

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Senior Prefects 2021-22

The pupils below have been selected as Senior Prefects for the incoming school year. Thank you to all who put their name forward; the standard was particularly high this year.



Congratulations to our **Head Prefects**

for next year (left to right)

Hannah Boyd (Deputy Head Girl),

Sarah Baker (Head Girl),

Sam Anderson (Head Boy) and

Patrick McFerran (Deputy Head Boy).



Thanks to Ulster and Irish player Neve Jones who delivered a 5-week introduction to rugby to our Year 11s. They had great fun learning the basics and playing small sided games.

The Junior Mathematics Challenge took place on Monday 26 April 2021 in the Silver Robin. 25 Year 8 pupils and 25 Year 9 pupils completed the 1-hour long challenge, which provides a stern test of the pupils' mathematical problem-solving and logic skills.



Year 8

Impressively, from Year 9, Elsa Montgomery (best in school), Sari Patterson and Michael Girvin achieved Gold awards. From Year 8, Dylan Porter (best in year), Jack Lavercombe, Macushla McKeown and Oliver Crowe also achieved Gold awards.

Well done to all who took part!



Year 9

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Sullivan Geographers enjoyed a morning at the coast, learning about coastal management and change along the coastline of Belfast Lough.



Holly Robinson (Year 10) completed her Fundraiser for the Little Princess Trust. She donated her hair and raised a fantastic £300 for the charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Virtual Event: Girls in Maths and Physics

On 10 June Queen's University Belfast, School of Mathematics and Physics, held a virtual event entitled "Girls in Maths and Physics" comprising a live Q&A session with female Mathematicians, Physicists and Data Scientists at various career stages, and interactive sessions where pupils could explore mathematics or physics guided by their facilitators.

The pupils involved listened intently to the discussions as they outlined their work and why they had chosen that career direction. Following that they virtually attended a workshop where they measured the amount of data storage on a DVD – quite impressive for such young students!!



FUNDRAISING

Four miles, every four hours for 48 hours – that is exactly the challenge Patrick Rose in Year 13 took on to help Cancer Research UK carry on the fight against the disease.

Twenty five years ago Patrick's grandfather, Martin Cromwell, was treasurer of a committee who organised a classic car show in Newcastle and when that committee folded in 2008, Martin and some friends took over, donating all money raised to Cancer Research UK. In the 12 years up to 2019 the amazing sum of £185,500 has been raised. However, due to Covid, the car show has been cancelled for the past two years. Patrick realised that this meant a possible loss of over £30,000 to the charity and decided to do something to help. During lockdown Patrick ran through the night and raised an amazing £9600. Congratulations and well done!

Thank you to the pupils who took part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge, baking 100 cupcakes, hitting 100 golf balls, reading 100 pages of a book and completing many laps of gardens and walks, and to parents, staff and friends who donated to Cancer Research UK in memory of Rachel Osborne. Mr and Mrs Osborne wish to pass on their sincere thanks to those who donated.

The non-uniform day this month raised a fantastic £1450 for two charities both working in deprived areas in India, Saphara and IMCARES.

During the Old School Sports week, Hannah Boyd in Year 13 organised some fun events including 'sponge the teacher' raising money for the Robin Menary Foundation which was set up in memory of her uncle who suffered from a brain tumour ten years ago.

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

House Photography Competition 2021

Our competition this year was again judged by local photographer Janine Boyd.

Senior Competition Results

- 1 Rachel McKillen (Grant)
'Amazing angles, colours and clarity. Love this!'
- 2 David Stinson (Grant)
'Drone shots are super? Great colours and composition.'
- 3 Mark Stinson (Grant)
'Love a sharp silhouette, the reflection is stunning.'



1st Rachel McKillen



2nd David Stinson

Overall Senior House results

- 1 Grant
- 2 Praeger
- 3 Speers
- 4 McAlester



3rd Mark Stinson

Junior Competition Results

- 1 Ethan McKinstry Praeger
'Colours and focus are amazing. Great perspective and flair is super.'
- 2 Matthew Lunn Speers
'Composition, colour and contrast are lovely. Great image.'
- 3 Callum Baird Praeger
'Composition is super. Love the colour edit and lighting.'



1st Ethan McKinstry

Overall Junior House results

- 1 Praeger
- 2 Speers
- 3 Grant
- 4 McAlester



2nd Matthew Lunn



3rd Callum Baird

A huge thank you to all those who entered!

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Accelerated Reading

On Friday 18 June 2021 we held our end-of-year Accelerated Reader Achievement Assembly. Due to the ongoing social distancing regulations this was slightly different from usual but nonetheless an important event to be celebrated. Overall Sullivan pupils read 224,331,170 words and passed 3,409 quizzes since September. This year it took place outside and the brilliant sunshine was a very welcome background to proceedings which saw 90 pupils in Years 8 and 9 presented with certificates and prizes for reading over one million words this year. Mr Peel presented 28 millionaire certificates and gold stars to Year 8 pupils and 15 to Year 9. There were 18 multi-millionaires in Year 8 with Liam Thomson 8B achieving a magnificent 8,039,771 words read and being awarded the top reader of Year 8. In Year 9 7 pupils were multi-millionaires and Lottie Burnside 9B with 5,095,170 receiving a prize for the highest tally. 8C and 9E were the top-scoring classes. Well done to all our readers in what has been such an unusual year and we look forward to welcoming all back to the Library and to full borrowing and quizzing opportunities next term! Here are just a few photos from the presentations.



Pupil Librarians

The end of term saw the Pupil Librarian Team presented with certificates and badges for their work and contribution to the Library throughout the year. Despite the Library not operating to full capacity this year, the 15 members who make up the team and are from Years 8, 9 and 10, worked hard in keeping it running, returning books to the shelves and promoting the stock with ideas and recommendations. They look forward to having customers back in the Library at break and lunchtimes next year and, at last, scanning books in and out!



Year 12 have enjoyed a range of activities including First Aid, Treasure Hunt, Movie, DJing and dropping into the Board Games Cafe.



Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

saphara

A group of thirteen young people for Year 13 have been actively involved in organising and implementing fundraising activities this year for Saphara Be the Change.

Saphara is a locally based charity that works to support underprivileged children in Dehradun, India helping to fund the SNEHA Doon Academy which educates children from the so called "slum" areas, giving the chance to forge a better future.

By volunteering to take part, our Year 13 students undertook four workshop sessions with the team from Saphara, working alongside pupils from Priory College, St Columbanus and Down High. Here they learned about the situation that many young people are experiencing in India and the difference that education can make to their prospects. The group then developed ideas for fundraising to help support the Saphara projects. In earlier years the team would have been able to travel out to India, but with the current restrictions that is not possible. It is hoped that it will be possible to offer that opportunity to the pupils involved in the future. However, our team busied themselves creating fundraising events to support Saphara in that way.

The first SUS Saphara event, just before the Easter break, was an online "Beat the Teacher" quiz. Overcoming many technical challenges the Year 13 pupils were able to design and set up an online quiz which was warmly received. Each contestant paid an entry fee and pupils who beat the teachers were placed into a draw for a £10 voucher. Thank you to Luke Myers, Micah Lee, Yashwin Shyam and Ruth Warmington for organising, running and marketing the event. Thank you too to all who took part and especially to Miss Aranha and Dr Boreland. Congratulations to John Bailie who won the prize.

Next, through the school non uniform day on 9 June we were able to raise funds both for Saphara and for Imcares which is another charity working in India. Thank you to all of the pupils involved for their donations.

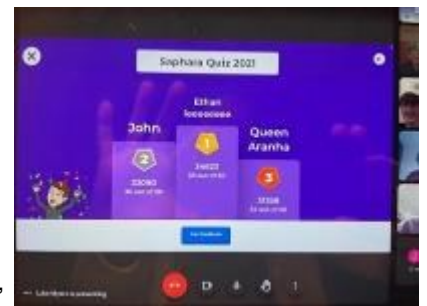
The third event helped to raise spirits as Year 13 pupils Reuben Curran and Ben Simms, then Oisín O'Sullivan entertained us with their musical talents by busking at lunchtime. What fabulous talents they are!! A great time was had by all and over £110 raised. Many thanks to the boys for taking part and for all who came to support them.

Our final event was the "Walk the Himalayas" challenge. Open to pupils from Year 8 -11 and 13, pupils were challenged to walk or run as far as possible within the week 14-20 June. Again, technical challenges were overcome to design an online system for recording the participation. Pupils registered for the event and were allocated to their Formbase group on a Strava account - so every km mattered!! There was an individual challenge as well as a Formbase challenge. Thank you to everyone who took part and especially to Julia Baxter for her organisation and the Saphara team for promoting and supporting the event. Congratulations to Laura Beacom 13A who walked the furthest with an impressive total of 103km and to 9P who won the Formbase challenge with a combined total of 314km. Staff also took part, just for fun, and congratulations also go to Mrs McDowell.

Thank you to everyone who has supported these events and who donated. Each £100 will be able to support a pupil in education for a year. When the money from the school events is added to the direct online donations, we hope to have raised approximately £2000. In a year where there were constraints on planning this is a very pleasing amount and going to a very good cause. Many thanks to all of the team: Abigail Sloan, Erin Boyd, Erin Watson, Helen McLaughlin, Julia Baxter, Lucy Benson, Luke Myers, Micah Lee, Reuben Curran, Ruth Warmington, Sophie Jenkins, Yashwin Shyam and Zara Mills for taking part and to Paula Stronge and Bernie Devlin from Saphara for all of their involvement.

If you would like further information on Saphara you can find this on <https://www.saphara.org/>.

Should you wish to add to the SUS Saphara donations, you can do so via <https://saphara.enthuse.com/pf/sullivan-saphara-2021>



Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Well done and thank you to all those who got involved in the **Sullivan Home Economics' Summer Bake Off Challenge**. The standard was extremely high which made judging a challenge.

We are delighted to announce the winners in each year group are:

Year 8 - Thomas Gillespie

Year 9 - Bartosz Karbowinski

Year 10 - Niamh Fulton

Year 11 - Jonah Smyth

Teacher Prize - Mrs Simon



Thomas Gillespie



Bartosz Karbowinski



Mrs Simon



Niamh Fulton



Jonah Smyth

Return dates in August 2021

Please ensure you have registered with IRIS Parentmail to ensure you are kept up-to-date, in case there are any changes.

Day	Years	Activities	Start	Finish	Lunches	Buses
Wednesday 25 August 2021	Year 8 only	Form Base	9.00	12.30	X	X
Thursday 26 August 2021	Year 9 only	Form Base	9.00	12.30	X	X
Friday 27 August 2021	Year 14 only	Form Base	9.00	12.30	X	X
Monday 30 August 2021	-	Holiday	-	-	-	-
Tuesday 31 August 2021	Yrs 8-13 only	Form Base	9.00	12.30	X	✓
Wednesday 1 September 2021	All pupils	Timetabled	8.45	3.30	✓	✓