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Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Fencing Club

On Saturday 17 January the 3rd round of the NI Junior Foil Series was held in the Sullivan Upper sports hall. The NIJFS is a series of 6 junior fencing competitions, with fencers from school and independent clubs from all over Ireland competing in U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups. Sullivan Upper Fencing Club had a total of 15 entrants on Saturday, five of whom were from the newly formed Prep section of the club.

Kathleen Smartt won the NI Schools **Trampoline** Age group 13-14 (Advanced) competition in December. She will now compete in the UK zonal competition in January for a place in the overall UK finals.

Year 8 Drama



Last month we revived an old Sullivan Upper tradition of performing as Christmas Mummies at the atmospheric 'Spirit of Christmas Past' Day at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. A motley crew of actors from 8M braved the cold to entertain the throngs in the 'olde worlde' streets and squares of the village. They were: Fionnuala Abbot, Lewis Drain, Oliver Irwin, Conor Law, Ryan Mackey, Andrew McGinty, Katie Piper, Peter Ritchie and Emma Thallon. They had great fun and the famous Cultra sweets went down a treat to keep up their energy!

Representative Honours: Ross Tharmaratnam (Y10) has been selected for the U15 Northern Ireland Football Squad.

Dates for Diary - February 2015

9-10 February	Year 12 Subject Choice Interviews	
11 February	Year 13 Parental Consultations	7.00 pm - 9.30 pm
12 February	Year 12 Subject Choice Interviews	
16-20 February	Half Term Holidays	School Closed
26 February	Year 8 Parental Consultations	1.30 pm - 4.00 pm



The 2B XI defeated Friends School Lisburn 3-0 in the quarter final of the Gibson Cup and now progress to the semi-final. Kathleen Smartt scored two goals and Rachel Gowdy scored one.

Unfortunately the 2A XI (picture left) did not get to complete their Quarter Final of the McDowell Cup. The girls were leading Friends School Lisburn by one goal when the match had to be abandoned due to poor visibility caused by the heavy snowfall. The match will now have to be replayed next week and we wish them all the best.

Rising Stars Athletes

The following Year 8 pupils have recently taken part in an indoor athletics competition in the Long Jump, Shot, 40m sprint and Hurdles:

Zac Moraghan, Alex Uprichard, Adam Sloan, James Baird, Harrison Dunlop, Sam Rutherford and Jonny Moore, Katie Monteith, Mary Smartt and Sasha Barrett Ferris. Three pupils won events and now compete in the Ulster event: Jonny Moore (Long Jump, 40m Sprint), Sam Rutherford (Shot, Hurdles), Katie Monteith (40m Hurdles).



Congratulations to the 1st XI squad after their 5-1 win over the School's Cup favourites, Armagh Royal. They now face Dalriada in the quarter finals on Saturday 31 January 2015.



Molly Fitzpatrick has had her AS work selected as part of CCEA's 'True Colours' exhibition in the Ulster Museum. The exhibition continues until 20 February.

GOLF Ulster Schools Winter League

Sullivan top Section B after winning all 3 matches to reach the quarter-final against Campbell College.

The Junior Choir Carol Singing and the retiring collection at the Carol Service for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice raised £1079.75.

Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition 2015

On Thursday 22 January, a group of Sullivan pupils headed to Queens University Belfast for the Northern Ireland heat of the annual 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. There were two pupils from Year 10, Aimee Frazer and Isaac Hart, one pupil from Year 11, Connor Irvine, and one pupil from Year 12, Lydia McQuoid. They were set a series of different challenges to test their knowledge of the subject, including questions on safety, balancing equations, identifying pieces of apparatus and even had to don white coats and safety glasses to do a practical in the lab! One of the sections included identifying the following celebrities - what do you think they all have in common? (Answer at the bottom)



Helen Sharman, Angela Merkel, Margaret Thatcher, Pope Francis - all have Chemistry degrees!

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