



**Issue 107  
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# HILL TOP NEWS

On 3rd November, St John's welcomed Ms McNamee as Principal. Her vision for the school is centred on high expectations for learning and behaviour, strong relationships, and a culture of kindness, respect, and responsibility. She has spoken openly about the excellent relationships within the school community and how positive and welcoming St John's is, while being clear that every pupil will be supported and challenged to achieve their best.



# OPEN DAY

## **ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, DROMORE OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
6pm-8.30pm  
Principal's Address: 6.15pm  
OPEN TO ALL P6 & P7 PUPILS  
& THEIR FAMILIES

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*"A School in the Community. A Community in the School."*





# Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day - Monday 10th November



“Kindness is  
free. Sprinkle it  
Everywhere.”



## Employer Insight Day

St John's hosted its Employer Insight Day, giving pupils access to high-quality, real-world learning through engagement with a range of local and national employers. The experience helped pupils explore career pathways, understand employer expectations, and make clearer connections between learning in school and future opportunities.



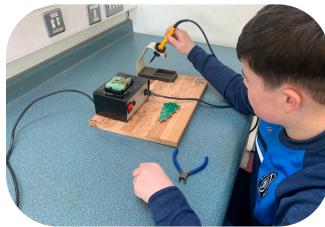
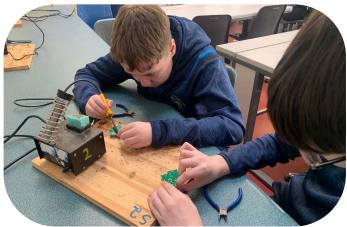
Thank you to the employers who contributed their time and expertise to support pupils' learning. We are grateful to Mrs. Murphy, Head of Careers, for organising this excellent event.



## Year 10 Gardening

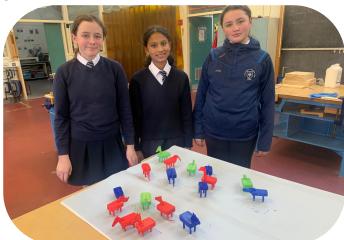
As part of ongoing work on environmental awareness and sustainability, Year 10 pupils took part in a practical gardening session in the school grounds with Emmett Brogan, Climate Change Officer from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Pupils planted crocus bulbs while learning about the importance of early-flowering plants in supporting pollinators at the start of spring.

The activity provided pupils with a hands-on learning experience that linked environmental responsibility with real-world application, reinforcing the role individuals and communities play in supporting biodiversity.

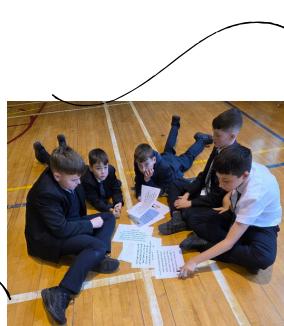


## Technology & Design

Some of our students working hard, showing their creative designs!



This term KS3 students are working with Louise McCullagh, Youth Support Worker, in charge in the Omagh Area. Students are really enjoying the programme and benefitting from its lessons.



## Year 9 STEM: Bridge Challenge -

Year 9 students recently completed a STEM project on structures in Technology and Design.

They researched famous structures, explored the forces acting on them, and learned how to design for strength and stability. Using this knowledge, they built art straw bridges and tested them to destruction.

The winning design was by Barry's Bridges (Liam McCann, Emma-Louise McNulty and Hannah McGrade) which held an impressive 8.6 kg before giving way!

Well done to all teams for their fantastic effort!



Karen McElhill, (Primary Care Social Worker), Elaine Dunn (School Nurse) and Susan Elliott, Staff Nurse School Nursing Team, delivered a 'Healthy Relationships' workshop to our Year 10 and 11 students as part of their RSE Programme.



This year's Credit Union Art Competition theme was The Future is.. and the winners are:

Jack McGurren 1st place £35

Deena Duffy 1st place £35

Ella Dobbin 2nd place £15

Corey Wilson 2nd place £15

Liam O Reilly 3rd place £10

Emma Campbell 3rd place £10

Congratulations to our worthy winners and to all who took part. Thanks to Dromore Credit Union for their generous prizes.



Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New Year!  
*From All the staff @  
St. John's*

*The school will be closed to  
students from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
January.*

**ALL STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**



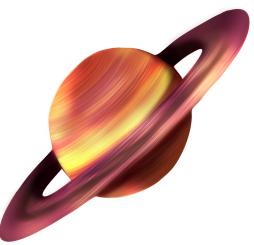
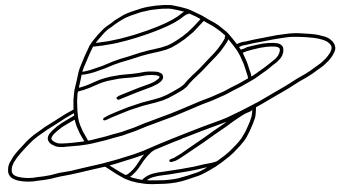
# Choir

A massive well done to our amazing choir who recently sang in St. Davog's Church, Dromore along with Harmonise.

All their hard work and practice has paid off!



# Year 9 Science Trip



## Armagh Planetarium



# Student Spotlight

Celebrating the success of our students here  
at St. John's!!



Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Aoife Dunne, who is with RD Equestrian and who had a clear round in the Ecclesville Showjumping League.



Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Grace O'Kane who is with CTG Equestrian and who had a clear round in the Ecclesville Showjumping League.



Congratulations to Year 12 pupil Niall McCann and all his teammates at Fintona Pearses GAA on winning the Minor G2 Hurling Championship!



Congratulations to Year 9 pupil Hannah McGrade who walked away with 4 trophies at the Drumragh Feis for Irish Dancing!



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Congratulation to Maya Rose (Year 10) and Tierna Gormley (Year 9) on being selected to represent the Tyrone U14 squad for the 2026 season.

Both pupils have shown incredible dedication and skill over the years while playing for Trillick and this achievement is a testament to their hard work and passion for the sport.



## ~~~~ Christmas Card winners ~~~~



### Congratulations to Our Christmas Card Competition Winners!

We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's School Christmas Card Competition. A huge well done to these talented artists whose creativity truly captured the festive spirit:

- Year 8: Dany Garcia Bell and Jolana Rybar
- Year 9: Darcey Donnelly, Tierna Gormley and Emma Campbell
- Year 10: Aimee Lynch

As you can see from the images, these are very worthy winners!

# St. John's Netball Success



## Year 12 Netball Cup Final 🏆

Our Year 12 team took to the court at St. Ciaran's College recently after qualifying for the Cup final, following impressive performances in the first-round blitz.

The final brought together five strong teams – St. John's College, St. Ciaran's College, Drumglass High School, St. Patrick's College, and St. Patrick's Academy – creating a day of tight competition and fantastic netball.

Our girls displayed excellent skill, showing real composure on the ball, sharp passing, determined defending, and great teamwork throughout every match. Their commitment and attitude were outstanding from start to finish.

We are delighted to share that the team finished 3rd, proudly taking home the bronze medals!



## Year 11 Shield Winners! 🏆

St John's proudly hosted the Year 11 Tyrone & Fermanagh Netball Shield Final. Four strong teams took to the court on the day – St. Patrick's Academy, St. John's, Omagh High and Erne Integrated – making for a fantastic morning of competitive netball.

Our girls started strong and maintained that same energy and determination throughout every game. Their teamwork was outstanding to watch – slick passing, impressive shooting accuracy, and perfectly timed intercepts that showed real game awareness and discipline. A special mention to Sophia for capturing great photos/videos throughout the day, thank you!

And a big well done to Elle, Anna and Fianna, whose focused and professional approach to scorekeeping and timekeeping kept the day running like clockwork. Precise, reliable and composed – a fantastic job from three very responsible girls.



## “Digg Deep for Kids”

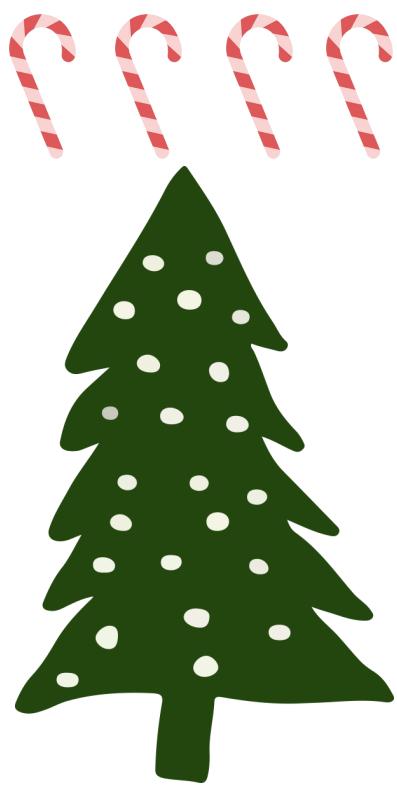


We are delighted to announce our grand total for 'Digg Deep for Kids'. 🎅 was an amazing....

**£2570.48!!!**

This fantastic amount was raised through the Coffee Morning and the collection at the Christmas Fair – thank you so much once again to everyone who contributed. We were truly overwhelmed by the incredible support from our school community and the wider community for this wonderful charity.

The Toy Appeal was also an outstanding success – thank you to everyone who donated gifts. With your kindness, you have helped make Christmas that little bit more special for many children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



# Christmas Fair 2025

Thank you to all our students and to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair this year. A great day had by all and nice to see all the hard work from staff and students paying off!!





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*Coláiste Naomh Eoin, An Droim Mór*

