

# MALONE MONTHLY

February/March  
2025



Welcome to our latest newsletter. Once again, things have been busy in Malone, as you will see when you read on. We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break and is ready for another exciting and busy term when they return on Monday, 28th April. Please keep a note of the important dates below. You may also want to ensure you follow us on all our social media platforms, as they are always updated with important dates and current events.

We are now heading towards exam season, and we would encourage all students to study hard and prepare well for these, so that they can be rewarded with the attainment they deserve.

Lastly we would like to thank all our staff and pupils for their hard work this term, and our parents/guardians for their continued support. We wish you all a happy and peaceful break.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 11th April - Years 8-11 finish for Easter
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Mock exams
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Year 8 parent teacher meeting ONLINE
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Alternative timetable for Year 12 and Post 16
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Staff Development Day - NO PUPILS IN ATTENDANCE
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Speaking modules
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - May day bank holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - External exams begin
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - External exams finish

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## VALENTINES CELEBRATIONS

Before half term, our canteen held a special Valentine's treat with hot chocolate and heart-shaped cookies during break time. In our Bilingual Centre, Miss Kellie held a special Valentines party for some of her students. The message was clear: love, laughter and learning together!



## YEAR 12 OPTIONS EVENT



After half-term we held a Year 12 options event to allow students the opportunity to see what choices they have to study at Post 16. Teachers from each department were available to discuss course content, assessment methods, and future opportunities linked to their subjects.

## GAA CUCHULAINN INITIATIVE

We are delighted to have been one of the chosen schools to take part in this initiative. We have been selected to represent girls from the Belfast area. This initiative aims to promote Gaelic games to those who may be unfamiliar with them while also encouraging schools to come together to learn, play and compete. The Cúchulainn Initiative takes place in spring each year, involving invited schools from across Ulster in a day of games in Gaelic football and camogie. Our pupils have been enjoying training with the Ulster GAA and are looking forward to the Cúchulainn Cup Blitz on Wednesday, 2nd April where they will amalgamate with St Colm's.



## YEAR 12 OPTIONS EVENT

Our Year 12 Options event was a great success, with students and parents attending in large numbers to explore the opportunities available after their GCSE course.



## GANSON UK VISIT

Ganson UK visited the school to discuss the exciting projects their team is working on, including the construction of a Marriott hotel outside the Titanic Museum in Belfast, which is set to be completed by March 2026. They provided valuable insight into various roles within the construction industry and the different career paths available to students. A huge thank you to Antionette, Niall, and Andrew for taking the time to share their expertise with us!



## PSNI VISIT



Our school had the privilege of welcoming officers from the PSNI for an important discussion on cybersecurity and online safety.

Students learned valuable tips on staying safe online, protecting their personal information, and recognising potential cyber threats. The officers also highlighted the importance of responsible social media use and the dangers of cyberbullying. It was an informative and engaging session, equipping our students with the knowledge they need to navigate the digital world safely. A big thank you to the PSNI for their time and expertise!

## SAFER INTERNET POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



Well done to Maria who won first place in our safer internet day poster design competition and to Max and Joseph who were runners up!

## SHARED EDUCATION

Class prefects have been participating in shared education workshops with Methodist College, Coláiste Feirste, and St. Mary's. This is a fantastic experience for our students, as they practice teamwork, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and make new friends.



## GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Our AS students had a great time conducting fieldwork at the Curly Burn River! They explored the river's characteristics, gathered data, and applied their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting with support from the Magilligan Field Centre.



## BRING YOUR GROWN UP MATHS SESSIONS

This term, we invited parents and guardians to attend 4 maths sessions, this initiative aimed to foster a love for maths, strengthen home-school connections and show how learning maths has evolved over the years. A huge thank you to Ulster University, Izak9, and the Department for the Economy NI for making these events possible. Thank you to everyone who attended, and well done!



## INTEGRATION MONTH & CULTURE WEEK PREPARATION

In anticipation of Integration Month, our pupils took the initiative to lead a special assembly dedicated to introducing Integration Month and the forthcoming Culture Week. This assembly was entirely student-led, reflecting the enthusiasm and commitment of our young leaders. During the assembly, senior students provided an engaging preview of the exciting events to come, including cultural performances, themed activities, and food-tasting opportunities. With over 40 languages spoken in Malone, this initiative serves as a wonderful opportunity to honour and celebrate our diverse school community. The response from pupils has been overwhelmingly positive, with more than 100 students volunteering to participate in this special event. It promises to be a spectacular showcase of our rich cultural heritage!



## SUBJECTS EMBRACE INTEGRATION MONTH



Throughout the month, staff and students have been engaging in a variety of lessons and activities designed to foster understanding, respect, and appreciation for different cultures. Math and Art have been working on a cross-curricular project focusing on tessellations, with Math concentrating on symmetry and the link to Islamic patterns. In Art, junior pupils designed cultural patterns inside a dove, a symbol of peace, which will create a large tessellation to be displayed during Culture Week.

In Geography, they have been exploring Hans Rosling's "Factfulness" quiz; its aim is to challenge bias and stereotypes while learning about the developing economic world. In ICT, our students designed their own passports, which will be displayed during Culture Week.

RE designed posters focusing on Lent and Ramadan, which is celebrated in March. Technology created a large display made up of handprints and quotes about integration, focusing on our new school initiative, RAISE: Respectful, Ambitious, Inclusive, Supportive, Excellent.

## CELEBRATING RAMADAN

At the end of February, our Muslim students organised a wonderful Ramadan drop-in event. This occasion provided an opportunity for both students and staff to gain insight into the significance of Ramadan and understand why this month holds such importance.

In alignment with the spirit of Ramadan, which emphasises kindness, generosity, and caring for others, care packages were distributed to attendees. Additionally, the school presented new prayer mats to our Bilingual Centre, made possible by funding from the Integrated Education Fund, for which we express our sincere gratitude.



## WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS

### WORLD BOOK DAY ASSEMBLY

To start our World Book Day celebrations, Ms. Mullan held a fascinating assembly explaining the benefits of reading and the importance it has in broadening vocabulary, critical thinking skills, and improving written and communication skills. The assembly was brought to a close by rewarding our top readers with their certificates and chocolate.



### 'DO UP YOUR DOORS' COMPETITION



We held our annual "Do Up Your Doors" competition as part of our World Book Day celebrations. In 1st place was 8L with "Boy," who were rewarded with a pizza party thanks to Pizza Co. Joint 2nd were 8A and 8N with "BFG" and "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," who received doughnuts. Well done to all our Year 8s for taking part! The effort and talent this year were outstanding, and the judging was extremely difficult!



On Friday, 21st March, Mr. Fulton accepted an award on behalf of the students involved in the "Listen Up" collaboration project between schools in the Lisburn Area Learning Community. The project highlighted the importance of mental health among young people and specifically helped draw attention to the signs and symptoms that parents and carers should be aware of. The video was extremely moving, and following the recent Netflix series "Adolescence," it is just as important today to hold conversations with our young people and encourage them to talk to a trusted adult about any anxieties or worries they may have.

### BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS



To raise vital funds for our library, we held a book raffle hamper. Well done to Mrs. Conroy, Qanit, and Lola, who were our lucky winners!

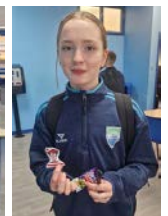
### BUN SALE SUCCESS

We raised a fantastic £223 from our bun sale. Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods, purchased them, and supported our worthwhile cause to raise vital funds for our library.



### WHERE'S WALLY?

20 'Wallys' were hidden around the canteen during break time, pupils searched frantically to find them in exchange for a Freddo. Well done to our winners!



### UK HOUSING AWARD



## TAMHI AMBASSADORS

Our Post 16 TAMHI Ambassadors delivered the Mental Wealth Games to our Year 8 students. They participated in games that focused on their mental health, such as "Use Your Head," which highlights the importance of stability, communication, and having someone to help. Thank you to Joe from TAMHI, who delivered the training in October and returned to assess them. We are delighted to say that all Post 16 students in the programme have obtained their certificates.



## LEGO COMPETITION



Well done to our amazing team of seven who represented us at the FIRST LEGO League competition at Ulster University! They did an incredible job, showcasing not only their skills but also a fantastic team spirit. Their hard work truly paid off, and they received commendations for their outstanding efforts.



## CASTLE BUILDING IN HISTORY

As part of the history curriculum, Year 8 students have been learning about castles. They were assigned a project to build their own castles. This engaging project has allowed students to explore the architectural and defensive features while developing their creativity! Well done, everyone; they are fantastic!



## BOLTON WANDERERS VISIT

This term, our Year 8 and 9 students had an unforgettable experience as they trained with Bolton Wanderers Football Club! The session was packed with skill drills, tactical insights, and inspiring words from professionals who know what it takes to succeed in the game. A huge thank you to Bolton Wanderers and Lisburn Castlereagh Junior League for giving our students this incredible opportunity—it's safe to say we have some future stars in the making!



## SKI TRIP

This term, our school's annual ski trip proved to be an incredible success, bringing teachers and pupils together for an unforgettable adventure on the slopes. Beginners eagerly joined in lessons, and everyone managed to make it to the top of the mountain. Beyond skiing, students enjoyed Ringo's, bowling, bingo, and a fancy dress night! On the last night, certificates were given out in good spirit, from Best Dressed Skier to Human Snowball. Everyone celebrated success and laughed over tumbles in the snow. We can't wait for the next trip and the new memories it will bring!



## FUSION + SOCIAL ACTION

Some of our students took part in the Fusion + programme. During this time, they created Wellness Hampers for our school's wellbeing rooms. Our students said that this space helps them immensely when they are stressed or overwhelmed. They put together these packs to support fellow students.

The hampers included period packs, sensory/fidget toys, stationery, journals, notebooks, essential oils, a diffuser, and hand sanitiser. Well done, everyone, and thank you for providing this for our wellbeing room!



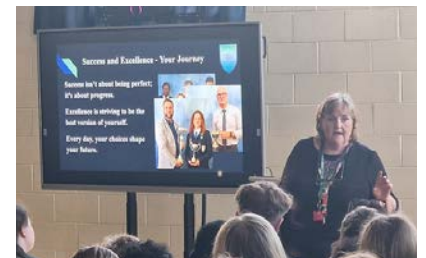
## RAISE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

Mrs. Moore held a special assembly to introduce our new school initiative: RAISE. This initiative is designed to promote the values of Respectful, Ambitious, Inclusive, Supportive, and Excellent among students and staff. The assembly began with an empowering speech about our school vision and values. She highlighted how the RAISE initiative will help shape our school, encouraging everyone to uphold these core values in their daily interactions. Staff have further discussed these values during form time, with Miss McConville's class creating a fabulous board.

## SMASHED PROJECT VISIT



The Smashed project visited our school to demonstrate the dangers and consequences of underage drinking and to highlight peer pressure. This was delivered through a live theatre performance that captured our students' attention and educated them, enabling them to make informed decisions for the future.





# Hall Of Fame



Well done to Year 8 student Jolene, who competed in the golf winter season and was awarded the most competitions won at Knock Golf Club. Pictured is Jolene being awarded a medal by Golf Ireland. Fantastic job, Jolene!



Year 12 student Rachel also competed in the Golf Winter season and was the winner of the winter ringer, finishing in 1st place! Well done, Rachel!



Well done to Kaysan, 10E, who was successful in making the NI select squad. He participated in a tournament in Liverpool against Everton, Peterborough, and Stevenage. What a fantastic experience! Well done, Kaysan!

**AMAZING**

We love hearing all about our pupils' achievements outside of school. Please keep us updated by messaging the FB page, Instagram, ringing the school at 02890381988 or emailing [info@malonecollege.org.uk](mailto:info@malonecollege.org.uk) for the attention of the PR team

## MRS HAMILTON RECEIVES BLACKBORD AWARD



We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Hamilton has been awarded the Excellence in Sustainability Teaching Award. Mrs. Hamilton has been working in Malone since 1999; she is the head of Geography, in charge of the student leadership team, a counsellor, and the deputy designated teacher. After COVID, she set up the Eco-committee, which has been a great success, and we were awarded the Green Flag Award. Mrs. Hamilton is a great asset to Malone, and we are so proud of such a worthy winner!

# LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

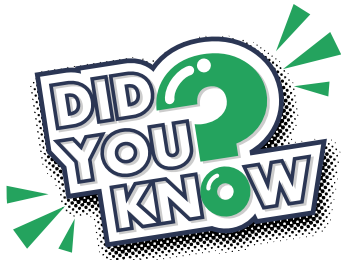
## This month we are speaking



## Mandarin

Hello = 你好  
Ní hao !

English	Mandarin
Hello	Ní hao
Please	Qing
Thank you	Xiè xiè
Goodbye	Zài jiàn



Language: **Chinese Mandarin**

Number of Native Speakers: **1.39 Billion**

Countries spoken: **China, Hong Kong, Taiwan**

Type of Language: **Pictographic- Uses over 50,000 characters**

World Ranking: **1st place**

English words derived from Arabic: **Kafei/coffee, Shafa/sofa, Bashi/bus, Saibaiwei/subway, Youmo/humour, Balei/ballet, heike/hacker, fensi/fans**

## Chinese Ambassadors

Meet Matthew & Jack our Chinese ambassadors who made a great video clip with different Chinese words and facts which was shared to pupils and staff . Well done!

