

Magherafelt news

News in brief

Arts grants

Magherafelt District Council have announced the opening of their Small Grant Aid Scheme. The scheme was opened on Thursday (June 30) and applications are invited from constituted Arts Organisations planning an event or activity taking place between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 within the District Council area for grant aid under the Magherafelt Arts Trust Small Grant Aid Scheme.

Application forms, together with terms the conditions of application are available from The Bridewell, 6 Church Street, Magherafelt, BT45 6AN, by telephone on 028 796 31510 or online at www.magherafelt.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is 4.00pm Wednesday 20th July 2011. The Council say that applications received after this date will not be considered.

Golf Day

Magherafelt Sky Blues are holding their annual Fundraising Golf Day on Saturday, July 30 at Ronan Valley Golf Course. The event will be open to both children and adults and junior players this year, with all proceedings going to the local soccer club.

Arch opens

Beechland Arch Opening will take place in Magherafelt, followed by a barbecue and fun night tonight (Tuesday, July 5) at 8pm.

World Cup

Magherafelt girl Kyla Bowman will represent Northern Ireland at the netball world cup over the next couple of weeks. She will be travelled with the rest of the Northern Ireland netball team to Singapore to take on the worlds best at her chosen sporting discipline. The team flew out last Tuesday (June 28) and faced their first competitive opponents, Singapore, yesterday (July 4). She won both the Northern Ireland League and Cup with her club team, Lisburn's Larkfield last year.

St Pius X pupils enter the Dragon's Den

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STUDENTS from St Pius X College put their creativity to good use as part of a real life 'Dragon's Den' competition.

The competition, held recently, allowed Year 10 pupils to showcase how well they could come up with an original idea, conduct market research, market their product and present the idea to the 'Dragons'.

The novel competition was organised and run by the Business Studies Department.

'Workspace' generously donated money to St Pius X College through their Community Fund, allowing the school to come up with the idea and promote enterprise in the school.

Smaller programmes such as mini-enterprise schemes have been on-going throughout the year but 'Dragon's Den' was the first of its kind.

The competition allowed the Year 10 students working in groups of four to really display their entrepreneurial skills. The students had to create an original idea, conduct market research, market the product and present this to the Dragons. Teachers from the school along with Mr Enda Daly from Workspace and Mr Laurence O'Kane, O'Kane's Pharmacy Draperstown made up the judging panel.

Speaking after the very successful event, Mrs Lorraine McCormack, Head of Business Studies commented on how proud she was of the Year 10 students who had put an enormous amount of work into their presentations.



Overall winning team members, Connor, Kieran and Dermot presenting their award winning presentation, ScanOpen, using the interactive whiteboard.

She said: "Not only did they learn much about the world of business but this competition afforded them an excellent opportunity to present in front

of a panel of judges, a life skill which will be valuable in the world of work." She added that she: "Would also like to thank Workspace



Mr Laurence O'Kane, Mr Enda Daly, Connor, Kieran, Dermot and Mrs L McCormack (overall winning team members)



Mr Laurence O'Kane, Mr Enda Daly, Andrew, Eimantas, Daniel, Mrs L McCormack and Galvin



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Mr Laurence O'Kane, Mr Enda Daly, Joanne, Lauren, Michaela, Nicole and Mrs L McCormack.