



Ember Graduation

'You are a light for the world' was the theme as the Ember team gathered this week in DCU with Ember teams from throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin for the Ember Graduation Day.

This memorable day concluded with mass celebrated by Archbishop of Dublin Reverend Dermot Farrell. During this special mass, our Ember team personified this light as Susannah Moir proclaimed a prayer of the faithful, while Sorcha Hargaden, Tiana Murphy and Laragh Hayes acted as Ministers of the Eucharist.

Thank you to all the members of this year's Ember Team for their hard work throughout the school year in fanning the flame of faith through their varied and meaningful initiatives.

- Mr Byrne

Mark Your Calendar

May 9th	Darkness Into Light at Loreto Abbey Dalkey
May 11th	Orientation (1) for incoming 1st Years from 4-6pm
May 15th	Spirit Day
May 19th	6th Year Graduation Mass, Dalkey Parish Church
May 21st	TY Graduation, Killiney Court Hotel
May 25-28th	TY Trip to Italy
May 29th	End of school year
June 3rd	State examinations begin

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



Darkness into Light 2026

Thank you to all who have bought tickets or donated so far for our first Darkness Into Light event for Pieta in Loreto Abbey Dalkey!

Today (Friday May 8th) is the last day to register for our Darkness Into Light event taking place here in school, beginning at 5am tomorrow morning.

If you haven't yet signed up, you can do so using the Payzone link on the school homepage (the link has also been sent via the school app). Tickets are €10 (adults) and €5 (students). Brothers, sisters, grandparents, friends and family are all very welcome to join too!

Alternatively, if you cannot take part but would still like to contribute, **you can donate via the QR code above** or through our fundraising page at <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/s/253460/298995>

To take part in the walk, we kindly ask that everyone register through the Payzone link rather than through the fundraising page.

Thank you for your support! We can't wait to see as many of you as possible to share this special morning and raise much-needed funds for an incredible cause.

- Ms Murray and Ms Coyne



Student Enterprise National Finals

Two outstanding student businesses proudly represented Loreto Abbey Dalkey at the national Student Enterprise Awards in Mullingar on Thursday.

Lucy Heavey and Abigail Charlton (2nd Year) previously won the Intermediate Category for the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown region with their business, Just Mix It. Their innovative product is a sugar-free coffee flavouring which has already proven highly successful and profitable. Lucy and Abigail were also delighted to have their product stocked in Barnhill Stores, where their professionalism and entrepreneurial skills were highly commended.

Emily Cahill (1st Year) also enjoyed great success, winning the Junior Category for the region with her business, Bedhead by Emily. Emily's company produces heatless sock curls, helping customers style their hair in a sustainable and healthy way. Emily places a strong emphasis on quality, ensuring every product she sells is both high quality and sustainable. In addition, Emily has generously donated 50 cent from each sale to the Rapunzel Foundation.

The school community is extremely proud of the creativity, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit shown by all three students and wishes them every success in the future. Well done!



The countdown to Spirit Day 2026 is on!



ARE YOU READY...?!



Wicklow Minor Ladies Camogie

Congratulations to Dearbhla Kinsella (TY) who played for the Wicklow Minor Ladies Camogie team, winning the Minor Camogie Leinster C Cup Final last Saturday (defeating Westmeath 2-10 to 0-14), as well as the Minor Camogie All Ireland B Shield the previous Saturday (beating Carlow 0-7 to 0-6). Well done!

Pilot TY French Exchange Programme

This week we were delighted to welcome our French exchange students back to our school in Dalkey. Matilda Manning and Julia Boland (TY) took part in a pilot exchange programme with the school in St. Hilaire du Harcouët in March. They attended school there for two weeks and also assisted the teachers in the primary school. It was a true test of their linguistic skills and social capabilities. We are so proud of how they represented both themselves and our school in a truly immersive environment. Well done les filles!

This week, two students returned to stay with Matilda and Julia, while 45 other students and five teachers from their school also visited us on Tuesday morning during their week in Dublin. They were most entertained by an interactive Franco-Irish quiz, a tour of the school and its surroundings, as well as a game of le foot!





Work Experience Workshop

Last week, Transition Year students hosted a Work Experience Workshop for our 3rd Year students, offering valuable insight into just some of the opportunities available during the Work Experience TY programme.

Through a series of poster and digital presentations and informal discussions, the TYs shared their personal experiences, outlining the types of work placements they undertook and the skills they developed along the way.

The workshop provided 3rd Years with a clearer understanding of what to expect and helped them begin thinking about their own placements, highlighting the many ways work experience can support personal growth and future career exploration.



East Leinster Athletics

Last week, students participating in athletics travelled to the Morton Stadium in Santry over two days for the East Leinster Athletics competitions. Our students did incredibly well, including taking home multiple medals, wins and PBs across a range of disciplines.

Well done to **Megan Brunt** who came 1st in both the Senior 3000m and the Senior 1500m, **Isabelle Higgins** who came 5th in the Senior 3000m and 6th in the Senior 1500m, **Ella Connor** who came 1st in Junior javelin, **Alessandra Stanley** who came 5th in Junior javelin, **Olatz Cole Garcia** who came 4th in the Junior 800m, **Aoife Smith** who came 6th in the Minor high jump, **Beth Noonan** who came 1st in Junior 100m and 2nd in Junior high jump, **Lulu Slattery** who came 3rd in Inter hammer, **Elise Griffin** who came 1st in Minor 75m hurdles, **Amy O'Brien** who came 4th in Under 16 mile, **Aoife Holland** who came 1st in Minor 100m, **Doireann Doyle** who came 1st in Inter pole vault, **Anna Garrett** who came top 10 in the Minor discus, and **Kate Patchell** who came 5th in Inter 300m.

Well done to the **Minor A relay team** who came 3rd in their heat, and the **Junior A and Inter relay teams** who each came 4th in theirs.

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



Loreto All-Ireland Sailing Championships

Last Friday, our Dalkey sailors took to the seas to take part in the Loreto All-Ireland Sailing Championships. Congratulations to Philippa Arthurs and Chloe Leonard who took home 1st Place, as well as Emma Johnston and Amelia Chapman who took 3rd place. Loreto Abbey Dalkey were also the overall winners, so a huge well done to all who took part!



St Gerard's Sailing Invitational

Congratulations to our four fantastic sailors - Daisy Anglin, Isobelle Gillen, Philippa Arthurs and Emma Johnston - who represented Dalkey in the St Gerard's Invitational Sailing Competition in Greystones Sailing Club on Wednesday. What a fab day on the water!



Schools Beyond Regions & Borders

This week, we travelled to Trento, Italy for a five-day meeting with the Schools Beyond Regions and Borders organisation. This programme connects students with teachers and academics across Europe for cross-border learning. To prepare for the trip, we spent the last few months attending online lectures centered on this year's theme, "Peace is the Path", which gave us a better understanding of how conflict occurs and its effect on the world.

Our schedule in Trento was very busy. We visited the Bell of the Fallen, where Kate read a message of peace from our school in Irish, and we also toured the MiTAG and MUSE museums to learn about the history and geography of the region. Cristina and Lydia officially represented our school during the opening ceremony.

A major part of the trip was presenting our project on water conservation, which we developed using the research and ideas from our online lectures. Lydia was also interviewed by Trentino TV to discuss our project and what we had learned.

We have gained a lot of knowledge through this project, especially by seeing how academic themes like peace and resource management apply to the real world. It was a great experience to represent our school and learn about these important global issues in a professional, international setting.

- Kate McWilliams, Cristina Vilaplana Villarroel,
and Lydia Corley (TY)





Camino Training

What a magical day it was this week as the 5th Years went off for their final Camino training walk in the gorgeous sunshine! The trip will take place in early June and is always a highly anticipated trip for the 5th Years each year.





LAD Cycle Bus

Wednesday's cycle bus was a great success, and thank you to all staff and students (and one parent!) who took part in a beautiful sunny morning cycle to school.

Anyone who saw the convoy gave a wave. Who could miss Ms Coyne in the front of Mr Cullen's cargo bike with a microphone and music...?

Check out the school Instagram page for video of the 2026 Cycle Bus in action!



Summer Concert

Our Summer Night of Music took place this week, bringing together choir, orchestra and music students to perform some of their favourite pieces from throughout the year, as well as performances from our Parent Choir.

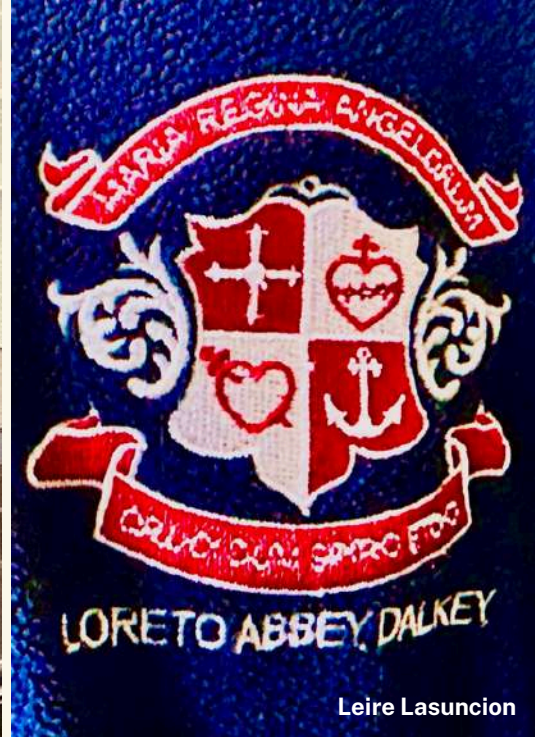
Well done to all who took part, and to those who came to support them!



Laoise Flynn



Ava Brennan



Leire Lasuncion

Photography Club

Today, May 8th, marks the birthday of Henry Dunant, who started the Red Cross movement, so to celebrate World Red Cross Day, the photography club were challenged with photographing something red.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide organisation that helps people in emergencies. The Red Cross helps people who are sick, injured, or affected by disasters and wars. They provide food, medical care, and support to those in need.

Well done to everyone who participated in this week's challenge, with special mention to Laoise Flynn, Ava Brennan and Leire Lasuncion, all in 1st Year.



Loreto All-Ireland Golf Championship

Well done to all our golfers who took part in the Loreto All-Ireland Golf Championship in Bray Golf Club this week. It was an amazing day, with plenty of sunshine and fun.

Congratulations to Vanessa Heap (3rd Year) who came 1st overall in the 9-hole competition, and to the whole team as Dalkey was the overall runner-up team. Well done!



Ember Farewell for the Loreto Sisters

Last Friday evening, the Ember team invited our Loreto sisters to the school for tea, homebaked treats and a presentation to mark their departure from Loreto Abbey later this summer. The students were delighted that Sr Orla Tracey from Loreto Rumbek was also able to join the evening.

The students chatted with the sisters, explaining the year they have had as Ember leaders and explained how meeting the sisters numerous times during the year has left a lasting impact on the group. Sr Berna, the oldest member of the community, spoke warmly of the group and her enjoyment getting to know the team throughout the year.

The students then presented the sisters with a framed prayer they composed and handmade cards as a token of their appreciation. This was a fitting way for the Ember team to celebrate the beginning of May, the month dedicated to Mary.

A Blessing for our Loreto Sisters From the Ember Team Loreto Abbey Dalkey 2025/2026

We gather our hearts in humble thanks for the 183 years of devotion, wisdom, and grace the Loreto Sisters have poured into this sacred space. As they prepare to begin a new chapter of their journey, we reflect on the incredible legacy they leave behind.

We thank you for the vision of Mary Ward, which lived vibrantly through every sister who walked these halls. For nearly two centuries, they have been the heartbeat of our school, shaping minds with truth, nurturing souls with kindness, and teaching us that
"women in time to come will do much."

Lord, bless them as they depart. May they carry with them the joy they have sown in generations of students, and may they feel the abiding love of this community in every step they take. May the Loreto spirit of sincerity, justice, and freedom continue to flourish here as a testament to their labour.

Though their presence in the convent changes, their influence is woven into the very stones of this school and the character of all who have learned here. We entrust them to Your care, knowing that wherever they go, they remain a light that cannot be dimmed.





TY Gaisce Hike

Well done to the TYs who took part in their Bronze Gaisce hike and overnight camping across Thursday and Friday - and to the teachers who accompanied them!

We cordially
invite you to
The
Graduation
Mass of
the Class of
2026

**TUESDAY 19TH
MAY**

At 7pm

The Church of the
Assumption, Dalkey

Followed by a
Reception in
Loreto Abbey



Graduation Mass for Class of 2026

The Graduation Mass for our 6th Year students will take place on Tuesday May 19th at 7pm in The Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, followed by a reception at school.

We look forward to celebrating this graduating class as they prepare for their next adventure!