

SULLIVAN UPPER PREP

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REMINDERS

- Tuesday 17th March **Packed lunch** required for **ALL** children due to an Exceptional Closure in Senior School - PE gear should be worn by all pupils as we will be practising for our School Concert in the Senior School throughout the school day; please ensure coats are worn.
- Thursday 19th March Miglio event: The School has unfortunately taken the decision to postpone the event planned for Miglio due to take place Thursday 19 March 2020. This event will be re-scheduled for a future date.
- Important information! Information regarding the cancellation of a number of clubs has been published on a separate Parentmail. Please read this for appropriate information about your child's finishing times next week with this in mind.

PE Reminders

Swimming Galas - The P5s had a fantastic time at their swimming gala on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone worked really hard in their races and the results were SO close! Praeger finished on 28 points and Speers/McAlester tied on 29 points. Scores will be added to the P6/7 results following their Galas.

P4 enjoyed their fun races and team Frog challenge. Many of our P4s have really improved in confidence this year. Please continue to keep them swimming over the next few months. In P5 we will focus on front & back crawl technique.

P6 Swimming Gala takes place today - we will look forward to filling you in on the results next week.

P7 Swimming Gala takes place next Wednesday.

Due to the current events, the Football League Finals that were due to be held next Thursday at Londonderry Park have been postponed.

The Tag Rugby Blitz that was scheduled for next Friday has also been cancelled.

Sporting Success

Well done to Tara (P7) who has been selected to represent North Down & Ards at the Indoor Athletics Event on March 25th. She will be part of a team made up of pupils from all over the district and was selected due to her excellent individual results at last month's Indoor Athletics Event.

Last Saturday, Isla (P7), Erin and Grace (P6) all raced as part of Bangor Swimming Club's 2020 Aquasprint Squad. They took on Lisburn Swimming Club and won 240 v 186 to progress to the next stage of the tournament. Well done!

NIJFS Round 5 at the Belfast Open

Last Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March the annual Belfast Open Fencing Tournament took place at Sullivan, incorporating Round 5 of the N Ireland Junior Foil Series.



Prep 6 Prep fencer Samuel S had an amazing day, first winning all his poule fights to take the no.1 seed position going into the direct elimination stage, then fighting his way through to the final where he had a convincing 10-2 win over the no.2 seed to win the gold medal.



In the Boys' U12s Prep 7 Myles, won 1 poule fight from 4, but then turned it around with a strong 10-1 win against a higher seeded fencer in the quarter-finals to make it to the semis and 3rd place.

Hockey News

Our Sullivan hockey teams were on form this week. The girls led the way on Tuesday at their Qualifying Tournament for NI Finals. They had a hard morning, with some great wins over Londonderry PS, 5-0, Grange Park PS 4-0, Rathmore PS 2-0 and draws against Killinchy PS and Holywood PS. We got through to the semifinal, against Abbey PS, which was 1-1. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough and we had to play extra time to see if another goal from either team could be scored; this didn't go in our favour and we lost 2-1. This was hard for the girls to take, but we lost to Abbey PS who went on to win the entire tournament. This meant that we have narrowly missed out on qualifying for the NI Finals.

We are very proud of every player; they gave their all. Lovely goals, came from Tara, Olivia & Olivia P7, with support from the Prep 6s Alice, Chloe, Imogen and a strong defence from Isabella & Abbie. The team could not have managed without Amelie in goal; she did a great job at keeping the goals out! What a great day; thank you to Mrs Wilson!



On Wednesday it was the boys' turn. They were very determined to keep Sullivan's hopes of qualifying very much alive! Right from the starting whistle the boys were off and it didn't take them long to find

the goal against Killinchy PS. This was a tough starting game as the opposition had 6 outfield players instead of a goal keeper, so this meant an extra player to get past! The game resulted in a 2-0 win. Grange Park PS's 'A' team was up next and another win, followed by confident wins over Rathmore PS, Londonderry PS and Donaghadee PS. 19 goals in all were scored before our semifinal! A lot of goals, and goal-keeper, Felix (P7), was put under pressure a few times, but made great saves!

After a quick break, we played our semi-final against Ballyholme PS. It was a fast paced game, but the Sullivan boys kept possession and demonstrated great teamwork, resulting in a 2-0 win. All that remained was the final. Another tense meeting against Grange Park PS's 'A', who were equally determined. Our boys kept their cool and showed lovely skills, between them. It was a great match and we had a smashing goal from Henry to confirm a win! GOLD for Sullivan Prep!

We are all so proud of every single player. Everyone played their socks off and were totally thrilled with their achievement and gold medals. This means Sullivan Boys' Team has qualified for the NI Finals at Stormont. TEAM: Patrick, Henry, Thomas, James A, John, Felix from Prep 7 and Loughlan, Joshua G & Sammy from Prep 6. Thank you again to Mrs Wilson!



Welcome, Mr Blackstock! We are delighted to see Mr Blackstock in position as our new patrol person. As we know, it is not an easy job for him to do on a very busy My Lady's Mile. Safety is obviously his primary concern so we would ask that you use his position as patrol person to help your children cross the road. Some parents continue to stop their car on the corner of Alexandra Park to allow their children to exit in an unsafe manner; we must insist that this practice stops immediately for obvious reasons. We will receive our delivery of traffic cones next week and Mr Blackstock will have unsafe areas coned off.

Prep 5

Here are a few examples of the very many creative and original presentations in our classroom this week. Thanks to all home support involved in this topic; we have confident and informative pupils leading the class and really impressing their teacher and classmates. Well done to all. More photos will be in our Class Gallery on the school website.

