# MALONE MONTHLY November 2023



#### MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Welcome to November's edition of our popular newsletter. It was great to see all the students and staff back after midterm, refreshed and ready to learn again. It's not long to Christmas break but we have a lot happening between now and then - please make sure you note all the activities we have on which will be included in this newsletter and on all our social media sites in the coming weeks. Congratulations to the students who have just sat some of their GCSE modular exams - results of these will be available in February 2024 and we wish them all the luck in the world for this. We wish Miss Mercer all the best as she has departed for her maternity leave. Just a wee reminder that December assessments are starting on 13th December and I want to encourage all students to study hard and prepare well for these, so that they can be rewarded with the attainment they deserve.





#### DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th -12 th Canteen Special Starts - Christmas Sandwich

Post 16 PTM 12.20 pm finish for students. 5 th

4 th - 20th Free breakfast

Breakfast tombola 4th - 8th

7th Canteen Special - Christmas Hot Chocolate (breaktime)

8th Canteen Special - Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper/Accessories (in school uniform)

Christmas Bauble Competition winners announced at break 8th

13th - 19th Exam week for students 12.20 pm finish

(school buses will be not operate)

Year 8 students in attendance only – end of term events 20th

20th Term Ends for all students

#### **EXAMS START WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER!**

Our winter examinations have been scheduled for 13th – 19th December. Revision lists have been given to students either in person, via google classroom, or the school website.

It is vitally important that students start their revision as early as possible to give them the best possible chance of achieving their best within the examinations. In addition, it is equally important that students have with them all of the equipment (relevant stationery) necessary to complete their assessment. Please note, there has been time built into the examination schedule for short periods of revision and therefore students should ensure they are organised and have with them revision materials each day to enable the time to be spent productively.





# PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY CONNECTED THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND SIMS APP









#### **ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2023**

#### ODD SOCKS DAY

This year the focus was on #makeanoiseaboutbullying. In Malone we are passionate about spreading inclusivity, diversity and showing kindness to others daily. To kick start antibullying week we held 'Odd Socks Day' where pupils and staff wore mismatched socks, this was a simple yet effective way to promote acceptance and celebrate differences in Malone.



## DONUT BE A BULLY APPRECIATION STATION

Our student leadership team organised a 'DONUT BE A BULLY APPRECIATION STATION' this was a resounding success, spreading positivity and fostering a sense of community. Each Donut served as a reminder that a little sweetness goes a long way in making the world a better place. Pupils and staff had the chance to write messages on cards attached to donuts, it was heartwarming to see 230 lucky recipients!! Let's continue to spread kindness and support one another, together we can make our communities, schools and workplaces feel valued and accepted.



















## ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

Our Post 16 students held an assembly dedicated to addressing the crucial issue of bullying. It not only highlighted the various forms of bullying but they also offered insightful strategies to combat and prevent it. A huge well done to our Post 16 students!



#### FRIEND FRIDAY

Reaching the end of Anti-Bullying week we celebrated Friend Friday. This special day encourages us to reflect on the importance of friendship and kindness. Although Anti-Bullying Week has come to an end let's continue to build our school community founded on respect, empathy friendship.











#### AWARE NI MOOD MATTERS TALKS

We invited AWARE NI to speak to our Year 10 students this month. In a fast paced world of study, exams and classwork it is easy to overlook the importance of mental health well being. The AwareNI Mood Matters visit seeks to change that opening up discussions about mental health among students.



#### **LAMB & MEAT COMMISSION VISIT**

The Home Economics Department had visits from the Lamb and Meat Commision Northern Ireland over the last few weeks during Mrs Clegg and Mrs Patton's Hospitality and Food and Nutrition GCSE Classes. LMC dedicates their education programme to increase young people's understanding on the importance of beef and lamb as part of a healthy balanced diet. During their visits to the department they delivered cookery demo's on promoting Good Honest Food! Classes had the opportunity of trying out their dishes which included Honey Chilli Beef & Their Part Course.





#### HE PACKAGING DESIGN

Our Year 9's learnt about food labelling and designing packaging this month to accompany their delicious muffin creations.





#### CHRISTMAS COOKING

The Home Economics
Department are feeling festive
and have already begun some
Christmas cooking in class and
during Afterschool club.









#### **EAPRIL VISIT**



Representatives from all over Europe, attending a major education conference in Belfast in November, visited the College on 21st November to meet with pupils and staff. The theme of the conference was looking at how we build bridges by working together. The visitors were completely mesmerised by all the work that happens at the College and could not praise the staff and pupils enough for the warm welcome they received. A great afternoon was had by all, meeting and chatting to each other and discussing how our differences make us a better and stronger unit together.

#### **BOBBY'S BUN SALE**

We are thrilled to announce that our recent Bun sale raised an amazing £400 for the charity CLAPA. Bobby in Year 8 asked Mr Fulton could he organise this Bun sale for this charity dedicated to helping those with cleft lip. Bobby was highly motivated and went to a huge effort in preparing for this day.

Collectively, parents, pupils and staff pulled together to provide baked goods for the sale.

Thank you all for the support, it will make a great difference to those in need.







#### **ULSTER UNIVERSITY**

We welcomed back the Ulster University this month for another session with our Year 13 students focusing on financial literacy. Another great lesson thank you to the UU for facilitating this.



#### **PENNY WAR WINNERS**

Our Penny War was a huge success raising a staggering £600! A huge well done to 8E and the bilingual Centre who won! They really enjoyed their Pizza Party kindly sponsored by Pizza Co.







#### **QUB VISIT**

Queen's University met with our Year 13 and 14 Business Studies students to talk about Discover Economics and careers in economics. Thank you QUB for taking time to visit our school.





# Hall Of Fame



Congratulations to our Year 9 student Joseph who was picked to represent Antrim in boxing and picked up this fab medal! Well done!



Jessica has made it to our 'Hall of Fame' for the second month running! Jessica won at the Ulster Boxing Championships! Well done!

We love hearing all about our pupils' achivements outside school. Please keep us updated by messaging the FB page, ringing the school 02890381988 or email info@malonccollege.org.uk

#### **CREATIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

Our Art department are thrilled to have secured funding from the Creative schools programme supported by the National Lottery, through the Arts Council NI. A selected number of Year 8 and 9 students will be involved in this 2 year programme working with 2 textile artists. This promises to be an exciting project which will ignite creativity among our students. They had their first introduction day which included seeing samples of the artists work, experimenting with felt and looking at Nature and how they will use it as the inspiration for their project. We are really looking forward to seeing the progression of this programme, thank you to the National Lottery and Arts Council for their support.

#### **CODING CLUB**

Our new afterschool coding club has been a great success with many pupils eager to join.





## VIVID LENS PHOTOGRAPHY



Good luck to our Post 16 students who have set up their own photography business. We were so impressed by their skills they are now members of the PR team in school. Why not give them a follow on instagram!

@VividLens.Photos





#### **READING MENTORS**

Our Reading Buddies peer mentoring is a raving success. It is wonderful to hear the conversation flowing with genuine enthusiasm for reading. Well done to everyone involved!!







#### **ECO COMMITTEE**

The Eco committee are a group of 12 students in Year 11 who meet weekly in an effort to work through the seven steps to achieve our first green flag award for Malone College.

#### SATURDAY SCHOOL

Year 12 pupils enjoyed two Saturdays of intensive English and Maths revision for their November GCSE units. Pupils studied hard over the two days and enjoyed pizza and treats as a reward for their diligence. Thank you to the BSCR for funding this important intervention. The Year 12s now await the results of their November modules on February 1st!





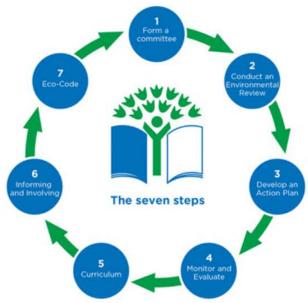
We have completed an environmental review to date and are working on an action plan which focuses on the areas of:

- 1. Recycling
- 2. Litter reduction
- 3. Biodiversity improvement

We have already completed litter collections in school and within the local community, started a battery recycling scheme, assisted in a clothing drive to collect unwanted clothing and improved biodiversity by planting flowers and making bird feeders.

Our future actions include training on recycling, leading assemblies and holding a swap shop with Year 8 students .We have also surveyed the school grounds to find suitable locations for our newly acquired bird and bat boxes.





### HALF TERM SUBJECT STARS

**SPANISH** 







**ENGLISH** 























**PUBLIC SERVICES** 

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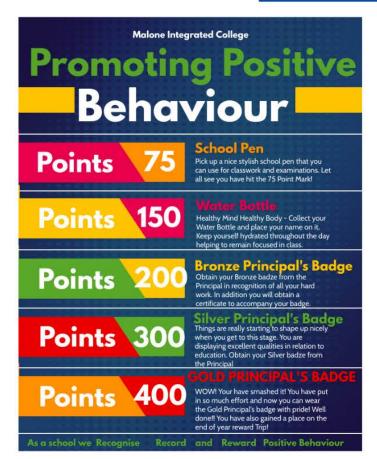
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Sofia P - Year 10 Katie L - Year 11



#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**











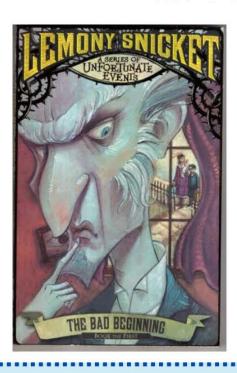




# **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

## The Bad Beginning - Daniel Handler

The Bad Beginning is the first novel of the children's novel series A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. The novel tells the story of three children, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire, who become orphans following a fire and are sent to live with Count Olaf, who attempts to steal their inheritance.





#### Review by one of our Reading Ambassadors: Aoife 10M

"This book focuses on three children with different personality traits who morph into eachother so that they can escape an evil villain. The book almost talks to you personally.

I really like the introduction as the author says: "If you like stories with happy endings, this isn't the story for you". I would recommend this book to anyone who likes mystery and horror."

## LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

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Language: Polish

**Number of Native Speakers: 50 Million Approx** 

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Type of Language: Indo-European World Ranking: 30th place approx

English words similar to Somali: Dres/Dress, farma/farm, gol/goal,

hokej/hockey, klaun/clown, komputer/computer, lider/leader, sejf/safe,

tenis/tennis

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Well done to Magda and Nina who were awarded our Polish Stars!



#### **CAREERS OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER**



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## **Canteen Events**

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