

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter



Congratulations to former Sullivan pupil, Fergus Jemphrey (2008-15), who stole the show at Twickenham as his two tries not only earned Cambridge a 15-0 win over arch-rivals Oxford in the 138th Varsity Match, but also won him the prestigious Alastair Hignell Medal. The former Loughborough University graduate, who is completing a PGCE course at Cambridge, scored a try in each half playing on the wing.



Charity Update

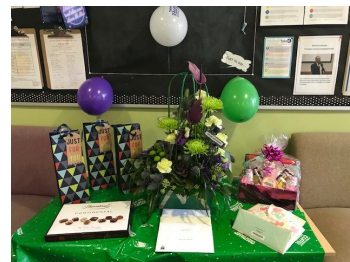
This month we had a visit from Pudsey Bear from the charity Children in Need and our pupils raised a fantastic £355.51 in our weekly collection.

Thank you to staff and pupils who took part in the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning raising £718.12 for the charity.

We also sent 80 shoe boxes filled with toys and gifts to children all over the world.

Thank you to those Year 8 pupils who took part.

Finally, many musical groups and soloists took part in a charity concert in Orangefield Presbyterian Church for It's a Wonderful World charity and we are delighted to send an amazing £4500 to the work in Athens. Thank you to staff, parents and friends who attended the concert.



Pupils and staff enjoyed a festive Christmas Jumper Day, raising £2000 for Save the Children.

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

DATES FOR DIARY - JANUARY 2020

M	6	School Development - Day 2	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
M	6	Yr10 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.30
Tu	7	School Development - Day 3	<i>Pupils do not attend</i>
Tu	7	Yr11 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.30
W	8	Spring Term starts	All pupils
W	8	Yr8 Health Appraisal	9.00-1.00
Sa	11	Fencing Club NI Junior Foil Round 3	
M	13	GCSE Maths Foundation Examination	9.15-11.00
F	17	Early closure at 12.40 - preparation for Open morning	Buses @12.45
Sa	18	Open Morning	9.30-12.30
Tu-Th	21-23	Yr10 Subject Choice Consultations	
W-Th	22-23	Yr11 Vaccinations	9.00-1.00
F	24	LLW Digital Masterclass (Yr11)	9.00-11.00
Tu	28	Yr13 Parental Consultations	7.00-9.30 pm

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Sullivan Fencing: 2019 NI Open

Northern Ireland's most prestigious annual senior fencing event is the Northern Ireland Open, and the 2019/2020 Open took place on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December 2019 in Grosvenor Grammar School. Sullivan fencers Izzy Evans, Victoria Morris and Alexander Penny took part, Izzy and Victoria in the women's foil, Alexander in the men's foil. This was the toughest competition of the year to date for the 3 SU fencers as they continued to make their transition from junior to senior fencing.



First up was the men's foil event, and on completion of the poules Alexander held a seeding of 14th. He then had a tough draw in the knock-out stage and was beaten by the 2nd seed to go out in the last 16 and finish 14th.

After the poule stage in the women's foil, Victoria was seeded 3rd and Izzy 5th. Izzy got as far as the quarter-finals to finish 5th, while Victoria made the semis to take 3rd place and a bronze medal.



Following auditions, Jasmine Gray 12B, has been selected to represent her country at the Dance World Cup in Rome in June/ July 2020. Congratulations on this tremendous achievement.



Josh Andrews (9A) recently represented the school in the semi-finals of the 2019 Poetry Aloud competition in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin.

SWIMMING

The following Sullivan pupils qualified to swim at the 2019 Irish Short Course Open Championships held in Dublin this month: Tom Uprichard, Emma Montgomery, Rachel Wolseley and Evan Coulter.

Particular congratulations to Tom Uprichard who qualified for finals in five events and received a silver medal for the mixed 200 Freestyle Relay event and Emma Montgomery who qualified for finals in four events and received a silver medal for the 200 Medley Girls Relay event.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Many thanks to all those parents and friends who supported the various Christmas musical performances this month. These included:

- Annual school Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church
- Senior Chamber Choir at the Harbour Commissioner' Office and Merchant Hotel
- Junior Choir singing at Bloomfields Shopping Centre, Bangor and Victoria Square
- Jazz group at Victoria Square
- Band at the Cancer Research Carol Service, Holywood 1st Presbyterian Church



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MEAT-FREE MONDAY

The Eco-Club recently encouraged both pupils and staff to take part in 'Meat Free Monday' on Monday 16 December. The Silver Robin were on board and encouraged as many people as possible to try the options out!

For inspiration of meat free meals

- visit the link - <https://www.meatfreemondays.com/recipes/>



GIRLS HOCKEY

Congratulations to the 2A girls hockey squad who beat a strong Portadown College side 2-1 in the 3rd round of the McDowell cup with Zoe Miller and Kaitlyn Smyth scoring the goals. They now progress to the quarter-final where they meet Rainey Endowed.

Stu Marshall, Set Designer, came to the Senior Drama Club on Thursday 12 December 2019 and talked to members about the process he undertook to create his set design for the current production of 'Peter Pan' at the Lyric Theatre. One of the club members, Amy Warnock in Year 11, is one of the 'lost boys' in the production.



Christmas Celebrations in the Silver Robin

