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HOCKEY NEWS

Congratulations to 1st XI players, Fergus Gibson, Harry Morris and Tom Robson on their selection to the panel of Ireland U18 players aiming for selection to the U18 Europeans in Santander in July.

Congratulations to Patrick Rose (Yr10) on his selection to the panel of Ireland U16 players aiming for selection to the U16 Six Nations European Tournament in July to be hosted in Ireland.

In the recent European Piano Teachers Association Competition, Jack Rann, Year 11, was selected to represent Northern Ireland in the regional final which will be held in Solihull on 17 March 2018.

District Schools Cross Country Competition at Campbell College on 6 February 2018

Sullivan pupils arrived at Campbell to a flurry of snow and with excitement for the competition. There were some great results with the first three teams and top 15 individuals qualifying for the Ulsters.

The Mini Girls started the series of events and in a large field of over 140 runners they competed well, finishing second in the team event, Niamh Fenlon 8th and Rachel Anderson 13th

Next came the Mini Boys who have been very faithful in their training at school. They had a great race and won the Team event. Individually: Jacob McKittrick 1st, Jamie Gaw 6th and Ryan Drain 10th

The Junior Girls team were also very successful, finishing second only on place difference to Strathearn. Tara McDonough 1st, Rachel Wolseley 7th and Sarah Gaw 10th.

In the Junior Boys:
Rory Carson 11th and Joshua Baker 13th

Our last qualifier was Nia McNally who came 15th in the Senior race.

All these teams and individuals qualified for the Ulsters.



Dates for Diary - March 2018

Tuesday 6 March	Year 9 Parental Consultations	1.00-3.30 pm (early closure for pupils at 12.30)
Tuesday 13-Tuesday 20 March	Madrid Pupils Visit Sullivan	
Wednesday 14 March	HPV Vaccinations Year 8 & 10 Girls	
Saturday 17 March	Traditional Group at Down Cathedral	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 21 March	Spring Concert in Ulster Hall	7.30
Friday 23 March	End of Spring Term	
Saturday 24-Saturday 31 March	Ski Trip - New Hampshire	
Monday 26 March-Friday 6 April	Easter Holidays	School Closed

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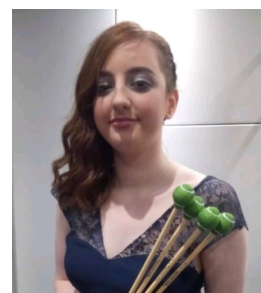
Big School Cook Off

Congratulations to Micah Lee and Lauren Gillard (of Year 10) who made it through to the regional final of the Mount Charles/Irish News 'Big School Cook Off'. Their qualifying dish using local produce was: Grilled pink peppercorn mackerel with samphire, beetroot and baby potato skewers with dulse butter.



Cathryn Lynch (Yr 12) auditioned last summer for the Ulster Orchestra professional experience scheme. She is the youngest of 7 successful candidates and made her professional debut as part of the Ulster Orchestra in February at the Waterfront Hall. The scheme provides a valuable insight into the life of a professional orchestral musician. This is of huge importance to Cathryn who will attend the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in September to study percussion.

Cathryn has also just been accepted to play with the European Youth Brass band and will go to Utrecht in the Netherlands for a week in April.



Ulster Cross Country Results at Mallusk 21 February 2018

After a really competitive day, in ideal conditions for cross country, with runners from all over Ulster and over 100 in each race these were the best Sullivan results.

Pupils who came in the top 30:

- Mini Girls: Rachel Anderson 23rd
- Mini Boys: Jacob McKittrick 11th
- Junior Girls: Tara McDonough 6th, Rachel Wolseley 26th
- Junior Boys: Joshua Baker 27th

Tara now goes on to compete in the All Ireland Finals on 10 March 2018 in Waterford; we wish her well in this event.



Forty GCSE Music pupils enjoyed a two day trip to London immediately after half term. The hectic schedule included a tour of the Royal Albert Hall and visit to the Royal Academy of Music. The highlight of the trip was



attending a performance of the West End Show, *Wicked* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre. A visit to Madame Tussauds and some free time in central London completed the itinerary.



Sullivan girls had a fantastic start to their 2018 season in the Ulster age groups indoor competition at Athlone. Year 8 Niamh Fenlon leaped into third place in long jump and helped her club to bronze in the 4x100 relay. Katie Monteith



(Year 11) showed great return to form, just clinching gold from her fellow Sullivan compatriot Katie Kimber (Year 10) in the 60 metre sprint. Katie Kimber went on to secure a second silver in the 200 metre sprint. Rachel McCann (Year 12) continued to build on last year's success, bringing home the double with gold in both the 400 and 200 metre sprints. Hopefully the girls will be back in Athlone to challenge for medals in the all Ireland finals in March.



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Fencing: Sullivan at Round 4 of the NI Junior Foil Series

We're over half way through the 2017/2018 NI Junior Foil Series, now that Round 4 (from 6) was held last Sunday 4 February 2018 at the Queen's Leisure Centre in Holywood. Ten Sullivan fencers took part, three of them winning medals.

U16 Boys

Cormac Kitchen was the only SU representative in this age group. Cormac has steadily improved throughout this year's series, finishing third this time to take his first ever NIJFS medal.

U14 Girls

Two SU medal winners in this category: Victoria Morris and Ruzi Statham, both taking bronze, a first medal win for Ruzi. Izzy Evans, Rachel McKillen and Alex Burke all reached the quarter finals, finishing 5th, 6th and 7th

U14 Boys

Arnav Arava and Alexander Penny were 11th and 13th in a tough age group.

U12 Boys

After a strong and much improved performance in the poule stage, Finn Neely made it into the quarters to take 6th, while Matthew Mallon returned from a break in his fencing to finish 10th.

Round 5 takes place on Saturday 3 March 2018 in the Sullivan Upper Sports Hall.



Team SU at NI Junior Foil Series Round 4

David White, SUFC Coach

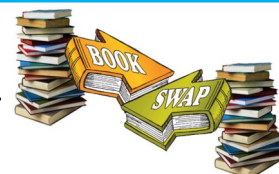


Hannah McKibben, Katie Thompson, Laura Beacom and Lauren Gillard took part in Francofest, a French trade fair for Year 10 pupils at Queen's. The girls were very committed and worked hard to prepare their stall on Monaco and learn their lines for the role play scenario. It was

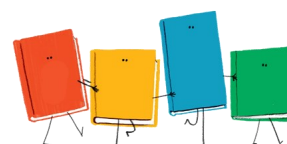
an enjoyable and very worthwhile event.



A **Book Swap** will be held in the **Library** at **break-time** on **Thursday 1 March 2018** which is **WORLD BOOK DAY**. To participate, all pupils need to do is bring a book to the Library any time on **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** or, failing that, **before 9.00 am** on **Thursday**. Pupils will receive a Book Swap token which they can then bring to the Library at Thursday break-time and redeem it for a book.



Books should be in reasonable condition and age and level appropriate for our pupils.



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Sullivan Upper had been drawn at home to Down High in their 4th Round Schools Cup match. They finished the game victors after beating their opponents 20-13 with tries from Ben Holley and Andrew McConnell assisted with points from the reliable boot of scrum half Conor McKee. Sullivan advanced to the Quarter Finals for the first

time in 2 years against last year's winners RBAI at Osborne Park. Sullivan although tagged as the underdogs showed they were worthy opponents for the opposition entering half time 14-3 down. Unfortunately 2 costly errors in the second half meant the score line got away from Sullivan even though they spent the entire second half in RBAI territory with the game finishing 29-3. The school are immensely proud of the 1st XV and their endeavours this year, the emotion the boys showed at the end gave spectators a real sense of the school pride each player has. Thank you to all the supporters, parents and sponsors for their



The Medallion XV have had a successful month with wins in the Quarter and Semi Final of the Medallion Plate. They beat Grosvenor 22-12 in the quarter final and on Saturday 24 February 2018 beat Rainey Endowed 24-15 with tries from Max Weiniger and Zac Moraghan. They will now face Royal School Armagh in the final to be played on or before Saturday 10 March 2018. Sullivan have been the holders of the Plate for the last two years so the school is behind the boys to hold onto it for another year.



Commiserations to the girls' 1st XI who were beaten 2-0 in the Semi-final of the Belfast Telegraph Senior Schools' Cup by Banbridge Academy. The girls put up a great fight against a very strong and skilful Banbridge side. The first half was fairly

evenly contested and both sides created a few chances when attacking, but it was Banbridge who took the lead after 22 minutes from a penalty corner. The girls continued to battle in the second half to try to pull one back but unfortunately Banbridge doubled their lead about half way in. Sullivan never gave up and finished with some good counter-attacking, but the break-through just didn't come to get those all important goals. Well done to the whole squad on reaching another semi-final, the fourth successive for the 1st XI. A very big thank-you to all the parents, pupils and staff who have shown their support throughout the season and particularly at the match last Wednesday.



Year 13
Computer
Science
class
taking
apart
some old
C2K
computers
to see
what's
inside and
identify
the parts.

