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Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - December 2015

30-4 Dec	Year 13 Work Shadowing Week	
30-15 Dec	School Examinations	See Exam timetable
11 Dec	Year 11 Digital Masterclass	9.00 am -12.30 pm
17 Dec	Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church	7.30 pm
18 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term	School closes 12.05 pm
21 Dec-1 Jan	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
4 Jan 2016	Spring Terms starts	

Kids Lit Quiz



Our Year 8 team won the NI Regional Kids Lit Quiz recently and got through to the National Final in Oxford on 4 December 2015. The Year 9 team and Prep team also did well.

Swimming Success

The school swimming team had more successes at the recent Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championships held at Aurora Aquatic Centre, Bangor.

The 12 and Under Girls Relay team, consisting of Katie Kimber, Rachel White, Tara McDonough and Tori Harding came third in the 200m Medley relay and the Junior Boys narrowly missed out on a medal coming fourth in their medley relay.

Other medals for Sullivan Upper pupils included silver for Katie Kimber who came 2nd in both the 12 year old Girls 50 back and 50 Fly and Tom Uprichard who came 1st in the Junior Boys 100 Breast and 3rd in the Junior Boys 100 Freestyle.

Katie Kimber, Matthew Latimer and Tara McDonough all achieved Irish Minor Schools Qualifying times to be held in Dublin in February and Tom Uprichard met the criteria for the Ulster Provincial Team 2016.

Many thanks must also go to the following swimmers who contributed to an unprecedented Sullivan Upper representation at this gala and swam well in both their individual and relay events: Jessica Chrishop, Emma Hanna, Anna Park, Amy Kimber, David Stinson, Mark Stinson, Andy White and Rachel Wolseley.



On Friday 23 October 2015, Junior Rugby players from school went to see Ulster play Cardiff at the Kingspan Stadium in Belfast. Pupils were treated to a great performance by Ulster who came out victorious 24-17.

Boys Hockey

Ulster U18 and U16 won the Interpros recently. Sullivan were represented by Callum Robson (Yr14) and Matthew Crookshanks (Yr13) at U18. The U16s were Fergus Gibson (Yr12), Tom Robson (Yr12) and Harry Morris and Matthew Morris (Yr 11).



Sailing News

Adam Lockhart (10P) has secured a place on the Royal Yachting Association, Northern Ireland Topper Squad for 2015 -2016.



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World Wise Quiz

Congratulations to Year 11 boys, Ross Gourley, Isaac Hart and Adam Rainey, on winning the Geographical Association World Wise Quiz for the second year in a row. The boys were nothing short of amazing, facing off stiff competition from 9 other schools and then Wallace and Down High in the final.



Ellen Smith (Year 11) competed at a weekend of orienteering competitions on 24 and 25 October 2015 at Magilligan. The Northern Ireland Championships were held on Saturday and the Irish Championships were held on the Sunday. Ellen performed fantastically and won both Championships. She is now NI champ and Irish champ in her age class. Well done Ellen!!

Rowel Friers (Yr9) won Holywood Music festival recently. He has competed in this festival since he was six and has won his classes every year since (ie for 8 years) He was competing in the Grade 8+ for the Senior EPTA Cup.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

The 'Twelfth Night' cast with Ms Patterson and Mrs Dorman at the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Mac in Belfast, Tuesday 3 November 2015.

Cast members – Katie Neely as Olivia, Cora Alexander as Viola, Ciara Dempsey as Sebastian and Catherine McLean at the Duke Orsino.

Rest of the cast and technical crew includes: Edward Thompson, Finn Tyler, Alex Jemphrey, Sophie Gilmore, Erin Fisher, Roisa O'Neill, Neve McGuicken, Ciaran Campton, Ciara Irwin and Sarah Coulter.



Congratulations to the following pupils who represented Northern Ireland at the Irish National Open Diving Championships in Dublin recently. Madi Crawshay-Ralston (Year 8) came 5th and Meg Crawshay-Ralston (Year 10) came 6th in their categories.

Alana Smyth (9K) competed in the Irish Festival of Dance, Ulster Championship U13 in Donegal over half term and won her third consecutive title.

Congratulations to Jonny Betts (14A) who has successfully completed a second season training with and playing for the Ulster Under 19 rugby squad.



Golf News

The Senior Golf team (Scott Miller, Stewart McCaw, Patrick Greene, Thomas Stout, reserves Bryan Greene and Michael Hartin) took part in the Irish Schools Senior Championship Matchplay qualifying event and will now move on to the play-off next April.

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House Music

On Wednesday 21 October the Annual House Music Competition was again 'hotly' contested!

We welcomed former pupil and DJ, Steve Turnbull, as our guest adjudicator and he was ably assisted by our own Mr Gary Mills.

The instrumental solo was won by Rowel Friers on the piano for McAlester, the ensemble was won by Anna and Lucy Gregg for Grant, the vocal solo was won by Lola Bingham for McAlester and Praeger won both the Pop Group and House Choir Sections.

All the participants were brilliant and after a morning of friendly rivalry, the overall winners were McAlester House.



Rowel Friers



Anna and Lucy Gregg



Lola Bingham



Praeger Pop Group



McAlester House Music Captains with Steve Turnbull



Praeger House Choir