



Dalkey Diary

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In November, We Remember

This month is the month of remembrance, where we take time to reflect and remember those who have passed away. Our school marked this with a whole school mass on Friday afternoon in Dalkey Parish Church, where thoughtful prayer, music and song rang out.

This year, as a way to remember all those important people who have gone from our lives, students had the option to submit a photo of their loved ones who have passed away. These were displayed as part of a special collage at our November Remembrance Mass. In addition, students could also write the names of their loved ones to be remembered on stars, which were displayed on trees around the sanctuary area of the church during the Remembrance Mass.

Thank you to our RE and music departments, our 6th Year leadership team, the Ember group and faith leaders in our school who organised this special school mass.

*They are not gone from us,
but gone before us*

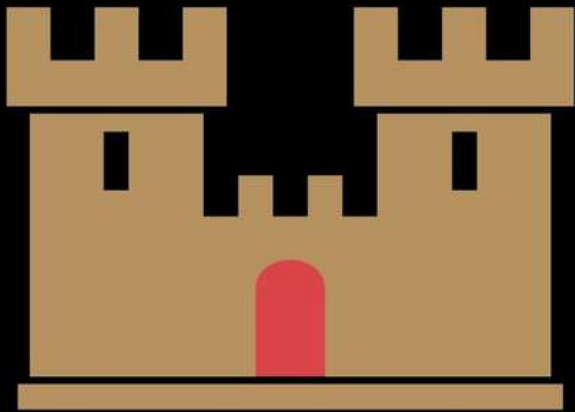
Mark your Calendar

Nov 24th	School closed
Nov 25-27th	5th Year Autumn exams
Nov 26-28th	TY Musical in Mermaid Theatre, Bray
Dec 1st-5th	TY Work Experience
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 Parish Church
Dec 18th	Dalkey's Got Talent, Concert Hall
Dec 19th	Christmas Break begins at 12pm

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

SAVE THE DATE

LORETO
ANNUAL DINNER



25 APRIL 2026

Calling all Alumni and Mums
to gather for dinner, dancing and plenty of fun.
Royal Marine Hotel from 1 pm - Late.

Follow @LORETOANNUALDINNER for updates

Save the Date...

The Loreto Annual Dinner, a highlight on the school calendar, will take place on April 25th 2026 in the Royal Marine Hotel. This is a wonderful occasion for mums of current students to meet and socialise, as well as a great opportunity for past pupils to get together for a reunion.

Tickets will be available in the coming weeks, and usually sell out immediately - keep an eye on @loretoannualdinner for more updates.



Good Luck to TY!

Best of luck to all our TYs as they take to the stage with plenty of excitement and enthusiasm to perform *Legally Blonde: The Musical* next week!

The whole school will get the chance to see the show over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - and a few tickets remain for the evening performances if you have yet to get yours. Tickets are available from the Mermaid Arts Centre website.

Huge thanks, as ever, to Ms Green, Ms Penston, Ms Noctor and Denise for their incredible work with the TYs to make the show a reality.



1st Year Rugby Tag Blitz

Our 1st Year Dalkey Rugby ladies had another great day out this week, with a Tag Blitz organised by Leinster Rugby in Clontarf Rugby Club.

Dalkey Team 1 won 40-0 vs Dominican Team 1, won 35-0 vs Dominican Team 2, won 25-5 vs Dominican Team 3, drew 20-20 with Dalkey Team 2, and won 20-15 vs Skerries.

Dalkey Team 2 won 15-5 in their first game, won 15-5 in game 2, drew 20-20 with Dalkey Team 1, then won 35-5 in their final game. Well done!



Sadhbh Swan



Nessa Raleigh



Sophie McLoughlin

Photography Club

This week, the girls in the Photography Club had to undertake the 'Hidden Beauty' challenge, where they were asked to pick a simple everyday object or situation and photograph it in an interesting way. They were asked to experiment with angles, getting up close, and play with light.

This week's winner was Sadhbh Swan (3rd Year), with runners up Nessa Raleigh (1st Year) and Sophie McLoughlin (1st Year).

If you want to try out a new hobby and get involved, new members are always welcome to join Photography Club. Please email Ms Flood for more information.

Model United Nations

Well Done to Kate McLaughlin (TY), Elizabeth Austin (TY), Chloe Leonard (2nd Year), Rachel Lacy (3rd Year), Martha Power (2nd Year), Freya Sweeney (2nd Year), Alexandra Egan (3rd Year), Charlotte Hannon (TY), Cristina Vilaplana Villarroel (TY), Meabh Hargaden (2nd Year) and Neasa Burns (2nd Year) who took part in RADMUN in Rathdown last weekend.

The girls represented the delegations of South Africa and Belgium, and debated issues such as rebuilding Gaza, vaccine inequality, and deforestation. Their voices, confidence, and commitment to meaningful dialogue was clear both inside and beyond committee rooms.

Congratulations to Rachel Lacy (ECOFIN) and Chloe Leonard (SOCHUM) who both won distinguished delegate awards at the conference.

The Model United Nations Club is open to new members. If you would be interested in taking part, please contact Ms Hayes.



This Week's Hockey Results

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

Minor A won 3-0 vs Newbridge
Minor B lost 2-1 vs Holy Child Killiney

Junior A won 2-1 vs Sandford Park
Junior B won 3-1 vs Holy Child Killiney

Senior 1 lost to Wesley
Senior 2 won 2-0 vs Rathdown
Senior 3 won 3-1 vs East Glendalough

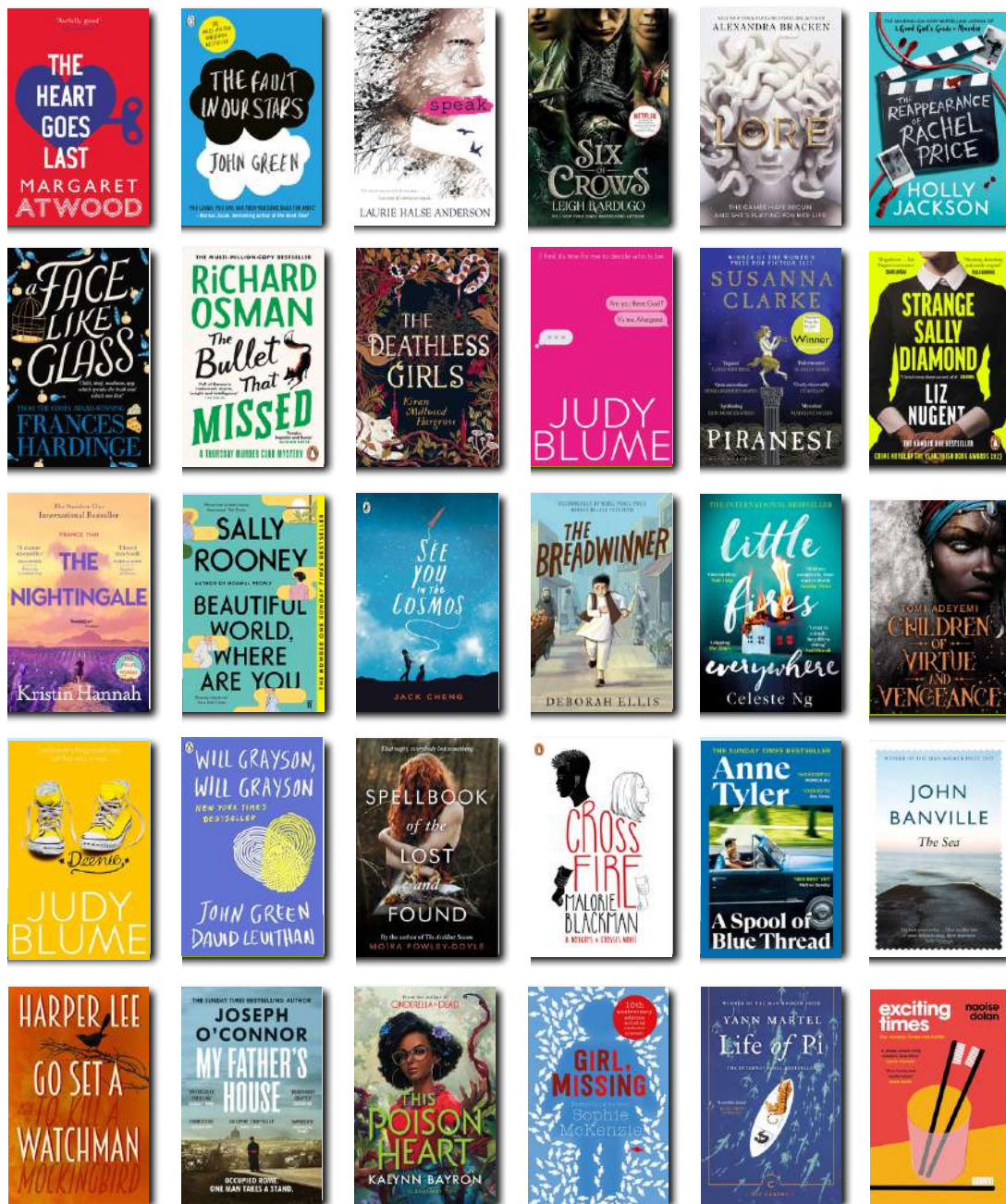
More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport

Check Us Out!

Thank you to all who have donated so far in our library book drive - these are just some of the latest additions to the library shelves!

A link to the library wish list has been sent out via the school app, and second-hand books in excellent condition are also very welcome.

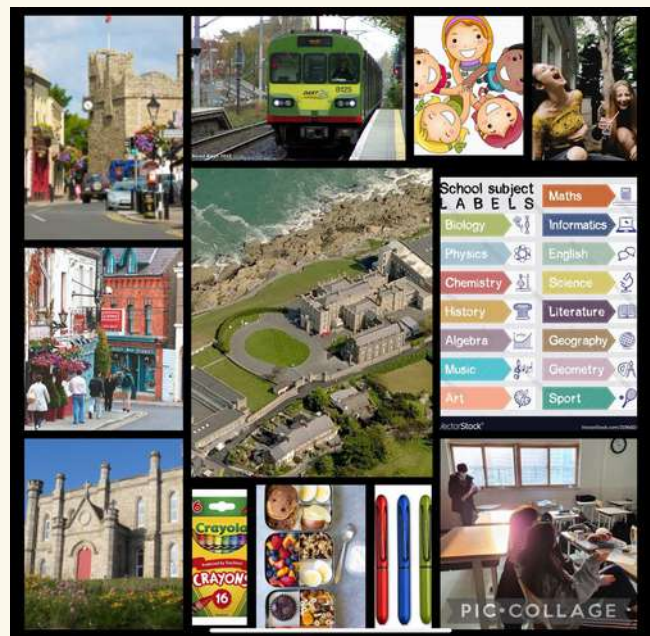
All students and staff have their own library account, so these books can be borrowed straight away. Library books can be borrowed for two weeks at a time, or you can reserve a book if it has already been checked out.



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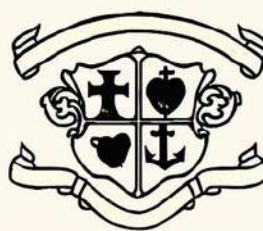
Creative Compass is open to all students, and takes place on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the Lecture Theatre. For more information, please email Ms Gore.





Senior Rugby

Congratulations to Eabha Leonard (5th Year) who received her Senior Rugby captain's badge this week, in front of the Senior and Junior contact rugby teams. Well done!



Loreto 'Thinking and Acting Justly' Competition 2025-26

Presented by the Justice & Peace Committee

Create a project that explores justice in any form — social, environmental, global or local.

You may enter individually, in a small group, or as class
Your entry can be in any format: artwork, photography, video, writing, presentation, 3D work, or any creative approach.

Deadline:
13th March

Submit your entry to:
jp.cireland@gmail.com

Need help or guidance?
Email Ms Flood

Winning entries will be recognised across all Loreto schools.

Loreto 'Thinking and Acting Justly' Competition

The Justice and Peace Committee is inviting students to take part in this year's Loreto 'Thinking and Acting Justly' competition. This is a national competition against all other Loreto schools in Ireland.

You can take part individually, in a small group, or as a whole class, and entries can be in any format (e.g. artwork, writing, video, photography, or any creative approach)

Prizes include vouchers of up to €200.

If you're interested or would like support developing an idea, please email Ms Flood.