



Halloween Celebrations

This Thursday, our school was alive with Halloween spirit! Students across all year groups showed off incredible creativity, from hilarious group outfits to spooky DIY designs. With zombies, minions, and a whole influx of Trolls, the school was a riot of colour and character as we head into midterm break.

During lunchtime, the sports hall turned into a runway for our Halloween Catwalk, organised by the 6th Year Leadership Team with great support from the Student Council. Huge congratulations to our prize winners and a big thank you to everyone who took part and helped organise such a brilliant event!

Wishing everyone a very safe and enjoyable midterm break. We will see you all rested and refreshed when school reopens on Monday November 2nd.

Happy Halloween!

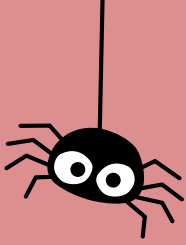






Mark your Calendar

Oct 23rd	School closed for Oide Staff Training Day
Oct 26th-30th	Midterm break
Nov 19th	2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meetings
Nov 25-27th	TY Musical in Mermaid Theatre, Bray
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



Loreto Abbey Dalkey Board of Management

The 2026-29 Board of Management has been appointed by the Loreto Education Trust as follows:

Chairperson: Dr Eilish Humphreys (Trustee)

Secretary: Mr Robert Dunne

Members:

Ms Geraldine Bracken (Trustee)

Mr Jim Wade (Trustee)

Ms Lorraine Dwyer (Trustee)

Ms Marie Lonergan (Staff)

Ms Roisin Conlon (Staff)

Ms Karen Geraghty (Parent)

Ms Anne-Marie Connor (Parent)

“In a Fair Society, Billionaires Should Not Exist”

A huge well done to the Transition Year students who recently took part in their very first Concern Debate against Coláiste Bríde.

The motion, “In a fair society, billionaires should not exist,” sparked an engaging and thought-provoking debate, with both teams presenting strong arguments.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and preparation in round one of the competition, and eagerly await the results after rounds two and three. Well done to all involved!

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.





Launch of The Cuan Project



On Wednesday, we launched The Cuan Project, a new initiative that seeks to create a partnership between 2nd and 5th Year students, and is designed to offer support for the 2nd Years while navigating the Junior Cycle. This year-long initiative will create opportunities for 2nd Year students to meet others within their year group, develop connections with the older students, and ensure there is a friendly face or a source of advice on offer if needed.

The students have been grouped into clusters and will meet in their groups throughout the year, complete group challenges, and will be encouraged to catch up with their group regularly. This week, after meeting their cluster group, the 2nd and 5th Years took part in games, reflections, selfie sessions and spent time getting to know each other.



Senior Music Trip to Liverpool

This week is the very last chance to secure a place on the upcoming Senior Music trip to Liverpool.

Following the instructions emailed to the relevant students, please go to www.schooltours.ie and **complete the deposit payment process today** to ensure a place on the trip is available.

Parents' Association Committee 2026-27

The Parents' Association Committee for 2026-27 has two representatives from each year group listed below. Contact details can be found on the school website under 'Parents' Association'.

1st Year

Ms Aine O'Sullivan
Ms Orla Tobin

4th Year

Ms Fiona Darcy
Ms Claire Tracey

2nd Year

Ms Kara Tedford
Ms Alison Buggy

5th Year

Ms Joyce Kenny
Ms Alison McCarthy

3rd Year

Ms Emma Pitt
Ms Anna Morgan

6th Year

Mr Kelvin Gillen
Ms Olivia Kavanagh



Join a Book Club



You are Invited to....Join a Book Club

We are setting up new LAD Book Clubs and would love you to join us!

Parent Book Club

Each of the books chosen for the Parent Book Club will be shared in the *Dalkey Diary* newsletter so that as many as possible can read along, however we would also love to host in-person book clubs for those who would be interested in taking part.

Let us know your interest via the Google Form sent in the school app earlier this week, and we'll be in touch in November about getting started.

Student Book Club

Students are also invited to join new Student Book Club(s) which will get started after midterm. This is a great opportunity to read books you might not otherwise have chosen, chat about books to see if other people loved/hated the same bits you did, and share recommendations with other bookworms.

Students should complete the short Google Form sent by Ms Manning to let us know whether Junior and/or Senior book clubs are going ahead.



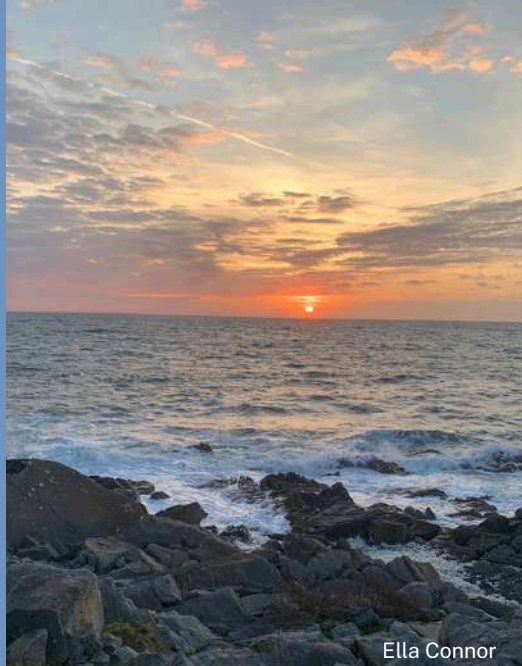
Annual Loreto Schools Swimming Gala

The Loreto Dalkey swim team were out in force on Tuesday to compete in the Annual Loreto Schools Swimming Gala at the National Aquatic Centre.

Well done to all who took part, in particular **Isabelle Knight** (3rd Year) who took 1st Place in the 50m Butterfly (15-16 age group), **Victoria Griffin** (3rd Year) who took 1st Place in the 50m Breaststroke (15-16 age group), **Lucy Hanley** (2nd Year) who took 3rd place in the 50m Butterfly (12-14 age group), **Orla Mortimore** (2nd Year) who took 3rd Place in the 50m Backstroke (15-16 age group), and the **Relay team** (Victoria Griffin, Isabelle Knight, Kitty Hannigan and Orla Mortimore) who took 2nd Place in the 50m Freestyle. What a day!



Advika Jalgi



Ella Connor



Kate McLaughlin

Photography Club

This week, the students in Photography Club were given the prompt 'Changing Light' to come up with entries. There were some fantastic photos submitted, with three of the top photos these ones from Advika Jalgi (2nd Year), Ella Connor (3rd Year) and Kate McLaughlin (5th Year).

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



Hunting for Road Signs

This week, 4A went on a Road Sign Scavenger Hunt as part of their Driver Theory module.

Minor Soccer

Congratulations to the Minor Soccer team who won their match 4-3 vs Old Bawn.





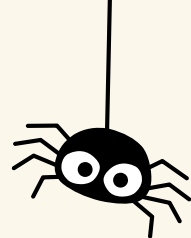
Music Monday

A gentle piano intro, a few brave solos, and a great atmosphere in the hall - this week's Music Monday was a fantastic way to kick off the week.

Held on the last Monday of every month, Music Monday gives students a stage to showcase their musical talent in front of a friendly, supportive and appreciate audience. This week was no exception - we witnessed fantastic talent and enjoyed it immensely.

Don't worry if you missed your chance in the spotlight! Keen students are already signing up for the next show, as individual and group performers. If you want to take part in November, or just want some more details, contact Ms Penston. See you at the next soundcheck!

Halloween Basketball Blitz



First Years have been training hard and playing matches, so it was time for some ghoulish games and fiendish fun with a Halloween Basketball Blitz on Tuesday afternoon!

Well done to the Zombie team who took the prize for best dancers, the Skeletons who won best costume, and the Witches who won the overall tournament.

