



Celebrating St Brigid

To honour St Brigid and continue an ancient Irish tradition, the 5th Years took some time out to create St Brigid crosses last week. They weaved rushes into beautiful crosses, remembering the story of St Brigid of Kildare. The St Brigid's cross has also been a symbol of Christianity in Ireland.

The Ember team then brought these handcrafted crosses to morning mass in Dalkey where they were blessed by Fr Lawrence. These crosses were distributed to delighted parishioners who had attended mass. This action allowed our students to reflect on the life and inspiration of St Brigid, and also our position as part of the wider Dalkey faith community.

Mark your Calendar

Feb 9th	TY Work Experience Week
Feb 10th	Spring exams begin for 1st and 2nd Years
Feb 13th	School closes for mid-term break
Feb 23rd	School reopens
Mar 20th	School closed - Oide Planning Day
Mar 27th	School closes for Easter break
Apr 13th	School reopens

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



Hockey Success

We are delighted to report that we have 8 hockey teams still in contention in the Leinster League.

It is a great achievement to get this far, so huge congratulations to these teams as they enter these last few crucial weeks.

Hopefully we'll have a final (or several!) to look forward to soon. Well done to all players and coaches!

Teams:

- Senior 1 and Senior 3
- Junior 2, Junior 3, Junior 4 and Junior 5
- Minor 2 and Minor 3



Join the February Reading Challenge

With the end of exams on the horizon and midterm to look forward to, this is a great chance to take a break and catch up on some reading for fun!

If you're looking for a challenge, try reading a book that fits one of this month's reading prompts - the choice of book is completely up to you!

The theme this month is '**Short and Sweet**', so you could read:

- A book of short stories
- A book with a pink or red cover
- A book with less than 150 pages
- A book with food or sweets on the cover
- A book with 'love', 'sweet' or 'heart' in the title



School Traffic Reminder

Given the large numbers of students and staff who are approaching the school morning and evening, **parents are asked NOT to drop/collect their daughter from the school grounds before and after school**. Students should be dropped or collected on Harbour Road only, meaning parents should not be using Loreto Avenue (the road approaching the school and Sports Hall). This causes a backlog of cars, as well as posing an increasing safety risk for all students.

The school grounds are a designated parking area for staff of both the primary and secondary schools. Consequently, it is not possible to drop students in the grounds during school hours, nor for any senior students who drive to school to park there.



GoQuest Challenge

The TYs headed off to GoQuest in Carrickmines today for some team-building fun and a little competition ahead of their second week of work experience next week.





Dragon's Den Winners

Congratulations to all our YES Dragon's Den participants from last week's event. The winners were announced on Thursday, as follows:

Junior Category

1st Place: A&S Dog Business (Amber & Sarah Anne)
2nd Place: Bed Head (Emily)
3rd Place: Hats & Chats (Sophie & Clara)
Runner Up: Sustainable Reads (Eleanor)
Runner Up: Tiny Treats (Alannah & Laura)



Special Mentions

Local Artisan Product: Shankill Honey (Laura)
Product Quality: Evergreen & Amber (Alexis & Juliet)
Innovation: Christastic Hits (Vanessa, Ella & Aimee)
Market Research: Body Scrubs (Megan & Maeve)
Highly Commended: Carry On (Anna & Emily)
Highly Commended: Tinsel Tiles (Aoife & Elise)



Senior Category

1st Place: Just Mix It (Abigail & Lucy)
2nd Place: Hooked In Crochet (Tess)
3rd Place: Pocket Crochet (Freya)
Runner Up: Sweet Beads (Callie & Robin)



Aoibh Richardson



Tabitha Corrigan



Grace McKenna



Photography Club

This week, students in the Photography Club were challenged with the prompt 'The Calm Before' and tasked with capturing a moment that represents quiet, pause, or stillness before something intense or important...such as exams! Well done to everyone who participated. Some shots which really stood out included these by Aoibh Richardson (1st Year), Tabitha Corrigan (2nd Year) and Grace McKenna (1st Year).

New members welcome! If you are interested in joining photography club, please email Ms Flood.



This Week's Basketball Results

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

Minor A won 38-14 vs Loreto Bray
Minor B lost 21-10 vs Holy Child Killiney
Minor B won 24-6 vs Luttrellstown CC

Junior B won 23-14 vs Holy Child Killiney
Junior B won 30-11 vs Luttrellstown CC

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



This Week's Hockey Results

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

1st Year D won 1-0 vs Wesley

Senior 4 won vs Mount Temple, winning on the 12th round of sudden death, and now through to the Leinster play-offs



LEGO League at UCD

Three teams of students took part in the LEGO League regional competition this week in UCD - the LEGO Lads Two (2nd Years), the LEGO Lads Too (a mix of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Years) and the Rainbow Rangers (TY).

LEGO Lads Two won the overall prize, which was for the team who excelled in the four areas of the competition: Core Values, Research Project, Robot Design, and Robot Game.

The Rainbow Rangers team won the Core Values award.

LEGO Lads Two will now progress to the national final on March 21st and compete against the top teams in Ireland for a place in the world finals.

