

**Newsletter 33
November 2016**

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - December 2016

Thursday 1 December	Year 14 Formal	7.30 pm
Saturday 3 December	3rd AQE Assessment	10.00-11.00 am
Friday 9 December	Year 10 Learn to Earn	9.00-12.00 noon
Tues 13-Wed 14 Dec	Junior Drama Performance	7.30 pm
Thursday 15 December	Senior Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church	7.30 pm
Tuesday 20 December	Carol Concert for Years 8-10 and 14 pupils	Years 11, 12 & 13 finish at 11.00 am. School finishes at 12.00 noon for Years 8-10 and 14
Wed 21 to Mon 2 January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Tuesday 3 January	Exceptional Closure Day	Staff only to attend
Wednesday 4 January	Spring Term starts for all pupils	Normal school day

Moving Image Arts success!

Yasmine Herron has just been awarded joint first prize in Animation at the recent CCEA Moving Image Arts Awards, in association with the Foyle Film Festival, Cinemagic and Northern Ireland Screen.

Her A2 Moving Image Arts stop-motion piece, 'Why Do I like Christmas?', provided a humorous and charming look at the annual Christmas festivities. It was well received by the cinema audience and impressed the panel judges with its detailed character design and animation of speech.



Geographical Association World Wise Quiz

Year 10 pupils Oliver Butt, Ella Andrews and John Haycock, participated in the Geographical Association's World Wise Quiz at the start of November at Queen's University, Belfast. The team performed well against a number of Year 11 teams in the preliminary stages of the quiz. They finished in the middle of the table and did not reach the final on this occasion but are to be commended on their efforts.



Sam Anderson (9G) recently took part in the Belfast City Council Youth Commonwealth Games 'Find a Sports Star' launch.



140th Anniversary Gala Ball Saturday 4 February 2017

Sullivan Upper School was founded in 1877 and next year we will celebrate 140 years educating the young people of Holywood and the surrounding area. 'Friends of Sullivan' are proud to be hosting a Gala Ball in Titanic Belfast in February and would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating this milestone.

All proceeds raised will be going towards the ongoing development of the school, 'Sustaining Sullivan's Future'.

You can look forward to a Champagne Reception, music by the Sullivan Jazz Ensemble and further entertainment from Flash Harry.

For more information about Friends of Sullivan and news & events please visit www.friendsofsullivan.com.



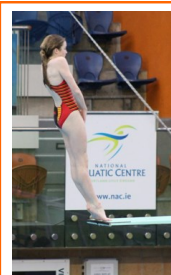
Congratulations to Evan Coulter (8T) who participated recently in the Bangor Minors Swimming Gala which took place in Aurora, Bangor. Evan won gold in the 25 metre freestyle, 25 metre backstroke, 100 metre freestyle relay and 100 metre IM relay and silver in the 25 metre breaststroke and butterfly strokes.

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Sam Rutherford (10C) has been selected by the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland for the NI Performance Squad in the Laser Radial Class.



This squad is made up of the best 12 Laser Radial Sailors in the province and is one of the youngest sailors to have been selected.



Madi Crawshay-Ralston (9A) represented Northern Ireland in The Irish Open Diving Competition recently and achieved a 5th place. This was a fantastic result given the international competition.



Gymnastics

On Sunday 27 November six Year 8 and 9 girls took part in the Milano Schools Gymnastics Competition in Ards Leisure Centre.

Martha Todd 9M, Rebecca Thompson 9G, Ruzi Statham 8T, Rachel Wolseley 9A, Sophie McCrossan 9M and Ashton Casey 8G.

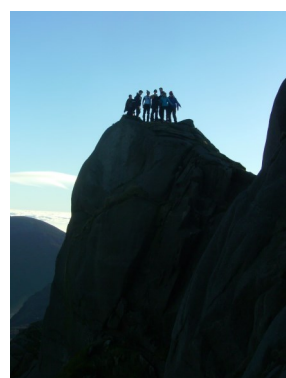
In the individual floor routine Ashton and Rebecca took gold and Sophie silver. In the vault Ashton took gold and Rachel bronze. The trio of Rachel, Sophie and Ashton won the gold in the overall competition



and Martha, Rebecca and Ruzi won the bronze. Rachel, Sophie and Ashton have qualified for the team National Competition in Stoke-on-Trent in March.

Mountaineering Club

The Mountaineering Club had its first venture into the Mourne on Saturday 26 November. Leaving the bus at Meelmore, we climbed out of the mist at the Hare's Gap and found blue skies above the clouds on top of Bearnagh. It was a spectacular view, with clouds in the valleys, and certainly worth the effort! Listen out for announcements in assembly if you'd like to join us in 2017!



Public Speaking

Congratulations to Andra Deane (Yr12) and Iona O'Neill (Yr13) who participated in the Soroptimist Public Speaking competition on 23 November in Bangor. While not winners on this occasion, both girls were highly commended for their thought-provoking speeches. Iona's topic was "Education- the filling of a pail or the lighting of a fire?" and Andra posed the intriguing question, "Living to 100 - good or bad?" We look forward to hearing more from these very promising speakers in the future!

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Children In Need Collection. A total of £486.45 was raised.

Advanced notice for pupils and staff – Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 16 December, in aid of Save the Children.

Girls Hockey Cup updates:

The 1st XI have progressed to the 3rd round of the Belfast Telegraph Senior Schools' cup after defeating Larne Grammar 3-0 in the 1st round and Glenlola Collegiate 5-0 in the 2nd round. They now face Victoria College on Saturday 10 December 2016 at Civil Service.

The 2A XI progress to the 3rd round of the McDowell Cup after a 5-0 win over Slemish College.

The 2B XI have progressed to the Knock-out stages of the Gibson Cup after wins in their section over Down High, Regent House and a draw with Royal School, Armagh.

The U14A team also progress to the 3rd round of their cup after a comfortable 3-0 victory over Clounagh Junior High School.

BOYS HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following five Sullivan pupils who represented **Ulster U18** in this year's hockey inter-provincial tournament:

Matthew Crookshanks (Yr14), Tom Robson (Yr13), Fergus Gibson (Yr13), Harry Morris (Yr12) and Matthew Morris (Yr12).

Matthew, Fergus, Tom and Harry have been invited to trials for the **Ireland U18** team.

Congratulations also to Matthew Willis (Yr12) who was selected for **Ulster U16** and following the recent interprovincial tournament, Matthew has been invited to trials for the **Ireland U16** team.

Katie Monteith (10M) who won the Irish Schools Athletics Multi Event Championships this month in her age group.



Hollywood Festival

Congratulations to Tamzin McMullan (Yr8) who participated in the Hollywood Festival recently and was 1st in Musical Theatre Duet 14 years & under and the Boys and Girls 12 years & under section; 2nd in the Accompanied Folk Song under 12 years and the Boys and Girls 11 and 12 years sections; and 3rd in the 12 years & under Set Music Theatre and the Unaccompanied Folk Song under 12 Years sections. Connor McMullan (Yr11) came second in the Boys Open. Tamzin is also taking part in Peter Corry's The Music Box in the Waterfront hall this year.