



Student Enterprise DLR Competition Finals

Last Friday, students from 1st, 2nd and 4th Year proudly represented our school at the Local Student Enterprise Competition for the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown area which was held in the Royal Marine Hotel. The event brought together young entrepreneurs from schools across the locality to showcase their creative business ideas and entrepreneurial skills.

Our school was represented in the Junior Category by Sarah Anne Broderick and Amber O'Neill with 'A&S Dog Business', Emily Cahill with 'Bedhead by Emily', and Sophie Colleran and Clara O'Reilly with 'Hats and Chats'; in the Intermediate Category by Freya Sweeney with 'Pocket Crochet' and Lucy Heavey and Abigail Charlton with 'Just Mix It'; and in the Senior Category by Lucy Bradbury and Georgie May Boyle with 'Repurpose by Geucy'.

Each group met with a panel of judges to present their business. Students explained how they developed their business ideas, outlining the process of brainstorming and refining their concepts. They also shared the market research they carried out to understand their target customers. The judges were particularly interested in hearing about the challenges the students faced along the way, from product development to managing costs and marketing. Students also reflected on the many benefits of running a business, including developing teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills.

The competition was a valuable opportunity for students to experience the world of entrepreneurship first-hand. All groups represented Loreto with great enthusiasm and professionalism, demonstrating creativity, resilience and a strong understanding of what it takes to run a successful business. Huge congratulations to all the students who took part; we were delighted to come home with some awards:

- **Junior:** 'Bedhead by Emily' won 1st Place and 'Hats and Chats' won a runners up prize
- **Intermediate:** 'Just Mix It' won 1st Place and 'Pocket Crochet' won 3rd place
- **Senior:** 'Repurpose by Geucy' won a Sustainability award

Best of luck to 'Bedhead by Emily' and 'Just Mix It' who are now through to the national finals in May.

- Ms Gleeson



Mark your Calendar

Mar 27th
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Mar 28th-Apr 1st
Mar 30th-Apr 1st
Apr 7-10th
Apr 13th
Apr 25th
May 11th
May 15th
May 19th
May 21st

Deadline for JC Art Project
School closes for Easter break
Leaving Cert Oral exams
Optional study for 6th Years from 9am-4pm
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School reopens
Loreto Annual Dinner at the Royal Marine Hotel
Orientation (1) for incoming 1st Years 4-6pm
Spirit Day
6th Year Graduation Mass, Dalkey Parish Church
TY Graduation, Killiney Court Hotel

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

Senior 2 Hockey Win South Dublin League

Huge congratulations to the Senior 2 hockey team who took home the South Dublin League trophy last week with a great win over Rathdown.

You played brilliantly and were deserving winners!



TY Leadership Conversation

Last week, the Transition Years were lucky to have a visit from Siobhán Hamilton. She came in to share her career story, showing us that your first choice in college doesn't have to be your forever job.

Siobhán started out by studying Psychology, but her career path took a turn and she eventually landed a major role at Guinness. Due to her work, she spent a lot of time travelling around the world, lived in several different countries, and learned how to adapt to new cultures.

The biggest lesson we took from this talk was to try to step out of your comfort zone and take advantage of the opportunities that you're given.

- Ansha Venkatachalam (TY)

2nd Year CBA for PE

Well done to all the 2nd Years who completed their PE CBA (Physical Activity for Health and Enjoyment) this week.

This 5-minute video-based CBA required students to complete needs and performance analyses on a series of skills and fitness tests related to the sport(s) they chose. Students then designed two SMART goals (one health goal and one enjoyment goal) and subsequently designed a 3-week training plan to improve their goals.

Students had to provide evidence of their goals and reflect on their progress and engagement.



Rock Your Socks this Down Syndrome Day!

Saturday March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day (WSD), an internationally recognised day to promote awareness and inclusivity of people with Down Syndrome.

WSD is celebrated on 21/03 to represent the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome that people with Down Syndrome uniquely have.

But why socks? Well, under a microscope chromosomes look like tiny little colourful socks, so socks are used to celebrate the extra chromosome that people with Down Syndrome have.

People with Down Syndrome rock their extra chromosome, and you can rock your socks to celebrate with them! All you need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed – they can be mismatched or your craziest and most colourful pair, and the brighter the better!



This Week's Basketball Results

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

Minor A won 35-14 vs St Andrew's

Minor B won 32-14 vs Loreto Swords (now through to the Loreto League final)

Junior A won 41-15 vs Loreto Swords (now through to the Loreto League final)

Junior B won 30-14 vs St Andrew's



Coicís na Gaeilge

I mbliana, bhí Coicís na Gaeilge againn chun Lá Fhéile Pádraig agus an Ghaeilge a chéiliúradh. D’eagraigh na cinnirí Gaeilge imeachtaí éagsúla i rith na coicíse chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ar scoil.

D’eagraigh siad Cara Céilí dé Luain. Ghlaigh siad ‘Ceist an Lae’ as Gaeilge gach lá. Rinne siad paidreacha na maidine as Gaeilge gach lá, D’eagraigh siad Lá Glas Dé hAoine seo caite, Bhí tráth na gCeist le Bliain 5 agus díoladh seamróga don charthanacht GOAL gach lá ag am lóin.

Míle buíochas dár gcinnirí Gaeilge as an obair iontach a rinne siad i rith na coicíse!
Cinnirí Gaeilge: Leila Burke-Kennedy, Hazel McFadden, Amelie O’Halloran, Emily Farrell.

This year, we had Coicís na Gaeilge (A Fortnight of Irish) to celebrate Gaeilge and St Patrick’s Day. The Gaeilge prefects organised a number of events throughout the two weeks to promote Gaeilge in the school.

They organised a Cara Céilí on Monday. They called out a ‘Ceist an Lae’ (Question of the Day) in Irish every day. They wrote morning prayers in Irish every day. They organised a ‘Lá Glas’ (Green Day) last Friday, there was a ‘tráth na gCeist’ (table quiz) for 5th Years, and shamrock badges for the charity GOAL were sold at lunchtimes.

A huge thank you to our Gaeilge prefects, Leila Burke-Kennedy, Hazel McFadden, Amelie O’Halloran and Emily Farrell, for the wonderful work they have done over the last two weeks.

- Ms O’Dwyer

Photography Club

For the International Day of Happiness, the students in photography club were asked to snap photos of places which bring them joy. Photos which stood out this week included these by Zoe Hanley, Isabelle McCarron and Advika Jalgi who are all in 1st Year.

Well done to everyone who contributed this week. Entries to the Photography Club are always welcomed. Please contact Ms Flood for details.



Zoe Hanley



Isabelle McCarron



Advika Jalgi



TY Leadership Conversation

Recently, the TYs received a communications workshop from Helen Curran, who spent 28 years at RTE as a weather presenter and continuity announcer.

We learned about the different types of communicating and its importance in relationships. We also looked at common miscommunications that can occur due to improper application of crucial communication techniques. The TYs found this workshop really interesting and helpful.

- *Georgie May Boyle (TY)*



Tennis Trials Get Underway

Summer sports are starting to make an appearance now that the sun is (hopefully) shining a little more. Keep an eye on your emails from Ms Coyne for details about tennis trials, some of which started this week. All are welcome to try out, so come along and have a go!



Ember Workshop with Loreto Primary

On Wednesday afternoon, the Ember Group concluded their workshops with Loreto Primary school. During this workshop the Ember team spoke to the younger students about the confirmation ceremony, their memories of their confirmation during the pandemic. They also spoke about how Confirmation strengthened their faith and ultimately led them to be part of the Ember Group.

As the students completed activity sheets, the Ember team continued to bond with these younger students as they chatted about confirmation names and what inspired their choice.



International Day of Happiness 2026

This Friday is not only a day with no school, but also the United Nations International Day of Happiness as the UN recognises happiness to be a fundamental human goal.

The World Happiness Report 2026 is being launched on March 20th with a series of events, live-streamed from around the world. This year's theme focuses on wellbeing in the digital age, exploring the effects of social media, and a ranking of countries by their average levels of life satisfaction. You can watch at www.worldhappiness.report

What will **you** do this weekend that makes you happy?





Senior A End-of-Year and Coach Rob

Our Senior A team played their last tournament of the year this week with the Loreto Senior A Blitz. The girls had great battles against their counterpart teams from Loreto Foxrock, Loreto Beaufort and Loreto St Stephen's Green, with wins, draws and losses to come third overall.

Well done on a great season - and, for the 6th Years on the team, it has been an incredible six years of hockey and team camaraderie.

This week also marked the last day for Senior A coach Rob Devlin after four wonderful years with us in Dalkey. Thank you Rob for your commitment to the team, and we wish you well!



This Week's Hockey Results

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

1st Year C won 3-2 vs Mount Temple (now through to Leinster semi-finals)

1st Year E won 3-1 vs St Andrew's (now through to Leinster semi-finals)

Minor 1 won 2-0 vs High School (now through to South Dublin League finals)

Minor 4 lost 2-0 vs High School
Minor 4 runners up in South Dublin League final vs Holy Child Killiney

Senior 1 runners-up in South Dublin League final

Senior 2 won South Dublin League

