

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - March 2017

Wednesday 1 March	Exceptional Closure Day	All pupils off school
Wednesday 1 March	Year 9 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.30 pm
Wednesday 8 March	Year 12 GCSE Drama Performance	7.00 pm
Friday 17 March	St Patrick's Day (Traditional Group at Down Cathedral)	School finishes at 12.40 pm, buses provided at 12.45 pm
Monday 20 March	HPV2 Year 9 Girls	9.00-1.00 pm
Wednesday 29 March	Year 8 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.30 pm (School finishes at 12.25 pm, buses provided at 12.30 pm)
Wednesday 29 March	Spring Concert in Ulster Hall	7.30 pm

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the following pupils who qualified for the Ulster Finals at Mallusk on Wednesday 22 February

Individuals who were in the top 15 finishers:

Minis: Hakim Barrada 4th

Minors: Tara McDonough 1st, Rachel Wolseley 8th and Sarah Gaw 15th, Rory Carson 10th

Juniors: Rachel Gillespie 8th

Inters : Emma Hanna 15th

Seniors: Nia McNally 7th, Stephen Hodgson 5th, Jonny Brattle 11th, Patrick Watson 13th, Michael Wilkinson 15th

Team Results

Minor Girls 2nd, Senior Boys 2nd



Hockey

The girls 1st XI progressed to the Schools' Cup Semi-final after a 1-0 win over Methody. Erin Camlin claimed the decisive goal in the opening minutes of the game. Sullivan were then drawn against Banbridge for their semi-final match. This was a closely contested game with Banbridge holding out for a 2-1 win, Beth Young scoring Sullivan's only goal. The girls can take much credit for the determined performance, pushing Banbridge right to the final whistle.

The 2B's are through to the semi-final of the Gibson Cup after a high scoring quarter final vs Friends. Amy Kimber scored twice helping her team progress with a final score of 4-3 to Sullivan.

The U14 squad have progressed to the semi-final of the Junior Shield with an impressive 4-0 victory over Coleraine Grammar School. They now face Royal School Dungannon in the semi-final.

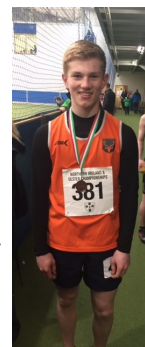


Pupils from 9A and 9G took part in a Star Wars Lego workshop during January and February.

The workshop was aimed at improving communication and group work skills.



Rory Carson 9M picked up a Bronze medal in 60m sprint Under 15s on Saturday 4 February at Magherafelt. This was his first event at NI & Ulster Indoor Track Age groups.



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The Sixth form charity committee handing over a cheque to Jane McPherson from Cancer Research UK. Pupils raised £738 by selling Unity Band bracelets along with our weekly charity collection.

Many thanks to all the pupils who contributed to Sixth Form Charity Week. A total of £2809.74 was raised.

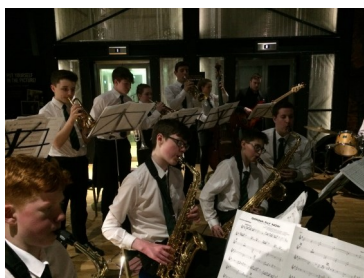


Isaac Hart 12C competed in the NI & Ulster Indoor Championships at Magherafelt winning gold in the Under 17 200m race. He now qualifies for the Irish Age Group Championships in Athlone at the end of March.

Congratulations to the Sullivan Army Cadet Corp who won the Batesuns Challenge for the fifth year in a row recently.

Lucy Lockhart (9C) recently competed in the Zonal Schools Competition in Trampolining in Wigan representing Sullivan in the U14 elite class. She has now qualified for the National Finals to be held in Newcastle in mid-March.

The jazz band playing at the 140th Anniversary Gala Ball held on Saturday 4 February at Titanic Belfast.



Golf – Schools Cup Semi Final v CCB

Royal Portrush Golf Club – Valley Links –
Monday 6 February 2017

SUS 3 – CCB 1

(Thomas Stout (9S) L 3&1, Scott Miller (12E) W 3&1, Stewart McCaw (14D) W 6&5, Bryan Greene (14C) W 4&3)

A super win played in Arctic conditions.

The Final in March is against our old adversary RBAI who beat MCB.

Maia Simmons (9C) was successful in a selection process for Cycling Ulster Youth Academy that took place recently in Omagh. She now moves forward to the selections for Cycling Ireland National Youth Academy 2017 in February in Castlebar Co Mayo.

Maia was also recently awarded best junior girl 2016 for North Down Cycling club.

Netball

The Year 9 Netball team have progressed to the semi-final of the Minor Shield competition, where they will face Friends School, Lisburn.

On Friday 20 January the Sullivan Singers enjoyed a choral workshop with the conductor of the Ulster Youth Choir, Dominic Peckham, who flew into Belfast for the day. After an entertaining rehearsal and workshop Dominic held auditions with the result that an impressive number of boys and girls in the Sullivan Singers were offered places for the forthcoming Ulster Youth Choir and Training Choir residential courses this summer.

Public Speaking

Iona O'Neill and Erin Johnson (Year 13) both participated in The Edgar Graham Memorial Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 22 February in the Senate Chamber at Stormont. Facing stiff competition from 28 speakers, both girls excelled in their



confident and persuasive speeches. Iona spoke on "Education - A box-ticking exercise?" and was Highly commended (2nd) while Erin's topic was "Man is a mine rich in gems". Their excellent content and convincing delivery assured them high praise - we should anticipate further success from these two gifted orators.