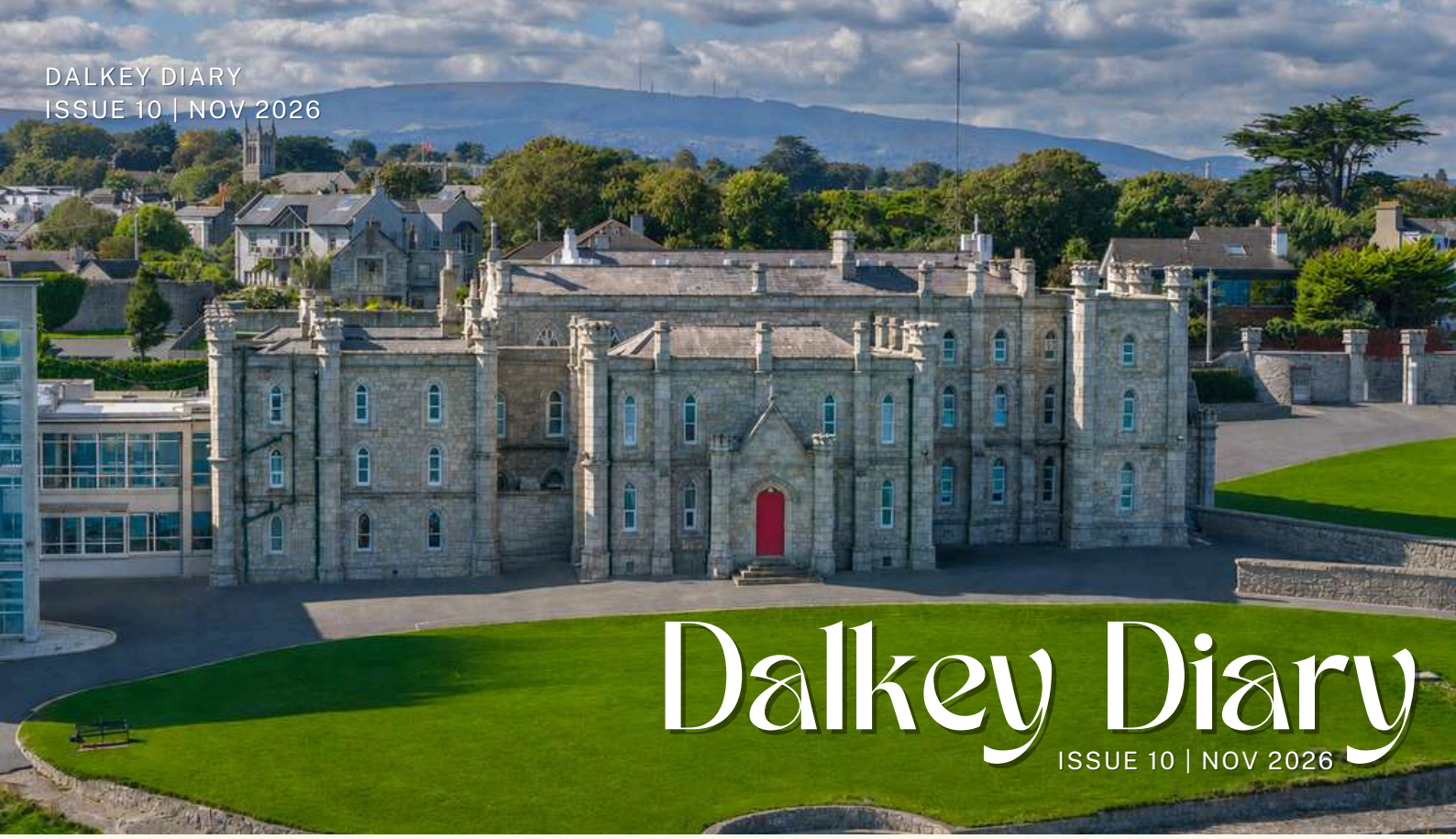


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Deputy Principal Announcement

The Board of Management is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Roisin Conlon as Deputy Principal with effect from today, 13th of November.

As many of you will already know, Roisin is a highly respected and dedicated member of our teaching staff, having served in Loreto since September 2010. In that time, Roisin has taught Geography, CSPE and Resource and has held key leadership responsibilities including Year Head, A.E.N. Coordinator, and Acting Deputy Principal in the last Academic Year. Her deep understanding of our school ethos, commitment to student wellbeing and passion for academic excellence make her ideally suited to step into this senior leadership role.

Roisin succeeds Ms Marie Breen, whom we thank sincerely for her immense contribution to the school.

Roisin will work closely with myself, Mr Flanagan and our dedicated staff to ensure that we continue providing an outstanding educational environment for all of our students.

The Board congratulates Roisin on her well-deserved appointment and wishes her every success in her new role.

Mr Robert Dunne
Principal



Mark your Calendar

Nov 19	2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 25-27th	TY Musical in Mermaid Theatre, Bray
Nov 27	6th Year Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings
Dec 11th	YES Christmas Market
Dec 17th	Christmas Carol Service, Dalkey Parish Church
Dec 21st	Dalkey's Got Talent, Concert Hall
Dec 22nd	Christmas break begins at 12pm

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

English Department Inspection

On Monday and Tuesday this week an inspector from the Department of Education visited the school to see how we teach and learn English.

The inspection went very well and we would like to thank all of the students who took part in the focus group. The inspector was very impressed by the students' openness and willingness to engage with the process. Well done to all involved in showcasing our English Department.

A full report of the inspection will be published after Christmas and we look forward to sharing that with everybody then.

An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Parent Association Contact Details

From now on, to contact the Parents' Association, please email PA@loretoabbeydalkey.ie and put your daughter's year in the subject line. It will then be directed to the relevant PA reps for that year group.

Photography Club

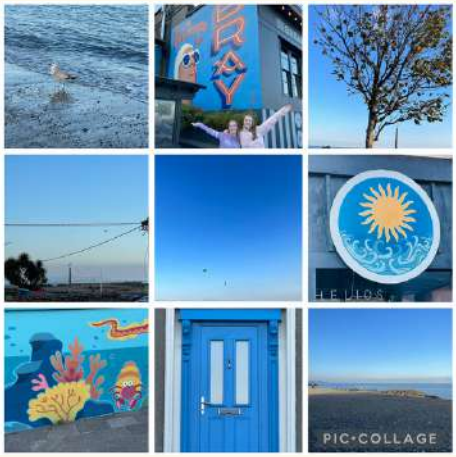
This week, the photography club was set the challenge of going on a colour hunt and creating a photo collage featuring one colour of their choosing.

Our winners were this mellow yellow collage from Aaditri Bhave (1st Year), a vibrant orange collage from Ava Brennan (2nd Year), and an eye-catching blue collage from Grace McKenna (2nd Year).

New members are always welcome! Contact Ms Delves to find out more about the weekly challenges and getting involves.









Senior A Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior A basketball team in defeating Bray 56-30 in their final league match of the year. Well done to Holly Mooney (TY) who led all scorers with an amazing 21 points in this game.

The team will now move on to league play-offs, as well as their All-Ireland Cup semi-final which will take place on Wednesday.



Student Council Training

'Student voice is an essential part of our school communities' was the theme as our Student Council joined virtually with their counterparts from all our fellow Loreto schools for their training on Tuesday.

Over the course of the morning, students were given insights into the power of student voice and how to conduct meetings productively. The group was also given time to plan their many and varied activities throughout the school year ahead.





TY Debating

Well done to our TY debating teams who have been competing over the past two weeks.

They competed in UCD last week, and this week the Concern Debate team took part in the second round of the competition, following their recent win in the first round. Well done!









Welcome to the Dalkey Jungle!

The 1st Years had a very exciting morning today, with a visit from Dave's Jungle. The students learned fascinating facts about the anatomy, habitat and behaviours of snakes, spiders, chameleons, frogs, and snapping turtles...and got to meet some of Dave's famous assistants along the way. These included Seamus the Burmese Python, Sharon the tarantula, a vibrantly coloured Mexican chameleon, Gary the African Bull Frog, scorpions, and a 22-year-old snapping turtle that could live to be more than 150 years old.

There was plenty of hands-on opportunities, including lifting the python as a group, feeling Sharon's furry legs, rubbing the chameleon's textured skin, as well as watching the chameleon swing by his tail, Gary eat some mealworm snacks, and the snapping turtle's incredible jaw strength.

The annual visit from Dave's Jungle is always so popular that teachers and older students had to get involved too, and there were more than a few screams heard in the Lecture Theatre this morning!





















6th Year Physics Trip to Intel

On Tuesday, our 6th year Physics class had the great opportunity to visit Intel in Kildare. We were given a guided tour of the enormous campus and learned about their newest innovations in AI and cutting-edge computer components.

The most interesting part of the trip was getting to speak to some women who worked in various parts of Intel, who gave us valuable insights into their careers and their personal experiences in the tech industry. Thank you to Mr Cullen for this inspiring opportunity.

- Sophia Hammond (6th Year)

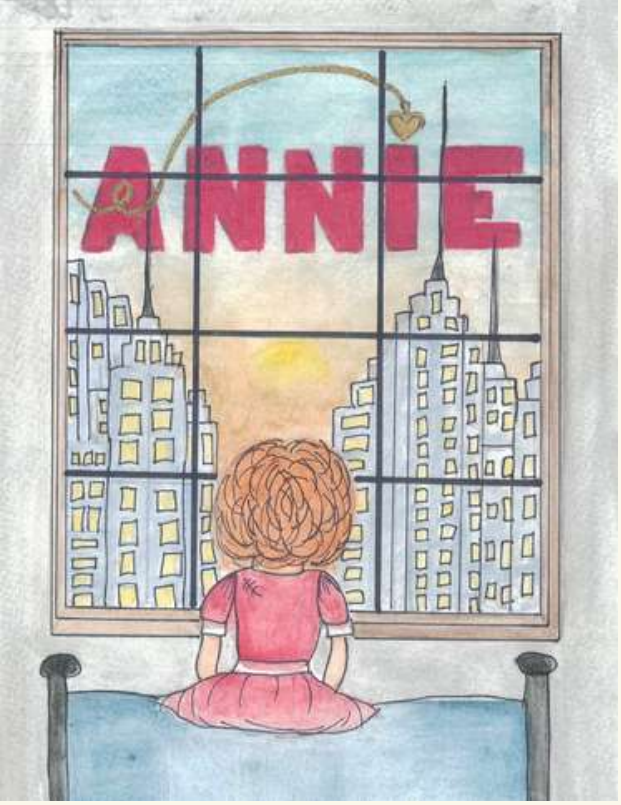
Science Week Junior Quiz

Science Week was capped off with a fun lunchtime quiz in the Lecture Theatre, for the junior students.

Designed and run by the 6th Year Science Prefects, who have also been announcing a daily science question over the intercom, the quiz was a great success and the winners were thrilled with their chocolate prizes!







Tickets on Sale Now for TY Musical, 'Annie'

Loreto Abbey Dalkey Transition Years present *Annie*, the story of an optimistic orphan determined to find her birth parents and of her adventures when she is invited to spend Christmas at the mansion of billionaire Oliver Warbucks.

Featuring well known favourite numbers like "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard Knock Life," this feel-good musical proves that hope and resilience can triumph over adversity, reminding us that the sun will always come out tomorrow!

The TYs will be performing six shows - a matinee and evening performance each on November 25th, 26th and 27th. Matinee performances are for school only and not open to the public.

Tickets for the evening performances can be purchased directly from The Mermaid Theatre website. We have no control over ticket sales or availability. Any ticket-related queries should be directed to the The Mermaid Theatre.

Chrysler Chorus will perform Wednesday Matinee, Thursday Evening, and Friday Matinee
Rockefeller Chorus will perform Wednesday Evening, Thursday Matinee, and Friday Evening
Principals, Dancers and Core Mansion are in ALL performances





6th Year Talk with Bishop Donal Roche

On Friday, the 6th year RE students had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Donal Roche for a reflective and thought-provoking discussion. Bishop Roche shared details of his own faith journey and how he was called to his vocation. He also outlined his work as a school chaplain and parish priest before his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. He spoke honestly about the challenges of his role and the questions the Church is facing about the future.

An insightful discussion about how the church can engage with young people was a reminder of the importance of understanding, and reflection on how we can deepen our faith perspectives.



1st Year GAA

Congratulations to the 1st Year GAA team who were the winners of Friday's Loreto GAA Blitz!



Basketball Results This Week

Congratulations to all teams who competed in matches at home and away this week, including:

Minor team won 28-8 vs Holy Child Killiney
Junior team won 38-14 vs Holy Child Killiney









Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Justice and Peace Committee are once again holding their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal, in support of Team Hope.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved in this wonderful initiative, which aims to bring joy and happiness to children in need across Africa and Eastern Europe this Christmas.

Shoeboxes are filled with everyday essentials and small treats, such as hygiene products, toys, items of clothing, and colouring books. These simple gifts can make a huge difference to children who may not otherwise have access to them.

Please leave all completed shoeboxes under the spiral staircase by Friday 20th November.

If you would like to take part but do not have an information leaflet, please speak to Ms Flood.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping to make a child's Christmas that little bit brighter!

What should you put in the shoeboxes?
Take inspiration from the 4 Ws:

WRITE: Pens, pencils, crayons, sharpener, notepad, markers, colouring book, copy book, etc.

WASH: Wrapped soap, hairbrush, comb, hair ties, toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, etc.

WEAR: Socks, underwear, hat, scarf, gloves, etc.

WOW: Cuddly toy, sweets (with an expiration date no earlier than April 2027), sunglass, toy car, ball, skipping rope, yo-yo, stickers, etc.

Hockey Results This Week

Congratulations to all teams who took part in matches home and away this week, including:

1st Year A won 1-0 vs Wesley
1st Year B won 2-0 vs King's Hospital
1st Year B won 4-0 vs Mount Anville
1st Year C drew 1-1 vs Naas
1st Year D won 3-0 vs Mount Sackville
Junior 5 drew 1-1 vs Santa Sabina

Senior 1 drew 2-2 vs Newbridge
Senior 3 won 2-1 vs Rathdown 2s
Senior 4 lost 3-0 to Loreto Beaufort
Senior 4 lost 1-0 to St Wolstan Senior As
Senior 5 lost 1-0 vs St Andrew's
6th Year team lost 2-0 vs Mount Sackville





