

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

**Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year**

Dates for Diary - January 2017

Wed 21 Dec-Mon 2 Jan	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Tuesday 3 January	Exceptional Closure Day	Staff only to attend
Wednesday 4 January	Spring Term starts for all pupils	Normal school day
Tuesday 10 January	Year 8 Health Interviews	9.00 am-1.00 pm
Tuesday 10 January	Year 10 Parental Consultations	4.00 pm-6.30 pm
Friday 13 January	Year 11 Digital Masterclass	9.00 am-12.30 pm
Tues 17-Thurs 19 Jan	Year 10 Subject Choice Interviews	4.00 pm-6.30 pm
Friday 20 January	Early closure at 12.40 preparation for Open Morning	Buses at 12.45 pm
Saturday 21 January	Open Morning	9.30 am-12.30 pm
Wednesday 25 January	Year 11 Parental Consultations	4.00 pm-6.30 pm
Tues 31 Jan - Thurs 2 Feb	Year 12 Subject Choice Interviews	



On Wednesday 9 November, the AS Level class travelled to the Kingspan Stadium as part of their AS Physical Education course. As well as receiving a guided tour of the Nevin Spence Educational Centre

pupils received a seminar from Chris Hagan (Head of Performance Analysis) on Performance Analysis at Ulster Rugby.

In the Kids' Lit Quiz, our Year 9 team came 3rd, our Year 8 team came 13th and the Prep team 9th out of 22 teams. It was a wonderful afternoon and our teams won book tokens and books for spot prizes.



On Friday 25 November the U14 hockey squad travelled with Miss Wilson to the Odyssey Arena to attend the Friendship Four Event. This event saw four of the top American College Ice Hockey teams battle it out for the Belpot Trophy with Vermont Catamounts claiming the prestigious title. An enjoyable experience for all.

Year 8 Drama

On Sunday, 11 December, a group of lively Year 8 mummers performed tirelessly in the streets of Cultra Folk Museum village to celebrate the annual 'Spirit of Christmas Past' Event, continuing the Sullivan Upper tradition of performing as Christmas Mummers. The pupils were from 8G: Noah Glenn, Lori Gamble, Freya Patrick, Matthew Beck, Ashton Casey, Lauren Garcia-Wilson, Grace Harding, Gethin Lloyd and Benjamin



Donaldson. They wowed the crowds with their acting and singing and availed of the home-made soda bread and broth to keep up their energy!

The 1XI beat Victoria College 1-0 on Saturday 10 December to progress to their 4th consecutive Quarter Final of the Belfast Telegraph Schools Cup (to be played in late January). Sullivan dominated for the majority of the game but were unable to score until the last 2 minutes of play, with the goal coming through a well taken penalty corner by Laura McCaw. Special mention to goalkeeper Jenny Beattie who made a number of crucial saves to prevent Victoria taking the a lead.



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Two very successful Junior Drama performances of 'Much Ado About Nothing' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' took place on 13 and 14 December in our Drama Theatre. Two casts of students from Years 8 to 10 delighted parents and friends with

their witty interpretations of the two classic plays, in this the 400th Anniversary of

Shakespeare's death. The plays were directed by Mrs R Trainor and Miss L McKinty, assisted by Sixth Form Directors: Maran Fearon, Abbie Wilson, Cora Alexander, Lucy Buller and Beatrice Campbell.



Sullivan Upper had a number of successes at the annual Ulster Grammar Schools Swimming Gala at which the following pupils represented the school: Rachel Wolseley, Tara McDonough, Rachel White, Tori Harding, Emma Hanna, Jessica Chrishop, Anna Best, Evan Coulter, Gethin Lloyd, Matthew Latimer, Mark Stinson, David Stinson and Tom Uprichard. Individual medals were

awarded to the following swimmers: David Stinson who came third in the Boys 11-14 Breaststroke; Tom Uprichard who came first in the 15-16 Breaststroke and second in the 15-16 Freestyle; and Jessica Chrishop who came second in the Girls 17 and Individual Medley. Congratulations to the Junior Boys Relay team who continued their success this year by coming third in the Boys 11-14 Medley Relay event.

The 2nd XI progress to the quarter finals of the McDowell Cup after a convincing 7-1 victory over Carrick Grammar School on Monday 12 December 2016. Particular mention to Emma Dunwoody who scored a hat-trick. The next round will be played in early February.



Kathleen Smartt (Yr 13 - U19) and Lucy Lockhart (Yr 9 - U15) came first in their age groups in the Elite categories and Jessica Smyth-Rice (Yr 11) won in the novice category in trampolining at the School's finals on 19 November 2016. Kathleen also won the prize for highest overall score of the day in any age category. All three pupils will now go through to represent Sullivan as Northern Ireland champions in the British Zonal Finals in Wigan in February.

Sullivan's Young Enterprise company, Apollo, recently attended the Helen's Bay Craft fair and the 'Big Trade Market' at St George's market hosted by Cool FM, to sell their homemade calendars, Santa sleighs and Christmas cards and much more. Keep your eyes peeled around school for some enormous events (20 January: a date for the diary) and more jaw



The Music Department has had its usual busy month with various groups performing seasonal music in and

outside school. The Jazz band entertained shoppers in Victoria Square and Sullivan Singers Chamber Choir performed at Belfast's Harbour Commissioners' Office. The main highlight was the school carol service held in Holywood Parish Church which showcased many of the musical groups in school as pupils presented a programme of Nine Lessons and Carols.



Thank you to pupils and staff who supported Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.