

# Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

## Dates for Diary - May 2018

Saturday 5-Sunday 6 May	Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Bronze Expedition
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 14 May	School Examinations <u>begin</u> for Years 8-11	
Wednesday 23 May	School Examinations <u>finish</u> for Years 8-11	
<b>Monday 28 May</b>	<b>Exceptional Closure Day</b>	<b>Pupils do not attend</b>

Harry Wilson (Yr10) represented Club NI 04, the Northern Ireland U14 football squad at the West Ham Cup tournament in London over the Easter weekend. The team played 5 matches winning 4, the highlights being victories over West Ham 5-0 and Leicester City 3-0. Next up will be the prestigious NI Super Cup in July.



Congratulations to the following pupils who represented Sullivan Upper at the annual Ulster Schools Secondary Swimming Gala in Ballymena: Rachel Wolseley Year 10 who made both the breast stroke and fly finals, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the fly final; Anna Park Year 11 who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the backstroke final; Evan Coulter Year 9 who came 5<sup>th</sup> in the fly final and David Stinson Year 11 who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the breaststroke and 5<sup>th</sup> in the freestyle finals. Good swims were also recorded for Gethan Lloyd Year 9 and Jake Thompson Year 8.

Tom Uprichard, Year 12, was selected by Swim Ulster for the 2018 Ulster Team that travelled to compete at the Irish Schools Inter-provincial Championships 2018 which took place at the National Aquatic Centre Dublin. The team was successful in bringing the cup back to Ulster for the fourth successive year.



Congratulations to the Year 14 Chemistry pupils who took part in the UK Chemistry Olympiad. Ella Reid and Rachel Smyth achieved bronze awards, Michael Gamble, Aswin Abraham, Anna O'Sullivan and Luke Hall achieved silver awards and Cameron Matchett

who achieved a Gold Award. This is an excellent achievement in this very prestigious competition. Well done!



Lewis Drain (Year 11) was delighted to be selected to play for the Northern Ireland Army Cadet Force in a 7's Rugby Tournament against our English, Welsh and Scottish counterparts.

The tournament took place in Liverpool and accommodation was in Altcar Barracks where the rugby was also played.

The matches were played on the Saturday and the team played well, winning 3 games and drawing 2.

Unfortunately the tournament finished slightly earlier than expected due to a total number of 20 players requiring hospital treatment over the course of the day.

It was challenging for Lewis to play in the senior squad as an intermediate but overall the weekend was a fantastic experience and he was proud to represent the Sullivan detachment in the Northern Ireland team.

The Charity Committee organised a number of events this month to support two Mental Health charities, Noggin Sport and Suicide Awareness. They sold Beanie Hats with the Noggin logo, had a table quiz, a Fifa tournament and had pupils busking at break time.

Thanks also to the Silver Robin who sold cup cakes with the Suicide Awareness logo on them. Thank you to everyone who supported these worthy charities.



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Year 14 pupils, Cora Alexander, Beatrice Campbell and Isobel Meharg have been appointed Northern Ireland Regional Ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational Trust. This role involves

them working with various agencies to promote the Trusts Lessons from Auschwitz programme and the importance of Holocaust Education.

The girls will be attending an induction ceremony and preparatory seminars in London.

This is an incredible opportunity for the girls to engage further with Holocaust education and promote the school, and most importantly the work of the Lessons from Auschwitz project.



Congratulations to the Junior girls Golf team, Hannah Boyd, Serena Stout and Zoe Miller (Year 10), on winning the Ulster Schools Junior Golf competition - a tremendous achievement which qualified them for the All-Ireland tournament.

This competition was held in Milltown Golf Club. The girls performed admirably on the day against tough competition from the other provinces. Congratulations to Hannah Boyd who was awarded the best Junior individual score over the course.



Rosie Alexander 13A won the regional Final of 'Entrepreneur of the Future' through our Young Enterprise Scheme and now goes through to the next stage of the competition which will see her competing against the other area winners for the Young Enterprise Northern Ireland Entrepreneur of the Future 2018.



Jake Williamson, the voice of Pablo

Jake Williamson (Yr8) is the voice of Pablo, the main character in a live action and 2D animation series

produced in Hollywood by Paper Owl Films.

Pablo tells the story of a resourceful boy with autism who approaches everyday situations in a novel way. Using magic crayons, he creates an imaginary "art-filled world" filled with animal characters which help him turn life's challenges into adventures. The show's producer said "we wanted to create an authentic and compelling children's TV series to encourage greater understanding and empathy around autism." The episodes were inspired by the real-life experiences of children with autism and each one is devised, co-written and voiced by people with autism.

Series one has already been aired nationally on CBeebies, drawing impressive audiences and series two is currently in production. It was recently announced that global listings are in the pipeline during 2018, including the USA, Canada, Latin America, Sweden and Finland to name but a few. Congratulations Jake!

Senior girls house hockey - a great afternoon with hockey players past and present representing their houses. It was great to see some year 13 and 14 girls out who hadn't played since junior school.

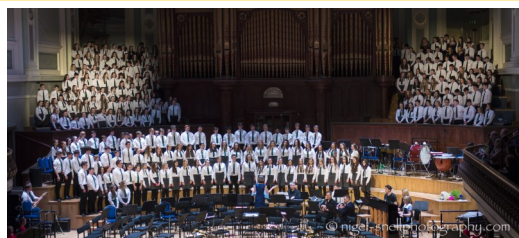
Results:

- 1st - Praeger
- 2nd - Speers
- 3rd - McAlester
- 4th - Grant



The annual Spring concert took place in the Ulster Hall at the end of March. Over 300 pupils performed a

varied musical programme to a capacity audience. Many thanks to all those parents, staff and past pupils who supported this event. More recently the GCSE Pupils performed an informal evening recital for family and friends in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE practical examinations.





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Congratulations to Beatrice Campbell, Tony Cowen, Megan Mackey and Robert Campbell who will be attending the Ulster Youth Choir Summer Residential Course in July at Campbell College.

## Visit of GB Hockey Olympian Crista Cullen MBE:

Our junior hockey players along with the SEELB U15 Hockey squad were treated to a brilliant, inspirational talk from GB Hockey Olympian Crista Cullen MBE. The girls were totally engrossed and even got to hold an Olympic Gold medal. Thanks so much to Crista for inspiring us and we really hope she will come back and visit us again soon.



Fergus McMullan (14E) took part in the Scottish International Open Karate Competition this weekend in Glasgow. He won a bronze in Under 21 Kata, a silver in Under 21 Kumite (fighting) and a gold in Team Kumite.

In October he won a gold in kata under 21, a silver in kumite under 21 and bronze in kumite open at the NI Karate Championships.

In January he won bronze in the under 21 kumite at the North South Karate Championships.

Congratulations to Sarah Robinson, Harvey Jones, Tony Cowen, Ellen Hartin, Charis Mills, Cathryn Lynch and Conor Brannigan who successfully auditioned for the Ulster Youth Orchestra and will be performing with them in Vienna and Bratislava this summer.



A very entertaining and competitive Stayers v Leavers Hockey match was played with the leavers just edging a 1-0 victory, thanks to a goal from captain Laura. Thank-you to all our Year 14 hockey players for all you have contributed to Hockey at Sullivan and best wishes for the future.



The U14 Hockey squads travelled to Dublin for an end of season trip. Two fixtures were played against Muckross Park College with the A's drawing 1-1 in a fast and exciting match against the current Leinster league winners. Katie Kimber scored the equalising goal with 4 minutes on the clock. The B's played very well but unfortunately suffered a 2-0 defeat. The trip was rounded off with mini-golf, dinner and shopping. Well done to all the girls for their last 3 years of commitment to Junior Hockey in Sullivan.



On the 13 April, 40 young rugby players from Sullivan embarked on a junior rugby tour to Leicester. The U13 and U14 Squads returned victorious as they were unbeaten against their opponents, Bugbrooke RFC and South Leicester RFC, with convincing victories in both games. The boys enjoyed submersion in a full weekend of rugby as on their day off they had a coaching session with Leicester Tigers coaches and then went on to their impressive stadium to watch the derby match between Leicester and Northampton. The coaches and players would like to thank Living with the Lions Tours for organising a fantastic tour, the two rugby clubs for their hospitality and the parents for making a tour like this possible. Well done to U13 player of the Tour, Tom Muldrew, and U14 player of the tour, Adam Martin.





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## Fencing: NI Junior Foil Series Round 6 and Series Round-Up



Team SUFC, with coaches, at NIJFS Round 6

The 2017-2018 NI Junior Foil Series was brought to an end with the final round (Round 6) held on Saturday 7 April in the Sullivan Upper Sports Hall. As usual Sullivan Upper was well represented, with 10 SU fencers taking part, two of them winning medals on the day: Ruzi Statham and Finn Neely, while Izzy Evans won an overall third place championship trophy.

### U12 Boys

Finn Neely, the only Sullivan fencer in the U12 boys for Round 6, made the semi-finals to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>, completing the series in overall 5<sup>th</sup> place. Other SU overall series placings: John Kane 6<sup>th</sup> and Matthew Mallon 9<sup>th</sup>.

### U14 Girls

There were 6 Sullivan fencers competing in this age group for Round 6: Ruzi Statham, Izzy Evans, Victoria Morris, Alex Burke, Rachel McKillen and Angharad King. Ruzi made the podium with a third place, while Izzy, Victoria and Alex all made the quarter-finals to take 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> places. Rachel finished 9<sup>th</sup> and Angharad 10<sup>th</sup>.

Izzy's consistently strong performances throughout the series secured for her the overall championship third place trophy, while Ruzi's significant improvement in the later rounds brought her up the rankings to take 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Alex and Rachel, consistent last eight finishers all year, completed the series in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> while Victoria and Angharad, having both missed 2 rounds, ended up 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

### U14 Boys

Alexander Penny and Arnav Arava finished in the quarter-finals of Round 6 in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> positions respectively. Their finishing order was reversed however in the final series rankings, with Arnav 12<sup>th</sup> and Alexander 13<sup>th</sup>. Cameron Kitchen didn't attend Round 6, but finished the series in 17<sup>th</sup>.

### U16 Girls

Anna Vaughan and Cece MacMahon, though unable to attend Round 6, nevertheless had accumulated enough points in previous rounds to finish the series in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.



Finn 3<sup>rd</sup> in U12s at Round 6

### U16 Boys

Cormac Kitchen was the only SU representative in the U16s at Round 6, finishing just outside the medals in 5<sup>th</sup> place. A steady performance improvement throughout the series saw him climb up the points rankings to finish the year in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Jonathan Mallon, though he didn't attend round 6, finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place overall.

### Late News

SUFC Assistant Coach, Stephen Brown has just become Irish National Champion, winning the Men's Foil Trophy yesterday 22 April in Dublin. Great to have the best foil fencer in Ireland coaching at Sullivan Upper Fencing Club!



Ruzi 3<sup>rd</sup> in U14s at Round 6



Izzy with U14 Championship 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy

David White, SUFC Coach

## Sullivan 1st XI retain the King Cup

Once again in the final game of the season, Sullivan played Methody in the King Cup. A trophy presented by Mr King's friends in memory of his son who attended both Sullivan and Methody, representing both schools in hockey and tennis.

In a competitive game Sullivan were in control of the game taking a 2 nil lead into half time. Sullivan relaxed in the second half and let Methody score, but within a minute they increased the pace of the game and scored a further goal to maintain the two goal gap. Methody scored a second and made the last few minutes tense until Sullivan scored a fourth.

Final score Sullivan 4 (M Willis, M Morris (2) and P Crookshanks) v Methody 2

Thanks to all the team and best wishes to the boys who are finishing at Sullivan – Tom McCord, Michael McDougall, Tom Robson, Fergus Kerr, Callum Carson, Sonny Erskine and Fergus Gibson.

