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# Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

## McCullough Cup Winners



Congratulations to the 1st XI boys hockey team on winning the McCullough Cup for the first time in the school's history.

55th McCullough Cup Final - Wallace High School v Sullivan Upper School Wednesday 9 December 2015  
Final score Sullivan 4 ( J Matchett 3 and C Carson) - Wallace 3 (A O'Hare 2 and M Nelson)

As well as winning the trophy for the first time in its 55 year history, John Matchett won player of the match and Callum Robson player of the tournament. Sullivan were also the only team to win all their matches in the tournament (Goals for: 48, Goals against: 5).

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### Year 8 Drama

On Sunday 13 December a group of lively Year 8 mummies performed tirelessly (despite the rain) in the streets and houses of Cultra Folk Museum to celebrate the annual 'Spirit of Christmas Past' Event. Thus continues the revival of an old Sullivan Upper tradition of performing as Christmas Mummies. The pupils were: (8S) Emily Black; Jolee Campton; Rachel McKillen; Lauren Gillard; (8G)



Reuben Curran; (8M) Izzy Evans; Thomas McClenaghan. They had great fun and availed of the free turkey and broth to keep up their energy!

### Moving Image Arts Awards

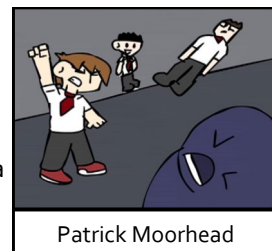


Taran Mitchell

The recent CCEA Moving Image Arts Awards, in association with the Foyle Film Festival, Cinemagic and Northern Ireland Screen, took place at Queen's Film Theatre in November and saw two students from Sullivan Upper receiving prestigious

awards for their animated films.

At GCSE level, Taran Mitchell was awarded first place in the Best Animated Film category for his clever combination of stop-motion animation and live-action in 'Revenge of La Slanga' – a tale of three lego heroes who encounter a terrifying monster in the form of an escaped pet snake. In the same category, at AS level, Patrick Moorhead was awarded second place for his multi-genre manga style animation 'New Kid' which tells the story of a boy's first day in school.



Patrick Moorhead

### Dates for Diary - January 2016

Mon 4 January	Spring Terms starts	
Fri 8 January	Early Closure	Closes at 12.40 pm
Sat 9 January	Open Morning	9.30 am-12.30 pm
Tues 12 January	Year 10 Parental Consultations	4.00 pm-6.30 pm
Wed 20 January	Year 11 Parental Consultations	4.00 pm-6.30 pm
<b>Mon 25 January</b>	<b>Exceptional Closure Day</b>	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Mon 25-Tues 26 Jan	GCSE Music Trip to London	
Tues 26– Thurs 28 Jan	Year 10 Subject Choice Interviews	

### Cross Country

John McNally (Yr10) and Nia McNally (Yr12) recently took part in the Irish Even Age Group Cross Country Championships in Dublin having qualified from the Ulster heats, representing their club, North Down AC, and Co Down.

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The 1st XI girls defeated Strathearn 2-1 on Saturday 12 December in the 3rd round of the Belfast Telegraph Schools cup with Jemma Gillan and Laura McCaw scoring. The girls now progress to the quarter finals in January.

## Kids Lit Quiz

Our Year 8 team, Louis McCartney, Ellen Skilling, Emily Black and John Bailie were delighted to have a day off school and travel to Oxford Town Hall for the National Final of Kids Lit Quiz.

They met many famous authors including Frank Cottrell Boyce, the special guest and Marie-Louise Jensen who was Sullivan's supporting author for the day! The five rounds of 15 questions each were all "fastest finger first" buzzer rounds and excitement among the 18 teams was high. Whilst not winning this time, our team excelled themselves and Sullivan can be justly proud of such a young team of avid readers!



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## Swimming Gala

The school swimming team had another successful day this term at the Ulster Schools Swimming Gala held in Ballymena on Saturday 28 November.

All the morning events were for Age Groups 11-14 years old and Katie Kimber and Rachel Wolseley swam as the fastest 12 year olds in the 50 Backstroke event. Katie also made the final of the 50 Fly final finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. David Stinson swam as one of the top 13 year olds in the 50 Breast and Mark Stinson as one of the top 12 year olds in the 100 IM.

The girls relay team – Rachel Wolseley, Rachel White, Katie Kimber, Tara McDonough

and Tori Harding proved to be one of the youngest relay teams competing and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 11-14 Medley Relay and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Freestyle Relay events. This augurs well for the final gala of the season in February.

Jessica Chrishop, swimming in the 17&Over age group, had a very successful afternoon coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 Fly Final and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100IM Final.



The **Music Department** has had the usual busy run up to Christmas despite school examinations just finishing! A few highlights of the end of term include the school Carol Service in Holywood Parish Church on Thursday 17 December at 7.30 pm. On Tuesday 15 December the Sullivan Singers Chamber Choir performed at the Harbour Commissioner's Office, Clarendon Dock and will perform again on Christmas Eve at the Culloden Hotel (from 6.00 pm). The Junior Singers have been invited to perform at The Alzheimer's Society Christmas Carol Service in Belfast Cathedral on Friday 18 December.



U14 girls hockey had a Christmas festive fun day!



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