



Dalkey Diary

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A Monster Halloween Celebration!

This week was full of Halloween madness, in the best possible way. From themed sporting blitzes to gruesome cake baking, spooky story competitions, and culminating in a costume extravaganza today. As you can see, the students (and the teachers!) pulled out all the stops.

Wishing everyone a very safe and enjoyable midterm break. We will see you all rested and refreshed when school reopens on Monday November 3rd.

Happy Halloween!







Mark your Calendar

Oct 27th-31st	School closed for mid-term break
Nov 4th	3rd Year Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 20th	2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 24th	School closed
Nov 25-28th	TY Musical in Mermaid Theatre, Bray
Dec 8th	School closed
Dec 10th	Careers Fair for 4th, 5th and 6th Years
Dec 12th	YES Christmas Market
Dec 16th	Christmas Carol Concert, Dalkey Church
Dec 18th	Dalkey's Got Talent, Concert Hall



The full school calendar can be found on both the website and via our school app

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Students from the Justice and Peace Committee (with the help of Ms Flood) have again successfully facilitated another Team Hope Shoebox Appeal.

In shoeboxes, Dalkey students collected small gifts, toiletries, and school supplies to send to children in need around the world. Each filled shoebox will now bring joy and hope to a child who might otherwise receive nothing at Christmas.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated a shoebox this year, your small act of kindness will make a huge difference in the lives of innocent children.

To anyone that still wants to get involved you can still bring your box in by Nov 4th, but please email Ms Flood before as she will need to give you the proper instructions.



Well Done Holly!

Congratulations to Holly Mooney (3rd Year) on representing Dublin in the All Ireland U15 basketball championship last weekend! She and her team brought home the gold.

Well Done!

Congratulations to all students who received merits this term. Parents are invited to log in to VSWare to view their child's attendance and merits.





6th Years vs Teachers Hockey Match



The challenge was **ON** today as the 6th Years took on the teachers in the highly anticipated and only slightly competitive (!) annual hockey match with just a small audience of the whole school...

Both sides were eager to make their mark as quickly and crushingly as possible. The students came out strong, showing real teamwork and quick passing. The teachers held their own, allowing their 'skills' to come to the fore.

There were plenty of laughs on the sidelines as well, with supporters cheering on all the action. In the end, the 6th Years triumphed...but the score was less important than the fun and school spirit on display (according to the teachers).





Air Quality Testing

In Issue 6 of the *Dalkey Diary*, we posted about Mr Oman's 1C Environmental Studies class who had placed test tubes at three locations around our school and in Dalkey to measure the level of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) emitted by vehicles.

This air quality campaign is organised by GLOBE Ireland, an affiliate of NASA, and many schools across Ireland are taking part in the campaign.

This week, Mr Oman and a group of TY students took down these air quality test tubes. The tubes have now been posted for laboratory testing of Nitrogen Dioxide levels around our school.



Loreto Halloween Hockey Blitz

What a magical day it was to be a 1st Year Loreto Girl in Dalkey, Bray, Beaufort, Foxrock, Balbriggan or Stephen's Green on Wednesday. A Halloween Hockey Blitz between all the schools brought out all the ghost and ghouls!

Loreto Dalkey had 121 student skeletons out playing in the different Loreto schools around Leinster. Well done to our A and B teams in Dalkey, C and D teams in Bray, E and F in Balbriggan, and G, H and I teams in Beaufort. Huge thanks to Chief Skeleton Ms Coyne for organising!

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



Tabitha Corrigan



Rosa Tottenham



Eimear Buggy

Halloween Photography Competition

This week, students in Photography Club took part in the Halloween Photography Competition. The girls were asked to use their imaginations to take some spooky, funny and creative pictures.

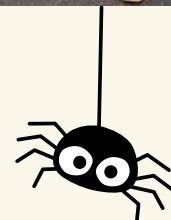
This weeks winner was Tabitha Corrigan (2nd Year), with runners up Rosa Tottenham (1st Year) and Eimear Buggy (3rd Year).

New members are always welcome to join Photography Club. Please email Ms Flood for more information.



Leinster Rugby Blitz

Two teams of 1st Year rugby players took part in a Leinster Rugby blitz earlier this week in Clontarf Rugby Club. Each team played five matches and the girls all had a brilliant time!





Golf Ireland Schools' Qualifying Competition

Well done to Deanna Buckley, Lauren Tuthill, Vanessa Heap and Alex Cunningham (all in 3rd Year), who played in the Golf Ireland Schools' Regional 9-Hole Qualifying Competition in a very wet Greystones Golf Club on Monday.

Particular congratulations to Deanna and Vanessa who both qualified for the Leinster finals, which will take place in April 2026. Well done!



This Week's Hockey Results

Well done to all teams taking part in home and away fixtures throughout the week.

1st Year H lost 5-1 vs Rathdown
Minor 1 lost 1-0 vs St Gerard's
Minor 4 lost 1-0 vs Mt Anville

Junior 1 lost 2-0 vs Holy Child
Junior 2 won 2-1 vs Loreto Foxrock
Junior 4 won 5-0 vs Loreto Foxrock
Junior 5 won 4-0 vs Mt Anville

Senior 2 won 4-0 vs High School
Senior 3 lost 1-0 vs St Gerard's
Senior 4 won 2-1 vs Teresian's
Senior 5 won 1-0 vs Mt Anville



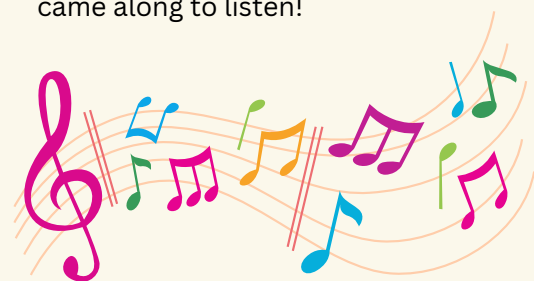
Halloween Basketball Blitz

First Years have been training hard and playing matches since the end of August, so it was time for some ghoulish games and fiendish fun with a Halloween Basketball Blitz!

Well done to the Pumpkin team who took the victory with a win over the Ghosts in the tournament final. Big spooky shout out to the Vampires who won best dressed team.

Monthly Music Mondays

Well done to all who took part in Monday's informal lunchtime recital, and thank you to all who came along to listen!





YES Mentor Meetings

It's not every day that Mario and Luigi get some business advice...

This morning, students taking part in the YES programme had a chance to meet some entrepreneurs from the local area, who shared their advice and expertise on all things business.

Thank you to all our mentors who took time out of their busy schedule to come and meet with the participating 1st, 2nd and TY students. Needless to say, this isn't our usual attire!



If you are having a clear out over midterm...

...please consider **donating any second-hand books** in excellent condition to the library book drive! We're looking to fill our shelves with even more teen, YA and adult fiction. Everything from *The Hunger Games* to Agatha Christie and *The Thursday Murder Club* to Maggie O'Farrell.

A link to our **library wish list** is in the school app, and a HUGE thanks to all who have already donated so generously. Please email Ms Manning at library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie with any queries.



TY Diary

Over the last few weeks, as musical rehearsals ramp up for the big show at the end of November, TYs have still managed to pack in lots of fun and interesting activities!

All classes have now completed a full day of First Aid training, where students learned essential and life-saving skills, from CPR to proper bandaging techniques.

Rotating modules also means that TYs have been enjoying a wide range of subjects, from pilates, life skills, music appreciation and digital literacy to animation, film studies, philosophy and sustainability studies.



SirQuest

On Wednesday, the TYs spent the morning completing an aptitude test and an EirQuest questionnaire. These will help us make decisions on what subjects would be a good choice to do for Leaving Cert. The questionnaire takes into account personal interests and talents to suggest possible future careers and college courses.

-Ellen O'Rourke and Ava Mitchel (TY)



Green Flags Re-Issued

Mr Oman and some members of the Green Schools Committee and Green Champions proudly displaying some of our re-issued Green Flags.

The school has made great progress in recent years in becoming a more sustainable community. We have flags to demonstrate, amongst other things, our commitment to biodiversity, sustainable travel, water conservation and energy conservation.

Being sustainable requires a whole school effort. We are proud of the progress we are making and look forward to new initiatives in this area to help protect our environment for future generations.

DART Safety

'Your safety and the safety of all rail users are the priority' these were the words of staff from the Dart network who spoke to our 1st Year students this week.

They explained key information on how to be a responsible commuter and highlighted the safety precautions that are available while on board. The team also took the time to answer questions from the students.

Thank you to Ms Green for organising the talk and to the members of DART team for taking the time to speak to our students.



This Week's Basketball Results

Well done to all teams taking part in home and away fixtures throughout the week.

1st Years won 34-10 vs Holy Child

1st Years lost 36-14 vs Holy Child

1st Years lost 36-19 vs Holy Child

Cadette A won 53-8 vs Mt Anville

Cadette A won 54-25 vs Loreto Balbriggan

Cadette B won 27-10 vs Loreto Balbriggan

Senior A won 68-33 vs Mt Anville

Senior A won 65-32 vs Loreto Balbriggan

Senior B won 52-8 vs Loreto Balbriggan

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



Halloween Cake Competition

There were some truly terrifying looking cakes presented for judging this morning. Well done to Laoise Randles and Leah O'Broin (2nd Year) for their gruesome (and fantastic!) brain creation.



Well Done!

Well done to all 1st and 2nd Year students who came to the library to complete their first round of Accelerated Reader testing over the past week.

Monster Mash

Well done to Ms Penston and members of the school choir who took part in CBC Monkstown's Halloween Monster Mash on Thursday night, performing some spooky favourites!



Good Luck

Best of luck and speedy running vibes to Mr Byrne who is running the Dublin Marathon this weekend!