

**Newsletter 31
September 2016**

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - October 2016

Monday 3– Friday 7 October	Scholastic Book Fair in School Library	
Wednesday 5 October	Year 12 Parental Consultations	4.00-6.30
Tuesday 18 October	Year 14 Parental Consultations	7.00-9.30
Saturday 22 October	AQE Familiarisation Day	10.00-11.00
Wednesday 26 October	House Music Competition	
Friday 28 October	Prize Day	2.00 pm
Monday 31-Friday 4 November	Half Term Holidays	School closed

Congratulations to Sullivan 1st XI captain Matthew Crookshanks, who has been named in the Ireland U21 panel working towards selection for the U21 EuroHockey Junior Championship in Valencia, Spain from 28 August to 3 September 2017.

David Philpott (Yr14), Erin Camlin (Yr12) and Rachel Philpott (former pupil) participated in the Fastnet International Schools Regatta which is held annually in Schull, West Cork.

Maia Simmons (9C) competed in the Irish National Youth Cycling championships 4 weeks ago in Cork and won 3 gold medals in the under 13 category (road race, time trial and criterium) making her a triple Irish National Champion for the second year in a row. Maia also won gold in the Ulster Cycling Championships under 13 (road race) the previous week.

Congratulations to Rachel White (Year 9) who competed in the Errigal International Youth cycling tour in Donegal in July where she was a member of the under 12 Ulster team who went on to win the team prize for that age group. Individually she achieved 3 silvers in her category, missing the pink poka-dot jersey for girls by 1 second. This event has cyclists from all over the world attending and is one of the biggest youth cycling events in the UK.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Junior Swimming teams who swam in the Ulster Schools Relay Swimming Gala at Campbell College. Both the Junior girls team (Katie Kimber, Rachel White, Rachel Wolseley, Tara McDonough, Tori Harding) and the Junior Boys team (David Stinson, Mark Stinson, Andrew White, Matthew Latimer and Evan Coulter) achieved bronze medals and third place in both the Freestyle and Medley relay events. Thanks also to our senior swimmers Tom Uprichard, Jessica Chrishop and Emma Hanna who swam with the juniors in the Open Age Relay events.



Congratulations to Charlie Roberts (14F) who won gold at the British Open in the age 16/17, brown/black belt category in Kumite (fighting) and bronze in Kata.

Fergus McMullan (13E) also competed in the competition.

UKMT Results

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) runs a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Maths Challenge at various times throughout the school year. Pupils who perform exceptionally well are then invited to take part in a follow up round. In June last year two of our pupils, Matthew Keown and Ollie Butt, who were then in Year 9, were among 5400 students from across the UK invited to participate in the Junior Kangaroo Challenge. We have now received their results, Matthew was awarded a Merit and Ollie was awarded a Qualification prize.



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Sullivan Fencers win at Irish National Fencing Club Championship

On Saturday 17 September three Sullivan fencers, Emily Maginn, Ella Reid and Erin Maginn, plus club coach, travelled to Dublin for the 2016 Irish National Fencing Club Championships.

This is a team event, run using the Olympic format where in each bout, all 3 fencers in both teams fence each other in sequence up to 45 points. Sullivan entered the women's foil competition and was the only school club in the whole tournament, all the others being either senior or university clubs.

The SU team had a shaky start to the competition with a narrow loss to Dublin University, initially falling well behind, but then gradually gathering confidence to come back to lose by only 3 points. After that it was winning all the way, with convincing victories against top Irish clubs such as University College Dublin and Pembroke (a senior independent club from Dublin) to take the overall women's foil competition win.

Congratulations to Emily, Erin and Ella for a great result and a brilliant start to Sullivan Fencing Club's new fencing year.

Rory Cunningham (Yr12) represented Ulster at U18 in tennis at the interprovincial championships.

Ross Gourley (Yr12) was delighted when he won a bronze medal in the wheelchair tennis competition as part of the Sainsburys games that took place in England.

ORIENTEERING

Junior Inter Regional Championships – Aberdeen

Ellen Smyth 12F - represented Team Northern Ireland in the recent Women's U16 Category.

Teams of 12 representing NI, England, Wales and Scotland took part in various age groups 12-18.

In the individual event Ellen finished a commendable 8th.

In the team relay (Women's U16 and U18 combined) they finished 4th.

A fantastic result in a Nationwide championship.

Over the summer the following pupils were selected to attend residential courses culminating in prestigious concerts around the province.

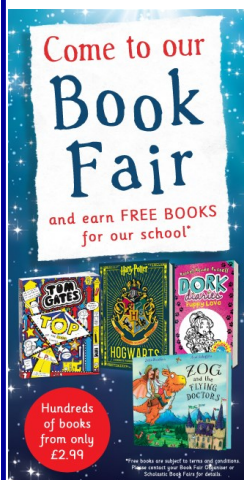
Ulster Youth Choir - Beatrice Campbell

Ulster Youth Training Choir - Michael Watkins, Sarah Robinson, Aoibhin Wood

Ulster Youth Orchestra - Cathryn Lynch, Isabella MacMahon, Tony Cowen, Kate Campbell, Daniel Graham



Annual Scholastic Book Fair



You are invited to our Book Fair! With so many brilliant books to explore, it's the perfect way for you to get the latest title at your fingertips. Come and join us:

When: Monday 3 October – Friday 7 October 2016
during Library period, before school, break-time and after school

Where: LIBRARY

There are **over 200 titles** for you to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, chick-lit, non-fiction, comedy and lots more, starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

GOLF

Senior Squad (Scott Miller, Stewart McCaw, Thomas Stout, Patrick Greene, Bryan Greene)

Ulster Schools Senior Match Play Championship – Qualifying (best three cards to count)

The Gross Stableford Points qualifying day took place at Malone GC – Monday 12 September. Only the top four schools go forward to the play offs and a chance to represent the province in the All-Ireland Schools Finals:

RBAI - 100, Sullivan - 98, BRA - 89, St Killians - 89

A great result – Well done

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The Sullivan Saphara team travelled to India on 30 June along with Miss Carey and pupils from St Marys Magherafelt and Ampleforth College. The team visited the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort before ascending into the Himalayas. The pupils taught English classes at Kaplani High School and Sneha Doon Academy in Dehradun.

The Saphara 2016 team would like to thank everyone for their support for the team's fundraising campaign throughout the year. The £14,300 raised has been used to provide midday meals for children in Kaplani High School and build new classrooms at Sneha Doon Academy.

You can see some of the highlights of the team's trip to India in this video; <https://youtu.be/8q03NYtnH1Y>

SAILING



Congratulations to the following sailors from Sullivan Upper School who competed at the RYANI Youth Championships on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September at

Strangford Lough Yacht Club:

Roisa O'Neill and Iona O'Neill – 1st RS Feva
Adam Lockhart and Harry Baird – 10th 420
Sam Rutherford – 26th Laser Radial
James Moore – 29th Laser Radial
Mary Smartt – 18th Topper

Despite challenging weather conditions, it was a successful weekend for RYANI at Strangford Lough Yacht Club, with a record number of 160 sailors taking to the water for the Youth Championships.



GCSE drama students performing a version of Maxim Gorky's 'The Government Inspector' in Templeton Robinson as part of Hollywood Culture Night.



Matthew McAvoy, Andrew Gallagher and Erin Richardson interview Alan McKee about working in the theatre in preparation for the Drama Careers Evening held on 21 September.

Alan is currently appearing in St Joan at the Lyric Theatre.



Year 13 & 14 Physics students took the opportunity for a site visit to hear about the stages of work taking place and the areas of



expertise involved in the design and construction of our new building.

