



## Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Prize for Poetry

Loreto Abbey Dalkey past pupil Ms Enda Wyley has been awarded the prestigious Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Prize for Poetry, marking a significant achievement in her distinguished literary career. She is pictured receiving the award from President Ms Catherine Connolly at an event held in Trinity College Dublin this week. The prize honors both the literary achievement of the poet and their contribution to the community of writers in Ireland.

Ms Wyley is also pictured with two of her former English teachers from Loreto Abbey, Ms Brenda O'Neill and Ms Eva O'Sullivan, whom she acknowledges as important influences on her development as a writer. A former poet-in-residence at Loreto Abbey, she has inspired many students to discover and develop their own poetic voice.

An accomplished poet, Ms Wyley has published six collections to date, her most recent work, *Sudden Light*, having been released in October 2025.

*Photos: University of St Thomas photographer Shane O'Neill*

# 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 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

## World Irish Dancing Championships

Huge congratulations to Alice Brady in 2nd Year who placed 21st in the U15 category at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Chicago over the Easter break, from 45th place the previous year.

Alice also competed in the U16 and U19 team events, where they placed 5th and 4th place respectively. Alice is currently ranked 3rd in Leinster. Well done!



## From Bangor to Tangier

Fantastic results for Philippa Arthurs in 1st Year who placed 3rd in the Irish Sailing Youth Nationals in the Optimist Class over a four-day event earlier this month. This was the selection event for the 2026 National Teams.

Philippa will now compete on the five-person Optimist Worlds Team for Ireland, travelling to compete in the IODA Optimist World Championship to be held in Tangier, Morocco from the 18th to 28th June 2026. Good luck Philippa!

*Photo from Philippa's 1<sup>st</sup> place win earlier this year at the India International Regatta 2026*

# WELL DONE!



## School Music Showcase

This week saw the first of three fantastic music showcase concerts where students sang and performed for their peers. Thursday's audience of 3rd and 6th 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!

The next two Thursdays will see similar entertaining showcases for the 2nd and 5th Years, and then 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.



## Justice & Peace Competition Success

On Thursday, the Justice and Peace Committee had a meeting over Zoom where they received the results of the Loreto JPIC “Thinking and Acting Justly” competition.

During this meeting they discussed the entries and learned from other Justice and Peace teams across Loreto schools. With schools from all over Ireland taking part, they were delighted that their project, “From Dalkey to Rumbek”, placed third.

In their submission they aimed to highlight the strong sense of Loreto sisterhood by bridging the gap between our school in Dalkey and our Loreto sisters in Rumbek, South Sudan. The video compiled, which was shown at Dalkey’s Got Talent, raised awareness and encouraged donations for our sister school. The girls are very thankful to Ms Coyne for her help and for sharing her footage and experience from her visit, which made the project possible.

A special thanks to Aida Hughes who led the presentation and played a key role in the application.



**Reminder**  
**LORETO**  
**ANNUAL DINNER**  
**FROM 1.30PM - LATE**  
 PROSECCO  
 DINNER  
 DANCING  
 PHOTO BOOTH  
 LATE NIGHT NIBBLES  
**ROYAL MARINE HOTEL**  
**25TH APRIL 2026**

## WELL DONE

Well done to **all our Leaving Cert students** who completed their language orals in Irish, French, Spanish, German and Mandarin Chinese over the Easter break.

Congratulations to the **Leaving Cert music students** who completed their practical exams today!

Also, well done to the **Junior Cert Home Ec students** who started their practical exams this week.

## A Resilient Mindset

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome back Global Learning and Development Leader, Sacha Dekker. She spoke to our 6th Years about maintaining a resilient mindset as they approach their exams in June.

Her journey from paralysis to walking on The Great Wall of China was not only inspiring, but also offered valuable life lessons our students can take with them as they venture out into the world.



## Tips for Fuel-Efficient Driving

With the recent sharp increase in fuel costs, small changes in driving habits can make a big difference. Here are 5 simple and effective tips from our Green Schools Committee which can reduce fuel consumption by around 10% and save you money:

### **Maintain a steady, moderate speed**

Driving faster significantly increases fuel use due to air resistance. For example, a car travelling at 120km/h uses 20% more fuel than the same car at 100km/h. Most vehicles are at their most efficient between 80-100km/h. Using cruise control on longer journeys to maintain a consistent speed.

### **Accelerate and brake smoothly**

Frequent harsh acceleration and sudden braking waste fuel and reduce efficiency. Anticipating traffic conditions, such as slowing gradually when approaching junctions, helps maintain momentum. Studies suggest that smoother driving alone can reduce fuel consumption by up to 10%.

### **Use higher gears and keep revs low**

Driving in a lower gear than necessary increases engine workload and fuel use. Shifting into higher gears earlier and keeping engine revs low improves efficiency.

### **Check tyre pressure and maintenance**

Under-inflated tyres increase rolling resistance, meaning the engine must work harder. Keeping tyres at the correct pressure can improve fuel efficiency and safety. Regular servicing such as checking oil, air filters, and engine condition also helps ensure the car runs as efficiently as possible.

### **Reduce vehicle weight and avoid idling**

Extra weight in the car, such as unused items in the boot, increases fuel consumption. Roof racks also create drag and can raise fuel use. In addition, idling (leaving the engine running while parked) uses fuel without moving the vehicle; turning off the engine when stationary can prevent this waste.

## Weightlifting Workshop

Mr Monaghan and Ms Sutton's 5th Year exam PE classes are taking part in the Weightlifting Ireland Women in Sport Olympic Weightlifting module.

This gives the girls the opportunity to become more familiar with using barbells, learning new weightlifting skills, and preparing for their projects in 6th Year.



## Barnham: The Musical

On Thursday, 14 music students from 1st, 2nd and 4th Year went to see Barnum: The Musical in the Bord Gáis Theatre. It catalogued the life of P.T. Barnum, the “Great American Showman”, through choreography, acting, aerial performances and incredible music. There was phenomenal talent on display. It was an amazing day out and everyone went away smiling!

- Ria Noonan (2nd Year)



## Loreto League Champs

Well done to our Minor 4 hockey team who won their Loreto League final vs Loreto Beaufort earlier this week. You played brilliantly this year and it was a well-deserved win!



## Scoop GAA Cup

Well done to our 3rd and 4th Year GAA players who took part in the Scoop Cup in UCD this week.

The best part? The Scoop Ice Cream vouchers they received as prizes!



# TY Language Tours

This week, our TY French and Spanish students attended guided walking tours of Dublin City conducted through either French or Spanish. The weather held up for the most part, and guide Alan brought the students to little known places of interest in our city. The girls' knowledge of Irish was also tested as he presented some interesting linguistic connections between all three languages.

It was an entertaining and interactive tour, capped off by a highly competitive quiz with the winners returning home with two coveted t-shirts!





## 1st Year GAA

Well done to our 1st Year GAA team who won their match this week against Teresians with a score of 9-7 to 1-4

# WELL DONE

Congratulations to all students who received merits in recent weeks. Parents are invited to log in to VSWare to see their child's attendance and merits.

The countdown to Spirit Day 2026 is on!



## This Week's Tennis Results

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

Minor 1 won 2-1 vs St Andrew's  
 Minor 2 won vs Holy Faith Clontarf  
 Minor 3 won 2-1 vs Alexandra College  
 Minor 5 won 3-0 vs Holy Child Killiney  
 Minor 6 lost 2-1 vs Our Lady's Terenure



Junior 1 won 3-0 vs Teresians  
 Junior 2 lost 2-1 vs Teresians J1  
 Junior 4 lost 2-1 vs Santa Sabina J1  
 Junior 5 won 2-1 vs Mount Anville

# Lourdes Fundraising

Next September, five of our 5th Year students will be travelling to Lourdes to aid elderly and sick pilgrims. This requires huge fundraising, which has been ongoing since January.

We have organised bake sales, raffles and selling LAD t-shirts in order to raise enough money. We would like to thank you all of the continued support. Remember to keep an eye on your emails about another bake sale soon and to collect your t-shirts next week!

Congrats to the raffle winners Zoe Hanley (1st Year), Nell Noone (6th Year), and Lucy Cantillon (6th Year) who won our amazing Easter prizes.

- Lily McDonald (5th Year)



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NICOLE MATTFELD

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## Charity Choral Concert in Glasthule

On Wednesday May 13th, our school choir will take part in a charity concert at St Joseph's Church, Glasthule to raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society.

This special collaboration featuring our own school choir, who will open the concert and also perform the finale alongside the wonderful Alma College Choir from Michigan, promises to be a beautiful night of choral music, held in memory of Fathers Billy Farrell and Dennis Kennedy.

All donations and support are welcome, and we would love to see you on the night!

