort from these lads and there is no shame in losing as long as we go down fighting. Well done lads. We will be back next year.

Scorers: Darragh Mccann 0-2, Harry McMenamin 1-1, Aaron Meginn 0-1, Oisín Colton 1-2.



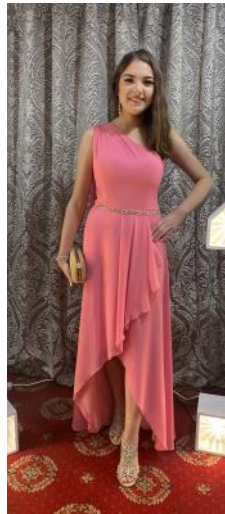
CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022

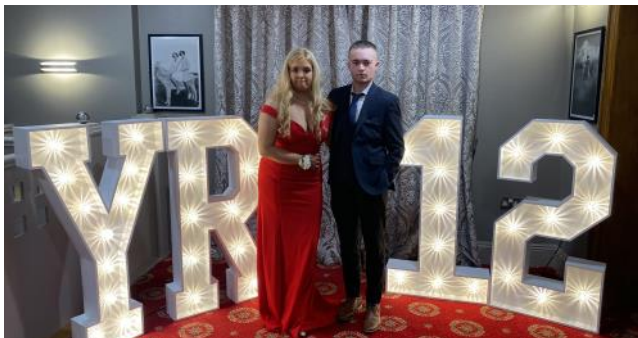
The 2022 Christmas Fair was a massive success for St. John's and its students. The students in the school developed various products, all of which proved to be popular with visiting members of the community. Students sold plants, stunning floral arrangements, Christmas candles and wooden crafts. Once again this year thank you 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 small animals. 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.



FORMAL 2022

The Annual Formal took place in Mahon's Hotel on Thursday, 27th October 2022. 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 Kool Kandy, Dromore. Both the students and the staff took great enjoyment out of it.





Extended Schools Programme Classes

Year 9 girls travelled to Trillick Leisure Centre each week to participate in a 5 week sewing class with Sheila Doyle. Each pupil made a patchwork cushion, toilet bag and a makeup bag. They were taught how to use the sewing machine, several hand stitches and cutting patterns. The pupils really enjoyed learning these new creative skills. Gardening club also ran this term and pupils planted tulips and lettuce in our greenhouse. The arrival of the polytunnel will provide more opportunities for pupils to get planting next term. Anyone else interested in joining the Gardening Club let us know.



Adult Evening Classes

Through the Extended Schools Programme, we were pleased to be able to offer several evening classes this term in our school. These included Social Dancing and Jiving classes with Chris Cross, Upcycling and clothes alterations with Sheila Doyle, Nuala Knox took the Baking classes and Brigin O'Neill from "Wreath Works" ran a wreath making workshop. The photos below show some of the activities that have taken place. Thank you to all our tutors and for all the people who attended these classes.



Polytunnel Arrives at St John's



Following the receipt of a £12,000 grant from Live Here Love Here, St John's have taken delivery of a polytunnel which will benefit the gardening club and also year 11 vocational studies.

Highlighting the changing times for St John's, the polytunnel now sits on the old site of the swimming pool, which some past pupils may remember.

Students will gain first-hand experience of growing their own produce, whilst learning about sustainability, the environment and enterprise.

Prizegiving 2022

We recently welcomed back our Year 12 students for their presentation of awards. A great night was had by all. Best wishes to all our students in their future careers and pathways..



Top GCSE Boy Conor McWilliams receives his award from Mr Mark Teague



Top GCSE Student of the Year Niamh Carney receives her award from Mr Mark Teague



Contribution to School Life presented to Marcus Kelly by Canon MacEntee



Top Student in Business & Comm. Molly McWilliams receives her award from Mr Mark Teague



Top Student in Occ. Studies Nathan Hunter receives his award from Canon MacEntee



Top Student in Princes Trust Caitlin Leonard receives her award from Canon MacEntee



Top Student in Sports Studies Shauna Teague receives her award from Canon MacEntee



McKenna Gallery Award For Contribution to Art & Design was received by Conall Quinn and presented by Mr Paul



U16 Gaelic Player of the Year (Boys) Callum Welsh receives his award from Mr Mark Teague



U16 Gaelic Player of the Year (Girls) Erin Slevin receives her award from Mr Mark Teague



Principal's Award For Sustained Effort was received by James Daly and presented by Ms Christine Doherty



Top Student in English, Niamh Carney receives her award from Mr Mark Teague



Into Film Festival

As part of the Into Film Festival 2022, Year 8 attended a free screening of the 2022 film, 'Uncharted' in the Strule Arts Centre in Omagh. Uncharted is a 2022 American action-adventure film directed by Ruben Fleischer starring Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg. The pupils really enjoyed the event in the arts centre.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

Congratulations to following students who designed our Christmas Card this year. We received lots of entries from Key Stage 3, thanks to everyone for entering.

Front cover by Ella McGrenaghan Year 8

Inside Cover by Narine Hareza Year 10

Back Cover by Sophie Garrity Year 8



Pictured left to right ~ Narine, Ella & Sophie



ELLA



NARINE



SOPHIE



Panto 2022

On the 7th December our Year 8 students were treated to a morning in the Stule Arts Centre in Omagh to the panto "A Christmas Carol". It was a magical performance enjoyed by all the students.

Year 12 Work Programme

Our work placement programme continues for our Year 11V and 12V students.

We would thank to thank all the employers and parents for their support this year.

These placements are a great way of developing a range of skills including work based learning and communication skills. Well done to all!!

