

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

McCullough Cup Winners

At a blustery Lisnagarvey, Sullivan faced Friends School, Lisburn in the final of the McCullough Cup. The match was a tense affair with Friends having a few early penalty corners, with one saved of the line by Paddy Crookshanks and the other a good save from keeper, Tom McCord. Sullivan started to come into the game and took a half-time lead through a penalty corner, with Paddy Crookshanks scoring. The eager Sullivan supporters thought that this would spur the team on.

Half-time – Sullivan 1 (Crookshanks) – Friends 0

Friends started the better after the break and pushed and pushed at Sullivan, finally breaking through with a penalty corner. This was followed by a lot of Sullivan pressure but Friends made a break and scored a second. Sullivan, not having their best match, continued to push and push. Sullivan won a penalty corner, then with the whistle gone, a few others, eventually resulting in a goal from Harry Morris, touching in a Matthew Willis shot at the back post.

Full-time – Sullivan 2 (Crookshanks and Morris) – Friends 2

Extra time followed, with the thought of a silver goal. No more goals followed in extra time, so it was down to penalty strokes.

Both teams scored their opening strokes – Harry Morris, then Tom McCord made a save for Sullivan and Paddy Crookshanks scored. Both teams scored their third stroke – Tom Robson for Sullivan. Friends saved from Matthew Willis and Friends scored. Both teams sitting at 3 all with one to go, Tom McCord made another, vital, save. It was now up to captain Fergus Gibson to slot home his penalty stroke and Sullivan won.

Sullivan win 4 – 3 on Penalty Strokes.

Congratulations to Paddy Crookshanks who was named Man of the Match

The team were: Tom McCord, Paddy Crookshanks, Matthew Willis, Tom Robson (VC), Michael Trimble, Callum Carson, Fergus Gibson (C), Matthew Morris, Harry Morris, Sonny Erskine, Daniel Girvin, Fergus Kerr, Patrick Rose, Isaac Hart, Tom McClintock, Djay Erskine and Jamie McAuley (GK)

Coaches: Mr P Osborne and Mr A Williamson



Thanks

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who raised £2000 for Save the Children by wearing their Christmas jumpers on 14 December.



**Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year**

Dates for Diary - January 2018

Fri 22 December to Wed 3 January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Thursday 4 January	Exceptional Closure Day	Pupils do not attend
Thursday 4 January	Year 10 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.00
Friday 5 January	Exceptional Closure Day	Pupils do not attend
Friday 5 January	Year 11 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.00
Monday 8 January	Spring Terms Starts for Pupils	All pupils to attend
Monday 8 January	GCSE Mathematics Examination	
Tuesday 9 January	Year 9 Health Appraisal	9.00-1.00
Friday 12 January	Year 11 Digital Masterclass / Billy Dixon	9.30-11.10 / 11.35-12.35
Friday 19 January	Early Closure at 12.40 - preparation for Open Morning	Buses at 12.45
Saturday 20 January	Open Morning	9.30-12.30
Tuesday 23-Thursday 25 January	Year 10 Subject Choice Interviews	1.00-3.00
Tuesday 30 January	Years 11-12 Boosters Vaccinations	
Tuesday 30 January	Year 13 Parental Consultations	7.00-9.30

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Year 8 Visit RADAR



On Monday 11 December 2017, Year 8s visited the exciting, interactive educational facility RADAR in Sydenham Exchange. They enjoyed a sequence of workshops to raise awareness of CLEAR: Community Learning Environmental

Awareness Responsibility. This will be followed up by encouraging their families to sign a written CLEAR pledge: we will receive £7 in environmentally-friendly funding for each pledge returned! Photographed here are the pupils of 8W enjoying the day out.

SENIOR GOLF TEAM

In the Autumn/Winter qualifying rounds, the senior golf team (Patrick Greene, Thomas Stout, Toby McCandless, Nat Bailie, Jamie Thallon) has progressed to the later stages of the School's Cup and Ulster School's Matchplay Finals.



Fencing

Round 2 of the NI Junior Foil Series was held on Saturday 9 December at RBAI. Eleven SUS fencers were in attendance, competing in 4 of the 7 age group categories.

In the U16 boys, Cormac Kitchen was the only SUS representative, finishing 10th in probably the toughest of the 7 categories.

There were 6 SUS entrants in the U14 girls category, two of them finishing with medals. Izzy Evans reached the semi-final stage where she knocked out the Round 1 gold medallist to go into the final, but then lost to Alice Peardon from Dublin to take silver. Victoria Morris fought her way through to the other semi, but lost to Peardon to take bronze. Rachel McKillen and Alex Burke both made the quarter-finals, while Ruzi Statham and Angharad King were 9th and 10th.

Arnav Arava, Cameron Kitchen and Alexander Penny finished 12th, 15th and 19th in the U14 boys.

John Kane was the sole SUS fencer in the U12 boys, finishing 7th.

Round 3 takes place on Saturday 13 January 2018 in Hunterhouse College in Belfast.



Year 8 Mums

performed at the Ulster Folk Park at Cultra on Sunday 10 December. They entertained the visitors at the 'Spirit of Christmas Past' event. The

lying snow presented a winter wonderland backdrop to their mumming performances around the village area- although they did have to jig around a lot to keep warm! Pictured here are: Serena Cochrane-Browne, Dylan Marshall, Jackson Brown, Freddie Kinder, Joshua Beattie, Rory Vaughan, Rory Robinson, Rachel Hawkins, Josie Good and Abi Trainor.

Greenpower International and Kit Car Final 2017

Six Sullivan pupils (Luke Cunningham, Adam Cinnamon, Rosie Adams, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Zoë Brown and Sam Brown) had the opportunity to build and race an electric car in cooperation with the University of Ulster and in order to participate in the Greenpower International Competition which challenges teams to design, build and race an electric car and includes hundreds of teams from across the world.

For this team of Holywood Young Engineers the adventure began at the heats at the Kirkistown race track. After 6 weeks of preparation at the University of Ulster, the car was ready to race. The group was split into 2 teams; the boys and the girls and both came 2nd.



As a result, the team had qualified for the international final which took place in October at Rockingham Race Track near Luton, England.

The kit car final was on Saturday and the team came 16th out of 56. The international final was on the Sunday and, having qualified in 77th place, the team was delighted to finish 46th out of the 84 qualifiers, particularly given the high level of experience and expertise involved. The pupils certainly enjoyed the rewarding and exciting experience.

The Annual RYA Scotland Winter Championships 2017 took place on 9-10 December at Largs Sailing Club. This is a sprint format championship for all Royal Yachting Association pathway classes with over ninety boats on the water. The weekend fell during the coldest period we have had this year. Freezing temperatures and snow over the two days found competitors clearing ice from their boats before launching and longing for the warmth of the changing rooms at the end of each days racing. Northern Ireland was represented by three RYANI youth sailors in two classes including Sullivan Upper pupil, **Sam Rutherford (11M)**. Despite the light and changeable breezes Sam managed a creditable 10th overall amongst some of the best youth sailors in Scotland.

