



The Big Dig

On Tuesday and Wednesday, all 1st Year History students took part in The Big Dig archaeology workshops, run by the School of Irish Archaeology.

Students had a chance to meet with archaeologists on site and learn how a dig is organized and how artefacts are dated. They were then able to get their hands on genuine historical artefacts and participate in a mock excavation dig set up on the school grounds. They discovered artefacts including bones, tools, coins, swords, axes and shields. This was a great way to connect what has been learned in the classroom to an engaging and fun activity. Watch out Indiana Jones!

Mark your Calendar

Oct 1st	Open Evening for 2027/28 admissions, 4-7pm
Oct 9th	Focus Ireland Sleep Out
Oct 13th	6th Year Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings
Oct 19th-22nd	6th Year Autumn exams
Oct 22nd	Deadline for accepting 2027/28 admissions
Oct 23rd	School closed for Oide Staff Training Day
Oct 26th-30th	Midterm break

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



Lunchtime Music Recitals - Join in!

On the last Monday of every month, all staff and students are invited to Monthly Music Monday, an informal recital in the Concert Hall at lunchtime.

The first Monthly Music Monday will take place on Monday September 28th. All are welcome to come along and listen appreciatively!

This is an opportunity for students to play for enjoyment or showcase what they've learned so far in the term, and learn from doing it in front of an enthusiastic audience.

Performance slots are available, so **email Ms Penston if you would like to take part.**

Even if you don't want to perform, please come and support your fellow students!



Loreto Abbey Dalkey SLEEP OUT!



October 9th
A fundraiser
to combat
homelessness
in Ireland.

**In Ireland there is
5,659 children with
no place to call
home. If you can
please donate to
make a difference.**



“
*Always be a
little kinder than
you have to.*
”

-- E. Lockhart, *We Were Liars*



Ember Team Training

'Fan into flame the gift of God that is with you' these words from St Paul perfectly describe the atmosphere as the Ember Team attended two days and overnight training at Ovoca Manor, County Wicklow on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Joined by seven other Loreto schools, the group was challenged through outdoor pursuits and team-building activities. Students were also afforded time to reflect on their new position and what motivated them to apply for Ember.

The training concluded with the Graduation ceremony celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey and attended by Peter McNamara, CEO of Loreto Education Trust. We look forward to the incredible initiatives of the Ember team during the year ahead.

- Mr Byrne



TY Craft Module

This week, Ms Hogan's TY Craft class got creative with tie-dyeing and painting tote bags, making their own bespoke designs to take home.



Debating Clubs

Debating is getting underway for the new school year, with lots of students expressing an interest in getting involved. Students will have the opportunity to represent Loreto Abbey in a number of competitions this year, including the Inter-Loreto Debates, Concern Debates, and UCD Junior Schools Debating Competition.

The debating group will meet regularly to develop skills in public speaking, argument building, research and rebuttal, while preparing for upcoming competitions.

Junior Debating will meet at lunchtime on Tuesdays, while Senior Debating will meet after school on Wednesday to set a time for their sessions.

New and experienced debaters are very welcome, and we look forward to an exciting year of debating ahead!

- Ms Bracken



TY Trip to Italy

Excitement is building for Italy 2027! Information about the TY trip to Italy has been sent to parents via our school app.

The deadline for payment of the deposit is October 2nd.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Mulcahy or Ms Noctor.



Open Evening Reminder

On Thursday October 1st, we will be hosting our annual Open Evening for First Year 2027, welcoming primary students and their parents to see what life at Loreto Abbey Dalkey entails.

We would appreciate if students who have been asked to help out could remain in school for the event, which will run from 4-7pm.



Basketball Results

Congratulations to both the Senior A and Cadette A teams who are off to a flying start to the season with wins over Loreto Foxrock. Well done!

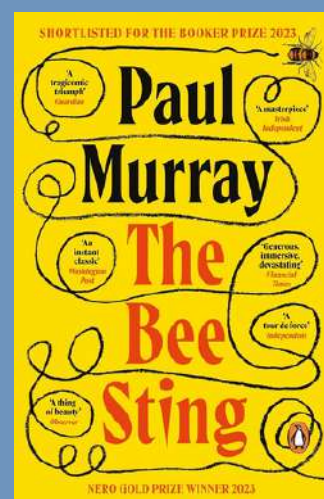


Book of the Week

This week's book, *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray, was chosen by Ms Noctor:

If at first you don't succeed... try, try again! I couldn't get into *The Bee Sting* the first time, but when I gave it another go, I was hooked.

Following the ups and downs of the complicated Barnes family, with secrets, surprises and plenty of dark humour along the way, it became a book I simply couldn't put down – proof that sometimes the right book just needs a second chance!



Find this in the
Senior Fiction
section





Ecology Field Trip

On Tuesday, the 6th Year biology students went on an ecology field trip to Killiney Hill. We carried out a few different experiments, including identifying flora and fauna in the habitat and investigating the impact of abiotic factors on different species.

It was a very enjoyable and interesting day out. Many thanks to Ms Hanratty, Ms Scott, Ms Butler and Ms Sutton for organising the trip.

- Kate Holland and Róisín Murray, 6th Year



Senior Hockey Training

Senior hockey players were training in the newly refurbished gym this week, making the most of the new equipment and getting ready for the season ahead.



Mini Camino

This week, Sr Mary brought 1st Year class 1C on a mini Camino to Dillon's Park. We started in school at the serenity garden, which gave the 1st Years a chance to reflect and remember anyone special to them. We then made our way to Suaimehneas where Sr Mary talked about the history of the building and gave the 1st Years time to write down their goals for the year. We brought these goals to the well at Dillon's Park and placed down a ribbon to represent them.

They were also given a challenge to talk to someone new in their class on the walk and come up with a positive word to describe their class group, which they all shared at the well as a bonding activity. We were delighted to help out and get to know the new 1st Years.

- Elsa Purcell and Amelia Doyle, TY



Board Games Club

Ms Shortt and Ms Conlon are running a new Board Game club on Tuesday lunchtimes in the library - bring your lunch and come along!



Clubs & Groups

There is something for everyone with a wide variety of co- and extra-curricular activities taking place in school throughout the week. Everyone is welcome to join, just turn up and have fun!

MONDAY

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
1.00 - 1.40pm	Green Schools	Ms Scott and Mr Oman	B02	A student-led group whose focus is to create a more sustainable school
1.00 - 1.40pm	Photography Club	Ms Delves	Lecture Theatre	Get creative with weekly themed photo prompts - all are welcome, no experience necessary
1.00 - 1.40pm	Creative Writing Club	Student Led	Library	Unleash your inner writer or poet and share ideas with other creative wordsmiths
1.00 - 1.40pm	Maths & Science Mentoring Club	Dr Young	B03	Senior students help Juniors with any difficulties they are having in Maths or Science
3.45 - 5.00pm	LEGO Club	Mr Cullen	B11	Have fun in the world of LEGO and robotics

TUESDAY

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Junior Choir	Ms Penston	E01	Have fun singing with your friends in the school choir (1st, 2nd and 3rd Years)
1.00 - 1.40pm	Board Games Club	Ms Shortt and Ms Conlon	Library	Roll the dice, deal the deck or rule the board - join a game or bring your friends for some fun
1.00 - 1.40pm	Justice & Peace Group	Ms Flood	B08	A student group who raise awareness about issues of injustice and what we can do about it (5th Years)
1.00 - 1.40pm	Craft Club	Ms Quirke	A02	Knit, crochet, craft and have fun - no experience necessary
1.00 - 1.40pm	Trad Group	Ms Penston	E01	Play a traditional Irish instrument? Come and have some fun with us!
1.00 - 1.40pm	LEGO/STEM Club	Mr Cullen	B11	Have fun in the world of LEGO and robotics - everyone welcome
1.00 - 1.40pm	Art Club	Ms McBride	A08	If you enjoy drawing, painting, making things or just being creative, come along and join in (1st Years)
1.00 - 1.40pm	Debating	Ms Bracken	TBC	Develop public speaking, research and rebuttal skills, while preparing for upcoming competitions

WEDNESDAY

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
1.00 - 3.00pm (monthly)	Film Club	Ms Glass	TBC	Grab some treats and watch a fun movie with your friends

THURSDAY

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Orchestra	Ms Penston	E01	New members are always welcome. Just come along!
1.00 - 1.40pm	Model United Nations	Ms Hayes	B09	Engage with international relations and politics while improving public speaking and debating skills
1.00 - 1.40pm	EMBER Faith Leadership Group	Mr P. Byrne	B08	A student-led group who promote school ethos and spirituality (5th Years)
1.00 - 1.40pm	French Club	Ms De Brún and Ms McSharry	F03	Immerse yourself in some French chat, fun and games
1.00 - 1.40pm	LEGO/STEM Club	Mr Cullen	B11	Have fun in the world of LEGO and robotics - everyone welcome
1.00 - 1.40pm	Songwriting Club	Ms Glass	B10	Take the opportunity to refine your songwriting skills

FRIDAY

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Senior Choir	Ms Penston	Concert Hall	Have fun singing with your friends in the school choir (4th, 5th and 6th Years)
1.00 - 1.40pm	Quiz Club	Mr Flanagan	Lecture Theatre	Test your general knowledge in a fun way with your friends and win some prizes
1.00 - 1.40pm	Chess Club	Ms McBreen	C11	Become a Chess Master in a fun and relaxed atmosphere
1.00 - 1.40pm	LEGO/STEM Club	Mr Cullen	B11	Have fun in the world of LEGO and robotics - everyone welcome
3.45 - 4.45pm	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Student Led	A01	Enter the fantastical world of Dungeons and Dragons. Come along and have fun

More clubs coming soon!

Stay tuned for details in the coming weeks...