

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - April 2018

Monday 26 March-Friday 6 April

Easter Holidays

School Closed

Monday 9 April

Summer Term Starts

Thursday 12-Saturday 14 April

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Silver Practice Expedition

Monday 23 April

Presentation of House Shield

Thursday 26 April

Junior Maths Challenge

Friday 27-Saturday 28 April

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Bronze Practice Expedition

Hockey News - Ulster U17

Congratulations to Paddy Crookshanks (Yr13), Fraser Todd (Yr12) and Matthew Willis (Yr13) on their selection for Ulster U17 to play a 3-match series against England U16s at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre from the 5-7 May 2018.

Public Speaking Success

Many congratulations to Andra Deane, Yr 13, who took first place for McAlester House in House Speaking. She was closely followed by Edward Thompson and Andrew Gallagher (Grant House). As always, we were very impressed by the range of topics and the oratory skills of all competitors.

Andra achieved further commendation as Most Promising Speaker in the Edgar Memorial Public



Congratulations to Ellen McCormick, Yr12, on winning the Overall Festival Senior Commendation Cup for Drama at the 2018 Belfast Musical Festival of Speech and Drama, after performing in monologue, duologue, acted scene and Shakespeare classes at the Lyric Theatre. This is the fourth consecutive year that Ellen has been awarded an overall festival trophy.

Congratulations also to those who performed in the Music section - to Beatrice Campbell, Yr14, who won the Chalice for the Most Memorable

Musical Performance of the Festival and to Tamzin McMullan, Y9, who won Girls' Vocal Solo for her age group. Also pictured is Connor McMullan, Y12, who performed in the Open Vocal class.



Mummers from 8J braved the cold snap to perform outdoors at a St Patrick's Day Event at the Folk and Transport Museum on 19 March 2018. Pictured here are: Dylan Marshall, Serena

Cochrane-Browne, Jackson Brown, Joshua McKee, Joshua Beattie, Noah Shine, Rory Vaughan and Freddie Kinder. We all agreed that the best part was the hearty burger and chips meal in the cafeteria at the end!

Congratulations to **Ross Gourley, (Yr13)** who has been selected as one of seven of the country's most promising junior wheelchair players selected to be part of a world leading new programme designed by Great Britain's leading tennis charity, the Tennis Foundation to help them progress towards future international success.

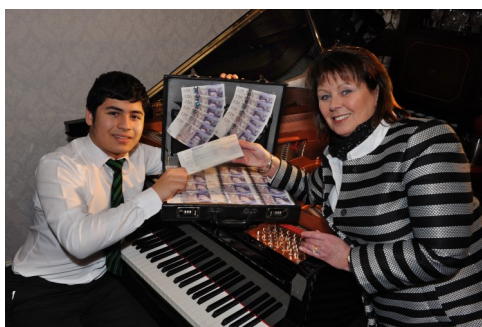


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Rowel Friers presents cheque to Children's Cancer Unit

Rowel Friers (Yr11) presents a cheque for £4,000 to Jacqueline Wilkinson, Executive Assistant of the Children's Cancer Unit.

Rowel, a gifted young Concert Pianist, performed with other guests at the Elim Church hall, in Bangor - raising the money from ticket sales. He won his first piano competition at the age of five, and has been a hot contender in the National finals in London and Manchester. Rowel recently performed at Carnegie Hall, New York, at the tender age of (14). He was the youngest pianist to win the William Finlay competition at 13-years-old. Boys and girls from all over Ireland took part.



Senior Netball

After progressing as District 6 'A' League winners Sullivan were drawn against Friends School in the quarter final of the Northern Ireland league. A close encounter throughout, the girls were unlucky to lose out with a final score of 26-22. Thank you to our Year 14s for their commitment over the last seven years.



ULSTER BADMINTON FINALS

The following teams qualified through to the Ulster Badminton Finals:

Year 8 Boys - Division 2 Cup (Jacob McKittrick, Daniel Griffin, Sam Thompson and Jack Greer)

Junior Girls - Division 1 League (Hannah Boyd, Sarah Baker, Lucy Cunningham and Emily Rose)

Senior Girls - Division 1 league (Jenny Baker, Erin Camlin, Jenna McKearney and Lucy Fitzpatrick)

Senior Boys - Division 2 League (Owen Aicken, Ryan Trimble, Luke Hall and Michael Trimble)

After some exciting badminton and close matches it was the Senior Boys who managed to win at Ulster level in a match against Ballyclare High which went right down to points scored throughout the match.

The boys now go on to represent Ulster at the Irish Finals in Gormanstown.



Year 8 Boys



Junior Girls



Senior Girls



Senior Boys



APPEAL

As we finish the Winter sports for another season and look toward Summer sports (hoping for some sunshine!), can I please ask that if

anyone has a son or daughter who has outgrown **Athletics running spikes** (and have no use for them) that they would leave them into the school office for Miss Gilfillan? We have a small set of spare spikes for anyone to use at competition if they do not have their own and it is always great to add to this selection - you never know perhaps you could be helping a star of the future!

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Year 13 girls attended a fantastic event to mark International Women's Day at Titanic, Belfast. They listened to many inspiring speakers including Ms. Judith Owens, CEO of the Titanic Centre and a Sullivan Upper past pupil. The girls also participated in workshops and a tour of the new Titanic Hotel and exhibitions. The girls are pictured here with their mentor for the day, Kerry Sweeney, CEO of the Titanic Foundation. They are: Rebecca Palmer, Andra Deane, Chloe Campbell, Sophie Nelson, Rebecca Donnan, Phoebe Patterson and Sarah Perry.

U14 Girls Hockey Plate success

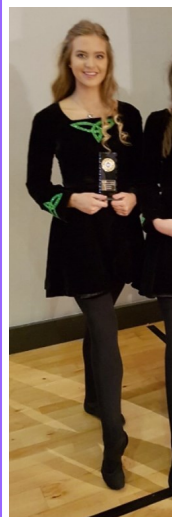
Congratulations to the U14 Girls Hockey squad who recently won the Junior Plate after an exciting final against Methodist College. Sarah Baker scored in the first half but it was Hannah Boyd's score which proved pivotal with 10 seconds on the clock. The game was taken to extra time and neither team could convert their chances. Penalty strokes sealed the victory for the Sullivan girls, scorers were Katie Kimber, Emily Rose and Hannah Boyd and huge credit to our Goalkeeper Eve Hiscock's who made two excellent saves.



Speech, Drama and Public Speaking Success

Congratulations to Joel Gardiner Y13B on winning four trophies at the recent Lagan Festival of Speech, Drama, Music and Art. He won the Poetry and Prose recital age 16 & over, was joint winner of Monologue age 17 & over, and then was awarded the trophies for the highest mark in the festival and the most memorable performance in the senior section of the festival for his recital pieces.

Further congratulations go to Patrick Latimer and Luke Dougan, both year 12, and Ben Holley and Sebastian Griffiths, both year 13 who all gained Distinctions in their LAMDA Grade 6 Public Speaking examinations. All four only starting public speaking classes in September so this is a remarkable achievement.



Congratulations to Alana Smyth (Yr11) who won her 6th consecutive NI Irish Festival Dancing Championship in Belfast over half term.



Congratulations to Michelle Marcoi (8J) who won a gold medal in Team Kata at the Karate Championships at Derry/Londonderry recently.

Medallion Rugby

The Medallion team reached the Final of the Plate, following a tremendous performance against Rainey in the Semi-Final. The Final was played on Thursday 8 March at Harlequins RC against RS Armagh. Armagh started the stronger and were ahead by half-time. In the second half, Sullivan came more into the game but the gap was too large and we couldn't break down their defence. Congratulations to the boys on reaching the Final - our third in a row.

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Schools (Burney) Cup

The 1st XI Boys Hockey team reached the final of the Schools (Burney) Cup, as defending champions. In front of a large crowd, Sullivan and Friends battled it out under floodlights at Stormont.



The game was cagey with Friends sitting deep and allowing Sullivan to play the ball around the back, Friends then hoping to catch Sullivan on the break.

Sullivan took the lead through a Paddy Crookshanks drag flick from a penalty corner.

The second half was more of the same with Sullivan starting with lots of pressure on the Friends goal. Friends eventually equalized from a penalty stroke and, agonisingly, took the lead with three minutes to go. With such little time left Sullivan could not get the elusive second goal.

Congratulations to the boys on reaching the Final and on a successful season which saw them win the McCullough Cup.

Category Winners (Top 3 in each category)

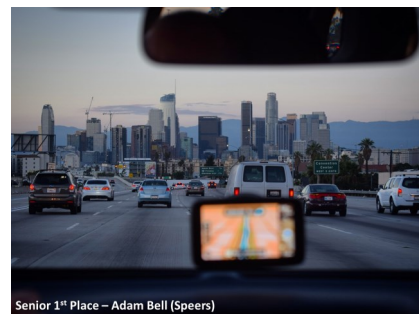
Y8-10 Category	House	Y11-14 Category	House
Noah Shine	McAlester	Adam Bell	Speers
Micah Lee	Praegar	Chloe Campbell	Speers
Katie Thompson	Grant	Aimee Frazer	McAlester



Junior 1st Place- Noah Shine (McAlester)



House Photography Entries 2018
Senior



Senior 1st Place - Adam Bell (Speers)



Junior 2nd Place- Micah Lee (Praegar)

House Photography Competition 2018



Senior 2nd Place - Chloe Campbell (Speers)



Junior 3rd Place- Katie Thompson (Grant)



House Photography Entries 2018
Junior



Senior 3rd Place - Aimee Frazer (McAlester)