

MALONE MONTHLY

March 2023



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another busy term in Malone. As usual, a lot has been happening this term, as you will have already read in our monthly newsletters. The school continues to go from strength to strength. In the last week alone, three of our year 11 students were runners up in Young Enterprise NI Challenge and we were highly commended for excellence in ICT in NI. I want to thank all the staff and pupils for all the hard work they have put in to each and everything they have undertaken this term.

Unfortunately we also were devastated to hear of the untimely passing of one of our students, Bailie Hardy. Bailie was a wonderful young man who in his short life brought much joy and friendship to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. I want to commend the students and Bailies school friends for the support they have provided for each other at this tough time. We will miss Bailie but he will live on in our hearts and memories.



NI SCHOOLS ICT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Mrs Moore, Mr Fulton and Mrs Gilleece attended the Northern Ireland Schools ICT Excellence Awards evening in Belfast. We are delighted to inform you that we picked up the POST PRIMARY HIGHLY COMMENDED award for use of IT within school to facilitate Teaching and Learning, communication with stakeholders, operational management, Pastoral Care, Assessment and Tracking. The judging panel spoke very highly of our staff, their aspirations, commitment and enthusiasm. Well done to all involved!



PSNI VISIT

On Monday 20th March the PSNI visited our school to deliver a presentation to our students on a number of prevalent issues, such as Social Media platforms, including TikTok, Internet Safety, Sexting, and Videoing fights. The presentation was a great success and our students learnt valuable information and advice to help them when using social media.



MATHS COMPETITION AT ST MALACHY'S

Four of our Year 10 students attended a Maths Competition in St Malachy's College, Belfast. There was a real buzz in the room with around 150 students competing feverishly. Our pupils were brilliant ambassadors for our school. Well done to everyone involved.



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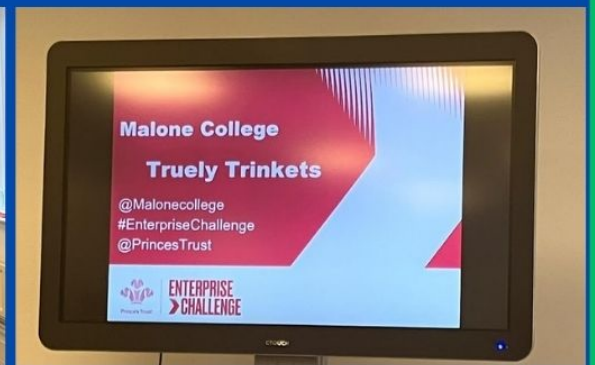
Laura, Jethro, Ernis and Sun took part in the Young Enterprise NI Company Of The Year competition at Allstate. 'Ascenting' done a fantastic job at the final and the judges were so impressed, they stated,

"The group were extremely personable and friendly. They thought through the presentation in terms of bringing the physical product with them allowing the judges to see the item and smell it. This made it 'real', not just a picture on a slide, but an actual, fully developed product which made it much easier to buy into.

I liked that they called out that the wind had blown off a couple of pieces from their display board, these things happen and calling it out and acknowledging it meant it not only didn't go against the group, it actually showed them in a positive light as we all smiled and it put us at ease. Good job."

BUSINESS STUDIES REGIONAL FINAL

Three of our Year 11 students attended the Princes' Trust Enterprise Challenge Regional Finals. They were chosen as runners up out of 36 schools and 656 pupils! This is a fantastic achievement, they spoke confidently without cue cards, worked well and communicated as a team. The judges were so impressed with their product and presentation that they awarded them with £100 seed money to start up their business. Well done 'Truely Trinkets', we are so proud of you and cant wait to see your up and coming business.



FUSION + PROJECT

Some of our year 11 GCSE Drama students were involved in the Fusion+ project since September, we are very proud of all they have achieved. Three students had the opportunity to perform in the final showcase in collaboration with students from schools all over N.Ireland. It was titled 'Alternative News' and it gave the students the chance to share their opinions and ideas about current issues such as climate change and war and it was a very powerful performance. Well done to all involved.



PLAYR-FIT SCHOLARSHIP



We are delighted to announce that two of our students have been chosen to receive the Playr-Fit scholarship this year, Sidra (YR12) and Ambrose (YR11).

The Playr-fit Elite Athlete Scholarship Programme is offered to two students who play sport outside of school at a high level. It financially helps students with their extra training expenses and allows them to focus on their sport and studies.

Sidra has experience playing in Denmark and now plays for St Oliver Plunkett FC junior and senior teams winning many individual awards along with achievements for school, club and National Team.

Ambrose currently plays at the highest level for Crusaders Football Development Centre in NI Football League. Ambrose has also had experience playing for Sandy Row Football Club and East Belfast FC along with facing quality teams such as Glentoran and playing in the Blackpool Cup. He has been praised for his performances on the pitch along with many achievements.

ULSTER UNIVERSITY ACADEMY SCHOLAR

Several of our students have received their Ulster University Scholar Pin for completing their university discovery academy course(s). Well done to Laura B, Toni N, Kenzie H, Eimear B, Sean Paul A, Rio L and Abdihakim Isse A for their recent achievements.



INTEGRATION MONTH ASSEMBLY

To start the celebrations for Integration Month, Miss Mercer, our Integration Ambassador, held a special assembly to reflect on all the celebrations for integrated education this year - including 40th year of integrated education and Malones 25th anniversary at same time as 25 years since signing Good Friday Agreement.

She gave a brief history of Integrated Education and why Malone is such a special place, why we love diversity and what subjects around the school have been doing to celebrate. The introduction of the Bias Busters club and PRISM which run during lunch time and after school.



A SAD FAREWELL TO BAILIE HARDY

We received very sad news that one of our pupils Bailie Hardy passed away on 21st March 2023. We are all mourning the loss of a fantastic pupil, Bailie brought such positivity and humour with him. On Tuesday 28th March we held a whole school minute's silence at 12 noon to remember Bailie, later that day a group of our year 12's attended Bailie's funeral they stood with pride alongside Glentoran FC as a guard of honour. It was an extremely moving moment and a time of reflection for our loss. We asked our pupils if they wanted to share any memories or any messages about Bailie, here is what they had to say.

"Bailie came to my house and we played Fifa, our punishment if we lost was to shoot a Nerf gun at each other. When i lost he shot the gun but missed me it ricocheted off the wall and knocked over a thing of paint and it splattered all over my wall. We laughed endlessly about it!" Corey B 12M



"We loved having you in the form class making us all laugh"♥ Harlie 12A

"I loved having Bailie in our form class. I am heart broken that his time with us was cut so short. We will keep his memory alive in our hearts."Mrs Gilleece (Form teacher)

"Bailie was a kind hearted person and always had time for people. He always had something funny to say and never failed to put a smile on faces." Molly 12A



"Bailie was such a kind person."
Luca 12M

We used to play Fortnite together, it was great fun!
It's truly devastating he has passed away.

I remember how much Bailie used to make us laugh in lockdown when we were all stuck isolating in one classroom, we would all play online games on our phone and Bailie was always on his phone playing his football game because of how much he loved football, we all loved him so much and he made our time in Malone College even better he will be greatly missed♥Riah Gray 12

"When I was in 1st year I would go to Forestside with Ashlyn and Azaria, we would go to BurgerKing where we traded Pokemon cards with Bailie. We also went to Smyths Bailie would run up and down the aisles playing football with us wearing a unicorn head. We would also facetime all the time and he would show us all his different onesies he would wear. He was just naturally funny and would make us laugh so much all the time." Ashanti N 12M

Bailie is one of the nicest people I have met, he was kind hearted, caring, easy going and funny. Every time I saw him he had a big smile on his face.

APPRECIATION STATION

After the success of our last appreciation station the student leadership team decided to hold another to celebrate kindness, diversity and integration in Malone. With over 100 appreciations being sent to pupils, teachers and support staff it was another great success. Well done to the Student Leadership team!



RAMADAN ASSEMBLY



As part of Integrated Education Month 2023 we wanted to celebrate some of the Religious Festivals that our pupils will be taking part in. Miss McConville held a fascinating assembly about Ramadan 23rd March- 21st April where Muslims will be fasting during daylight hours. The Festival of Ramadan makes up the fourth pillar (Sawm) in the Five Pillars of Islam which are the foundations of Faith for Muslims.

Easter-9th April, a Christian festival that commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus; the suffering in which he endured for humanity, a key moment in Christianity.

GCSE ART EXAM

Our GCSE art students sat their Art Exam this month, it was an intense 10 hours but worked really hard and produced fabulous pieces of work. The Art department were so impressed with their dedication and hard work they treated them to doughnuts! The smiles on their faces says it all! Well done everyone and good luck for your moderation.



NICILT COMPETITION

We are delighted to announce that Haneen M from 90 was awarded a highly commended prize from NICILT at Queen's University. Her winning poster entry was very colourful and informative with lots of facts and figures about the importance of languages in the global workplace. To celebrate, Haneen and her parent were invited to attend the prize-giving ceremony at QUB along with other winners from schools throughout Northern Ireland. Congratulations Haneen, we are proud of your achievement!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

World Book Day celebrations kicked off with an assembly by Ms Dutton, outlining how important reading is for our mental health, wellbeing and vocabulary. We read an inspiring extract from Malala Yousafzai's autobiography, "I Am Malala", highlighting how important it is to share our own stories and learn from the stories of others. A big thank you to everyone who collected copies of the book 'Boot It'.



BAKE AND BOOK SALE

Our English Department organised a 'Bake and Book' sale to celebrate World book day, it was a great success with yummy treats and great books being sold! A big thank you to everyone who supported this event all proceeds will contribute to new literature for the English Department.



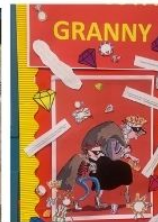
YEAR 9 AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

Our Year 9's had a great time designing and writing their autobiographies as part of the World Book Day celebrations.



'DO UP YOUR DOORS'

Continuing our celebrations of World Book Day, our Year 8's took part in the annual Do Up Your Doors competition where they decorated their form class doors as a well known children's book. There were some fabulous creations on display. Make sure to check these out in classrooms around school! Miss McConville's 8N form class were the winning class for the 'Do Up Your Doors' competition!



ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

STAR PUPILS

Our students are working well gathering up achievement points. The aim is to receive over 250 points to allow them to go on the reward trip at the end of the academic year. There are many students who are well over this mark and guaranteed a place on the trip. Here are our recent Principal Bronze, Silver and Gold Badge winners.



YEAR 8



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



YEAR 12



STAR PUPILS

We are delighted that Chip Co have offered to sponsor our Pupil of the Month award. We really appreciate their support and our pupils are looking forward to using their meal deal vouchers.



SKI TRIP 2023

From the 12th March, the students enjoyed a fantastic weeks skiing in Pamporovo, Bulgaria. The sun was shining and the snow was perfect as our pupils challenged themselves to a completely new activity and they did themselves proud. After a hard days on the slopes the pupils relaxed in the swimming pool before they enjoyed some evening activities including Bowling, Karaoke and Snowtubing . The group really did have the time of their lives and have created memories that will last a long time.



ANIMAL AID VISIT



Thank you to Sheena Bleakney from Animal Aid for her presentation on Vegan cookery, it was an interesting lesson and our Year 10 pupils enjoyed making Vegan chocolate cream cupcakes. They were delicious!



GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT EVENT



A group of ten year 10 pupils have been taking part in a civic engagement project run by Narrative 4, they have engaged in virtual story exchanges to instil empathy. They will travel to Queens University Belfast during the Good Friday Agreement Commemoration Conference, also attended by the former American president Bill Clinton and other political figures. This is a great opportunity for our students they have enjoyed taking part in this so far and they are looking forward to their trip.

CARSON BURSARY

Our Year 11 Art students have been working alongside artist Kerrie Hanna to produce a new mural for our school. Each student had the opportunity to produce their own section of the mural based around their own identity and what integration means to them, this mural is to celebrate Malone's 25 year anniversary. This project was supported by the Carson Bursaries, awarded by the Integration Education Fund, to help to develop the creative talents of students at Integrated Colleges in Northern Ireland.



30/3/23-'THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL' PROJECT- CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL, SHANKILL AND FALLS ROAD MURAL TOUR

Our year 11 history class were given the opportunity to enhance their learning from their GCSE studies by visiting Crumlin Road gaol and finding out about the role it played in detaining prisoners from the two sides of the political divide during 'the troubles' period of Northern Ireland.

Subsequently, pupils were then given a guided tour of the Shankill and Falls Road and had the opportunity to learn about this period of conflict from primary sources involved on opposite sides of 'the wall'.

This year is a significant year as it is the anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday agreement which effectively brought an end to the conflict and it coincides with our own school's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Pupils were able to reflect on the positive relationships that have been built between the two communities and how the demographics of Northern Ireland has changed for the better.

The pupils were a credit to our school and benefited really well from this experience as they were able to apply their historical knowledge to a very tangible experience.

"The IEF were able to support this project due to the generosity of one of its donors. "



PSD LUNCH PRACTICALS

The Year 12's participated in their PSD lunch practicals with the help of the Home Economics Department it is great that they are willing to help out every year.

The practical's went well and everyone enjoyed their lunch.



Hall Of Fame



Well done to Year 8 pupil Ethan M who was awarded a U12 Basketball NI Allstar Award. He plays with UU Tigers.

END OF TERM EVENTS

BE YOUNIQUE DAY

To continue our 25th anniversary celebrations and to mark the end of integration month we invited all our pupils to come to school dressed in their favourite clothing.

Mrs McDermott, school manager definitely won the prize for being YOUUnique, kitted out in sparkles and wearing a tiara!!



CANTEEN EASTER TOMBOLA

The canteen held an Easter tombola during breakfast club. With every breakfast purchased the pupils entered a chance to win Easter treats. Here are the lucky winners!



THE GREAT MALONE EGG HUNT

On Friday 31st March we held an egg hunt for Junior and Senior pupils during break and lunch in the canteen. Paper eggs were hidden everywhere under tables, behind bins under chairs, pupils hunted frantically to find the eggs to exchange for yummy treats! There were lots of lucky winners.



**REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON
ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
PLATFORMS TO SEE
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS
AT MALONE DAILY!**



**HAVE A LOVELY BREAK
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING
EVERYONE BACK ON
MONDAY 17TH APRIL**

