

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Subsidiary Shield Winners

On Wednesday 20 March 2019 the Sullivan Upper 1st XV recorded a convincing 27-5 victory over North Down rivals Bangor Grammar. Harry Sheridan, Ben Holley, Conor McKee and Shay Storey all crossed for Sullivan with Conor adding a penalty and two conversions.

Thank you to the 400 plus pupils and parents who came to support the team which added to the atmosphere and occasion.



ULSTER SENIOR SCHOOLS PLATE

The 1st XI defeated Lurgan College 4-1 in the final Of the Ulster Senior Schools' plate on the 12 March. The girls put in an outstanding performance to outplay Lurgan on the day and to become deserved champions. Rebecca Haley opened the scoring from a penalty corner and then went on to score a further two, one from the penalty spot. Even though Lurgan pulled one back, Sullivan dominated large parts of the game and finished very strongly with Hannah Boyd scoring the 4th. Well done to the whole squad on a good season with a great finish!



Dates for Diary - April 2019

Tu	2	Spring Concert in Ulster Hall	7.30
Th-Sa	4-6	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice Expedition	
W-Th	10-11	GCSE (Yr11) Geography Fieldwork	
F	12	End of Spring Term for pupils	
F-M	12-15	History trip	
M	15	School Development - Day 4	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
Tu-F	16-26	EASTER HOLIDAYS	School closed
M	29	Summer Term starts	
Tu	30	Junior Maths Challenge	
Tu	30	LLW Programme – Yr8 Study Skills	3 sessions am

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The U14s took on Belfast High School in the final of the Ulster Schools Junior Shield on the 12 March. Sullivan dominated this game from start to finish but unfortunately were unable to capitalise on the many chances they created, with a very strong Belfast High School defence keeping a clean sheet. The score was 0-0 after full time so the match had to be resolved by penalty run-ins. After 17 run-ins per team, Belfast High emerged the winners. Congratulations to the girls on reaching the final and huge commiserations on losing in that manner.



The Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland held its annual awards ceremony at the Custom House Belfast in February.

The Young Power-boater of the Year was awarded to Sullivan upper pupil **Conn Finnegan** (12B) of Ballyholme Yacht Club for his regular support for club racing and mark laying for national and international events.

Pictured with Conn are Jackie Patton RYAN and Ian Walker one of Britain's most successful sailors, with two Olympic silver medals to his name.

Badminton Success

Congratulations to the Year 9 Minor Boys Badminton Team who won the Division 1 Ulster finals against RBAI in a very tight match.

The score was 3-3, and 7 sets all but the boys won on points and now go through to play in the All Ireland finals -

Toby Moore, Luke Henderson, Patrick Gemmell and Daniel Griffith

The Junior Girls lost to a very skilful Royal and Prior team in their Division 1 finals -

Hannah Boyd, Sarah Baker, Lucy Cunningham and Emily Rose



School Nurse, Mrs McAvoy, recently received a plaque from the charity Suicide Awareness, thanking Sullivan pupils and staff for raising £1160 during the recent Time to Talk Day.

Hannah McKeown from Trocaire gave a presentation to the Junior Assembly, giving details of their 2019 Lenten Appeal 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. This was followed up by our weekly charity collection supporting this worthy cause.



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29 members of the senior girls hockey squads enjoyed a very successful tour to Barcelona at the start of the month.



Along with some very competitive matches against Club Egara and CD Terrassa the girls had a bicycle tour

of the city and trips to Montserrat, Park Guel and the Nou Camp.

3rd XV retain the Plate
Congratulations to the 3rd XV who have retained the 3rd XV Plate.

They will share it with Rainey after a thrilling 12-12 finish.



Congratulations to Joe Hall of Praeger House who won this year's House Speaking competition. Joe and Ciara Irwin then participated in The Edgar Graham Memorial competition at Stormont. Joe spoke eloquently on "Video games- a force for good in modern

society? as did Ciara, who was highly commended for her speech on "Why we should learn about the Holocaust".

Burney Cup - so close ...



The 1st XI boys were runners up in the Schools (Burney) Cup, played under floodlights

at Civil Service, losing on penalty run-ins to Wallace HS. In a fast paced and exciting match, played to a very high standard, both teams shone. After going 2-0 down, Sullivan came back, dominated the second half and led 3-2 as the game entered the final stages (goals from Harry Morris, Paddy Crookshanks and Harry Yarr). Heartbreak ensued, however, when Wallace equalised with seconds to go. As in the McCullough Cup earlier in the season, Wallace edged the run-ins. The boys can be very proud of their performance throughout the season and their dedication to hockey at Sullivan.

2nd XI win Dowdall Cup

Congratulations to the 2nd XI who beat Friends School Lisburn 2-1 to win the Dowdall Cup. Goals by Conor Smith and Harry Yarr.



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Cross Country Irish Schools Results 2019

Minor Girls – Ava Downey 37th

Minor Boys – Jacob McKittrick 11th, Jamie Gaw 17th, Ryan Drain 41st, Jamie Morris 48th, Max Killiner 88th

Inter Girls – Tara McDonough 25th

Team Results

Minor Boys

1st Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar, 2nd Sullivan Upper, 3rd St Kierans Kilkenny

This is a great team result for the year 9 boys against very stiff competition.

Year 13 girls enjoyed attending the 'Inspire' Conference to celebrate International Women's Day at Titanic, Belfast. Pictured here are: Ellen McCormick, Roisa O'Neill, Claire Quinn, Emily Sherriff, Emily Noble, Kate Nuttall, Zara Matthews.



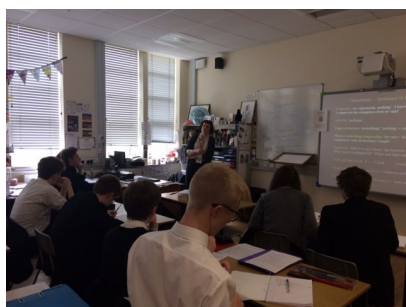
The results of House Speaking are:

1st - Joe Hall (Praeger)

2nd - Ciara Irwin (McAlester)

3rd - Corin McCrea and Madie Inman (joint) (Speers)

Gail McConnell, ex-pupil, poet and lecturer at QUB visited school to speak to A Level English pupils about Frost and Heaney. We really enjoyed having Gail back to visit and she was able to see the school, some of her old teachers and paid a visit to the prep; all in one morning!



Congratulations to Conor McKee (Yr14) and George Saunderson (Yr 13) who have been selected to represent the IRFU U18 Schools rugby team in the upcoming camp in Dublin on 30 & 31 March 2019.

Musical Festival

Congratulations to Ben Aiken (Y9) and Ellen McCormick (Y13) who were recently invited to perform at Belfast Musical Festival of Speech and Drama's Prize-winner's Gala Night at the Lyric theatre.

Ben was awarded 1st place for Junior Monologue and 2nd place for both Junior Duologue and Junior Shakespeare.

Ellen was awarded 1st place for Shakespeare Duologue, 1st place for Senior Acted Scene, 2nd place for Senior Shakespeare and 3rd place for Senior Monologue and also won the Overall Festival Cup for the Most Memorable Shakespeare Performance for her duologue extract from Romeo and Juliet. This is the 5th consecutive year that Ellen has been awarded an Overall Festival trophy.



Tabitha Moran (8S) won gold in the second leg of the Irish National Novice Diving League held in Dublin recently.



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On March 14 (3.14) the Mathematics department celebrated π -day.

The pupils in Years 8 to 10 completed fun activities in class and to raise funds for Comic Relief we held a π -day challenge. The challenge was open to all in the school and was taken up by pupils and staff. Those that entered the challenge (31p to enter) had to recall as many digits of the number π as they could. Everyone who took the challenge did themselves proud. They all had impressive memories, recalling π to at least thirty decimal places. Niamh Fenlon (Year 9) was the eventual winner knowing π to 108 decimal places. Runners up were Holly Robinson (Year 8) with 101, Laura Beacom (Year 11) with 95 and Mr Stevenson with 100.

Thank you again to all those who took part or came along to support.

Members of The Drama Society attended a series



of performances recently, including 'Macbeth' at the Grand Opera House and 'Pillowman' at the Strand Arts Centre. Here they are pictured at the Lyric Theatre at a performance of 'Sweeney Todd'.

The U14 Girls and boys enjoyed a mini tour to Dublin recently where they played some very competitive matches



against Wesley College. They also enjoyed some retail therapy and mini golf. Well done to everyone all on their commitment to Junior hockey over the last three years.

NI Schools Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship

Representatives from Sullivan Upper School's Gymnastics Club participated for the first time in the NI Schools Acrobatic

Gymnastics Championship which was held this year in Bangor Aurora Aquatic & Leisure Complex on 3rd March



2019. For many of them it was their first gymnastics competition and they did exceptionally well. Congratulations to medal winners: Patrick Lee and Oliver Statham (Gold – U14 Boys Novice Pairs); Hannah Lawden and Selena Byrnes (Bronze Medal – U14 Girls Novice Pairs); from the Prep Department Alice Wilson and Sophia Shaw (Silver - Under 11 Girls' pairs); Finn Chada and Gabriella Cooke (Gold - Under 11 Boys pairs). Eden Day (Year 8) and Ashton Casey (Year 10) also competed in tumbling and both achieved highly commendable scores.

Special thanks to coach Jayne Devenney who has led the development of the Club at Sullivan Upper School this year and to coaches Rosie Alexander (Y14) and Sophie Nelson (Y14) for all their work and encouragement.

Congratulations to brother and sister, Connor (13F) and Lily Smith (8A), who have been selected to play for Ulster at the upcoming Interprovincial Table Tennis championships, Connor at U21 and Lily at U15.

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Sullivan at Round 5 of the NI Junior Foil Series and the Belfast Open

The 2019 Belfast Open Fencing Tournament was held last weekend Saturday 9 March and Sunday 10 March 2019 in the Sullivan Sports Hall and incorporated Round 5 of the NI Junior Foil Series. Seventeen SU fencers took part in the junior event, 9 of whom won medals: an SUFC record medal total of 2 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze.

U12 Girls

Year 8s Alexandra Ong and Sophia Cahill, both with previous round wins, met in the final of this category, Alexandra taking the gold with a 10-8 win over Sophia.

U14 Girls

Year 10 Alex Atkinson and year 8 Charlie Beimers represented Sullivan in this age group. Charlie showed how much her fencing has improved this year by making the semi-finals for the first time, taking a bronze medal. Alex won the other semi, then came away with the silver medal from the final.

U14 Boys

In the poule round Alexander Penny won all his bouts, including a notable victory over the U14 series points leader, to come out top seed. Then in the knock-out stage he made it to the semi-finals, but lost to the eventual winner to take third place and a bronze medal. Arnav Arava, Adam Caldwell and Finn Neely all made the quarter-finals, while Kier Murray, Cameron Kitchen, Lewis Currie and Edward Lilley all finished in the last 16.

U16 Girls

Victoria Morris returned to competition, after missing Round 4 with a wrist injury, with a blistering performance to win gold without losing a single bout. SU fencers won all 4 medals in this age group: Izzy Evans taking the silver, while the 2 beaten semi-finalists, Rachel McKillen and Angharad King took the bronze medals.

U16 Boys

Cormac Kitchen, again our only male SU U16 representative, finished just outside the medals in 5th place.

Round 6, the final competition of the series, takes place on Sunday 7 April 2019, venue to be arranged.

Belfast Open

NIJFS Round 5 formed only one competition on the Belfast Open Tournament programme, there being 6 others: senior men's and women's events in foil, epee and sabre. Three of SUFC's fencers took part in the senior competitions, Izzy Evans and Alex Atkinson in the Women's Foil and Arnav Arava in the Men's Foil. Alex and Izzy both made the quarter-finals, finishing 5th and 7th, while Arnav finished 15th.

