



## History Trip to the GPO

On Wednesday, half of our 2nd Year classes took the DART into town with their History teachers to visit the award-winning GPO Museum in one of Dublin's most iconic buildings on O'Connell Street.

The students enjoyed a guided tour which focused on The Rising, War of Independence and Civil War, before they experienced the events of Easter Week through an immersive audio-visual display.

The remaining 2nd Year students will enjoy their trip to the GPO Museum next week.

# Mark Your Calendar

Apr 25th	Loreto Annual Dinner, Royal Marine Hotel
May 6th	A Night of Summer Music, Concert Hall
May 7-8th	TY Gaisce Hike
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

This year, we are very excited to host our first Darkness Into Light event for Pieta in Loreto Abbey Dalkey. We would love for students and families to join us on **May 9th at 5am** to walk our school grounds together and watch the sunrise – moving from darkness into light. There will be tea, coffee, and hot chocolate as we enjoy this really special moment overlooking Dalkey Island.

Pieta is an Irish organisation that provides free, professional, one-to-one therapy for people experiencing suicidal thoughts, engaging in self-harm, or bereaved by suicide. They offer 24/7 crisis support and counselling services nationwide. Pieta has been an incredible support for many of our students over the years, and as a school community, we would love to give back and support their vital work going forward.

To take part, please buy a ticket and register via the school's Payzone (a link has been sent via the school app and can also be found under 'Payments' on the school's homepage)

- Adult tickets: €10 (+ an optional €8 for a t-shirt)
- Students: €5 (+ an optional €8 for a t-shirt)

Please note that all t-shirts must be ordered by April 30th to guarantee availability on the morning. You can still sign up after May 1st, but we cannot guarantee a t-shirt.

We can't wait to see as many of you there as possible to share this very special morning together and raise much-needed funds for an incredible cause.



## Loreto Dalkey x Blackrock College Musical

Congratulations to the 2nd Year and TY students who took part in the Blackrock Musical, *Prom Night*, this week. The show was a roaring success with sold out shows on four evenings!



## Village Clean Up for Earth Day

On Wednesday, Ms Flood's 1E class took part in a village clean up for Earth Day. The girls collected rubbish around the school grounds and throughout Dalkey.

Throughout the week, the students had been learning about the importance of looking after the environment, and the clean up was a practical way we could put this into action! It was a valuable and enjoyable experience for all involved.



## Earth Day Quiz

To celebrate Earth Day, the Justice & Peace Committee and two of our Green Schools Prefects, Leah and Francesca, organised a fun and engaging Earth Day Quiz for students. The quiz tested everyone's knowledge of environmental issues, sustainability, and important advocates who work to protect our planet.

There was a good turnout on Friday, with many students (and teachers!) taking part. It was a very educational and worthwhile experience, helping to raise awareness about caring for the environment in an enjoyable way.

Well done to the Justice & Peace Committee for all their hard work in organising the event, and to the Green Schools Prefects for their support and leadership.



## Don't Forget...!

After the success of the recent showcase concerts, a great turnout is expected at April's Monthly Music Monday, which will take place on **Monday next (April 27th) in E01 at 1:10pm.**

Come along to hear other students play some fantastic music, sing or work together to create a musical medley.

All are welcome to attend, just come along to have fun and support your fellow students!





## Loreto Athletics in Clonmel

This week, Team Dalkey and Coach Kate journeyed to Clonmel to take part in the Loreto Athletics, competing against students from Loreto schools around the country.

Well done to all who took part in the individual sports and team relay races, including **Olatz Cole Garcia** (1st Year) who won 2nd place in the Minor 500m, **Alessandra Stanley** (2nd Year) who took 5th place in the Junior 800m, **Isabelle Spencer** (2nd Year) who won silver in the Junior 100m, **Ella Connor** (2nd Year) who won gold in the Javelin with a throw of 28 metres, and **Beth Noonan** (1st Year) who took 1st place in the Minor 100m and 1st place in the Minor Long Jump with a jump of 4.73 metres.

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



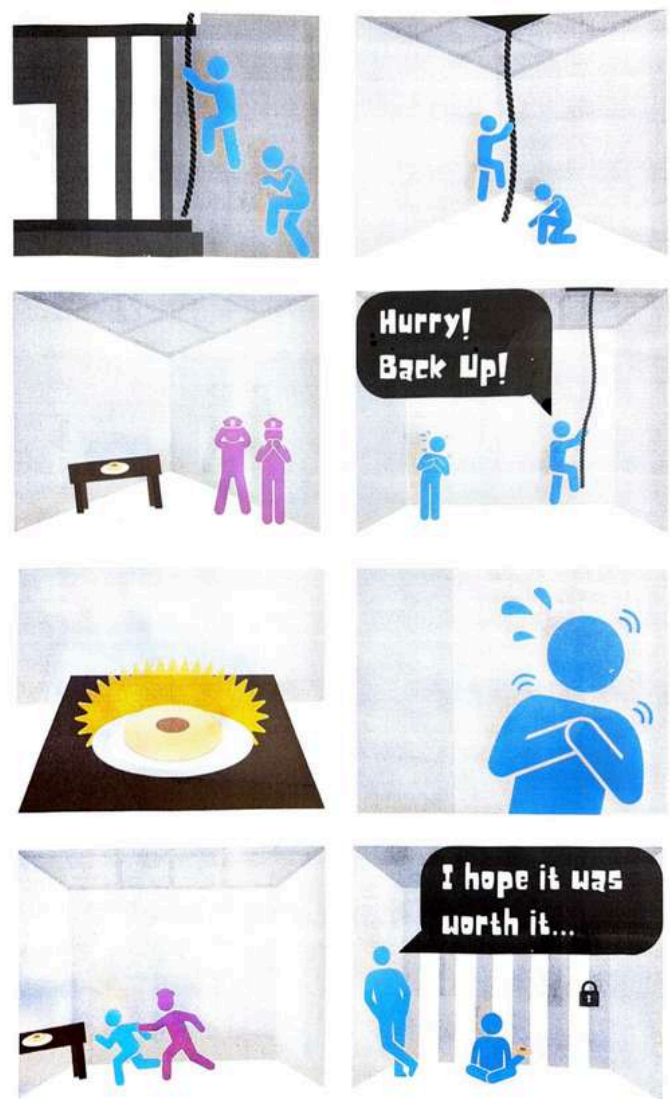
Ava Brennan



Aoibh Richardson



Freyja Bergsson



## Comic Competition

Well done to Ria Noonan in 2nd Year for her original comic which won the recent comic contest.

## Photography Club

This week, to mark Earth Day, the students in the Photography club were asked to take a photo which represented care for the environment and the appreciation of nature.

Well done to everyone who contributed to this week's challenge. Some of this week's highlights belonged to Ava Brennan (1st Year), Aoibh Richardson (1st Year), and Freyja Bergsson (2nd Year).

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





*Reminder*

**LORETO  
ANNUAL DINNER**

FROM 1.30PM - LATE

PROSECCO

DINNER

DANCING

PHOTO BOOTH

LATE NIGHT NIBBLES

**ROYAL MARINE HOTEL  
25TH APRIL 2026**



## Croke Park Skyline Tour

On Friday, the Transition Years put their head for heights into action and enjoyed some spectacular views over Dublin with a visit to the Croke Park GAA Museum and Skyline Tour.

Located right in the heart of the city, this thrilling rooftop walkway is Dublin's highest open-viewing platform (at 17 stories high) and offers breathtaking panoramic views from the mountains to the sea.



# Loreto All-Ireland Tennis Championships

Congratulations to our **Junior 1 tennis team** who took home the title of Loreto All-Ireland Tennis champions this week and to the **Minor 1 team** who took third place. Well done!



## This Week's Tennis Results

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

Minor 1 lost vs Loreto Foxrock  
Minor 2 lost vs Holy Faith Clontarf  
Minor 3 lost 2-1 vs Presentation Kilkenny  
Minor 4 won 2-1 vs Portmarnock CS  
Minor 5 lost 2-1 vs Loreto Foxrock

Junior 1 won 3-0 vs Loreto on the Green  
Junior 2 won 3-0 vs Muckross  
Junior 3 won vs Rathdown  
Junior 4 won 3-0 vs Drogheda Grammar  
Junior 6 won 2-1 vs Teresians

Senior 1 won 3-0 vs Drogheda Grammar



# Trinity Scholar Award

Congratulations to past pupil Emma Wilson (Class of 2024) who was announced as one of 89 new Trinity Scholars this week. Emma is studying Law and History.

Becoming a Trinity Scholar is a major achievement for which 2nd Year students must perform exceptionally well in the 'Schols' exams, while also maintaining their usual course work. Each Scholar is entitled to a range of benefits for up to five years, including free accommodation on campus.

Previous Trinity Scholars include former President Dr Mary Robinson, novelist Sally Rooney, award-winning director Lenny Abrahamson and Nobel Prize-winning writer Samuel Beckett.



## Music Showcase

This week saw the second of three fantastic music showcases where students sang and performed for their peers. Thursday's audience of 2nd and 5th Years were treated to solo singing and instrumental performances, as well as pieces from the choir and music groups. Well done to all who took part!

Next Thursday will see the final showcase for the 1st Years and TYs. This will all culminate in 'A Night of Summer Music' on May 6th, which is open to parents and families to attend and is always a highly enjoyable evening.

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SUGGEST MORE SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS IF FACED WITH A COSTUME THAT IS SOLELY SINGLE USE

## SUSTAINABLE SPIRIT DAY 2026 !!

WORK TOWARDS HAVING THE MOST SUSTAINABLE COSTUME FOR PRIZES !!

AVOID THE EASY OPTION OF SHEIN OR TEMU 👎👎

USE CLOTHES YOU ALREADY HAVE OR UPCYCLE OLD CLOTHES

ONLY BUY SOMETHING NEW IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE IT AGAIN



## 5 Smart Ways to Save Energy at Home

The Electricity Association of Ireland has produced a guide this week looking at how to save electricity. Small changes in habits can make a real difference to both your energy bills and the environment.

### Avoid Peak-Time Electricity (5pm–7pm)

Electricity is most expensive in the early evening. Try to delay using appliances like ovens, showers, and washing machines until later in the evening.

### Take Advantage of Night Rates

Electricity is cheapest at night (around 11pm–8am). Use timers to run dishwashers or washing machines overnight where possible.

### Cut Down on High-Energy Appliances

Appliances that produce heat (like dryers, kettles, and electric showers) use the most electricity. Reducing usage—even slightly—can lower costs.

### Choose Energy-Efficient Appliances

When replacing appliances, look for high energy ratings (A-rated). They use less electricity and save money over time.

### Track Your Usage with a Smart Meter

Smart meters help you see when you use the most electricity, making it easier to change habits.



## Junior A Basketball

Hard luck to the Junior A basketball team who lost out in their All Ireland Quarter Final play-offs this week to Presentation Kilkenny and OLSPCK Belfast.

This marks the end of the season for the girls who finished the year as Loreto Junior A champions, All Ireland Quarter Finalists and Leinster Semi Finalists. Well done!

## The countdown to Spirit Day 2026 is on!



## Cricket Leinster

Well done to Jessica Duffy-Mullen (2nd Year) who played for Cricket Leinster last week. Jessica captained the Leinster U13 team last year, and this year plays on the U15 team and will play in the Interpros in July.

