

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Sports Academy George

On Thursday 13 October 2016, Sports Academy George, a sports charity from George, South Africa visited Sullivan Upper to play our senior netball team. Sports Academy uses sport as a tool to connect with and raise the next generation of role models in the townships of George.

After a successful visit last year to play a Sullivan select football team we had the pleasure of hosting Sports Academy for a second time. The day began with a visit to Sullivan Prep Department who had raised £950 in aid of the netball tour, which is a fully fundraised event for the charity. After words of thanks and a short assembly, Prep 6 & 7 had a coaching session with the Sports Academy girls before they headed up to the senior school to take another lively assembly where pupils listened to the purpose of the charity and joined in with the girls as they sang and danced.

The girls from Sports Academy then attended an interactive Physics lesson with Mr Miller, had lunch with their opposition and took part in a Basketball lesson with Mr Craig before warming up for a strongly contested match which finished 24 - 21 to Sports Academy and was described by their coaching staff as being their toughest game on tour.



We wish Sports Academy a safe return as they finish their tour and thank all those involved especially charity committees at both prep and senior school. The link with Sports Academy will be further enhanced when our Senior Rugby tour visit the charity during their tour to South Africa in July 2017.

Ross Gourley (Year 12) won two Gold Medals in Singles and Doubles at the Belfast International Wheelchair Tennis Open 2016 at the Ozone.



SWIMMING

The following pupils represented Sullivan Upper School at the Swim Ulster Schools Championships held in Bangor this month: Anna Best, Jessica Chrishop, Evan Coulter, Emma Hanna, Tori Harding, Amy Jane Kimber, Matthew Latimer, Gethin Lloyd, Tara McDonough, Anna Park, David Stinson, Mark Stinson, Tom Uprichard, Rachel White and Rachel Wolseley. Particular congratulations to David Stinson who came second overall in the boys 12-14 100 breaststroke and also reached the final of the 200IM and to Tom Uprichard who came third in both boys 15-16 100 Breaststroke and 100 Free finals.



Dates for Diary - November 2016

Monday 31-Friday 4 Nov	Half Term Holidays	School closed
Wednesday 2 November	BMAT Exam	9.00 am-12.00 noon
Wed 9-Thurs 10 Nov	Year 8 Parental Consultations with Form Teachers	From 1.30 pm
Saturday 12 November	1st AQE Assessment	10.00 am—11.00 am
Tuesday 15 November	Year 14 Practice Interview Skills Day	
Monday 21 November	Internal School Examinations Begin	
Saturday 26 November	2nd AQE Assessment	10.00 am-11.00 am
Mon 28 Nov-Fri 2 Dec	Year 13 Work Shadowing Week	

Thank you to all the Year 8 pupils who filled Christmas Shoe Boxes with toys and goodies in aid of the charity Samaritans Purse.



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Madi Crawshay-Ralston (9A) represented Northern Ireland at the National League Cup in Diving at the weekend and achieved a bronze medal. This was a fantastic result meaning that she came third in Ireland in her age group.

The Senior Netball team played against two touring teams - Sports Academy, George (South Africa) where the girls lost in a tightly contested match by 29-22;



and Northampton High School where the girls won 24-16.



Poetry Aloud

Congratulations to our junior participants in the annual Poetry Aloud competition. Euan Short, Kirstin Gregory, Eve O'Doherty, Emily McGregor, Corin McCrea, Aimee McConnell and Maisie Fell all excelled in the reading of two poems they had learned off by heart. On Monday 17 October in the Linenhall Library, Belfast, they were highly praised for their poetry reading and have all decided to compete again next year!

GCSE Drama Trip to London

At the end of September, Mr Whittington and Ms Patterson accompanied a



group of GCSE Drama Students to London. They arrived at Shakespeare's Globe by river boat, visited the theatre and then participated in a short workshop based on 'Macbeth'. The afternoon was spent at the Ambassador's Theatre watching a dynamic performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' by the National Youth Theatre. Sir Ian McKellen was in the audience and we were delighted to join him at the stage door to congratulate the cast on their performance. After a quick dinner in Chinatown, we walked through Covent Garden to the Duchess Theatre and saw the hilarious 'The Play That Goes Wrong'. On Saturday we explored London a little further, with a walk through Kensington Gardens, past the Albert Hall and a quick visit to the Imperial Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. After a pleasant afternoon in Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden we were ready to head back to the airport – tired but happy!



Accelerated Reader

Sullivan was the proud recipient of the Accelerated Reader award for the top performing school in Northern Ireland 2015-16 which was presented at their inaugural Awards Ceremony in London. The award was based on the number of books read by pupils in Years 8 to 10 and on the quality of their responses in the quizzes taken after finishing a book. Pictured are the top four readers last year, Thomas McClenaghan, Erin Watson, Ollie Butt and Harry McClean with Mrs K Millar, Head of English/Literacy Co-ordinator and the Headmaster.

