

# DalkeyDiary

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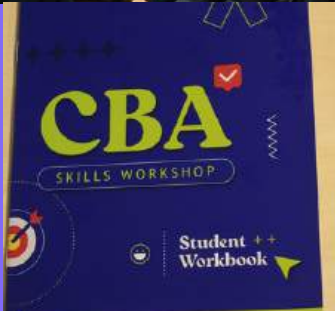
Comet 'A3' over Dalkey  
18th October 2024

## WEEKLY ROUND UP

### 6th Years at King Lear



### 2nd Year CBA Workshops



### Parents' Association AGM & Seminar with Declan Coyle

## MILLENNIA AGO

80,000 years ago, a comet appeared in the skies above during a time known as prehistory when humans roamed the planet during what must have been a calamitous and chaotic period to exist. Fast forward to 2024 and the same comet, now identified as 'A3' and hailed by some as the comet of the century, appeared over Dalkey. In the same week, our 6th Year Art class stepped back in time to the Neolithic Age when they visited Newgrange as part of their studies. Visiting the passage tomb and attached centre was an eye opening experience for our students who witnessed the intricacy of the architecture designed and built by their ancient ancestors. Thank you to Ms Hannigan and Ms McBride for organising this invaluable trip.



## MATHS WEEK

Well done to our Second Year Mathematicians who raised awareness about how Maths can be explored through a variety of different media including poetry, rap and data collection. Thank you to Ms Ryan and the Maths Department.





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### COMING UP IN TY

- 21st October: European Space Agency Seminar
- 22nd October: Strictly Come Dancing
- 23rd October: Leadership Conversations with Minister Catherine Martin T.D

### TY FIRST AID



## A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

A sea of yellow beanies, dry robes and hot water bottles descended on Loreto Dalkey on the evening of Friday 11th of October, as many of our TY students settled down to sleep under the stars for the night.

The sponsored sleep out was in aid of Focus Ireland, an organisation that provides services for people who are homeless in Ireland. Our TYs arrived at the school at 7pm. Bundled with sleeping bags and camping chairs, they were met with a sea of twinkling Christmas lights, crackling fire pits and music. By 10pm, spirits were high and the hats and gloves were piled on. The dancing, singing and games started, and marshmallows were taken out to be roasted over the fire pits.

By 2am, the last layers were laid, the music was turned off, and the cold reality of homelessness set in as the students struggled to get to sleep. Hands and feet started to turn numb as the temperature dropped to 4 degrees. I remember the strong smell of smoke from the fire pits in the air, and how uncomfortable and cold the conditions were as we tried to sleep.

At 6:30am the next morning, before sunrise, the TYs woke up and the cleanup began. Lights were taken down and deck chairs were folded up. The exhausted TYs and teachers celebrated the success of their sleepout together and then headed home to bed. Overall, the sleepout was an enjoyable bonding experience and gave us all an insight into how hard it is being homeless, and how lucky we are to have a home. Thank you to Ms Coyne, Mr Dunne, Ms Byrne, Mr Flanagan and all of the teachers who gave of their time for this worthwhile cause.

by Kate Holland, 4C



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## Sports Round Up Hockey



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## There's Something Brewing....

### TERRIFYING TALES

👻 Open writing competition! 🎃

Spookiest Tale wins a **PRIZE!!**

Handwrite (or print out) a tale of your **GREATEST FEAR**

Or... **HORROR STORY** Of your creation!

Your **TERRIFYING TALE** can be put into the envelope left outside the office from **MONDAY** 🎃

All entries will be displayed outside the office on Friday!

Entries can be an **A4 page max** 🎃

### FILM CLUB

Now Showing

**OCTOBER 23**  
13.20

LECTURE THEATRE

### HALLOWEEN CREEPY CAKES

Decorate a cake in groups or by yourself and leave them in Ms. Trant's H.E room from Thursday 24th. They will be judged by lunch time on Friday and you can collect them again at lunch. Please leave your cake with some sort of cover on it and a name and year group. There will be a prize for the winner and different age groups to make it fair. Can't wait to see the cakes!

### PETRIFYING PUMPKINS CARVING COMPETITION

YOU CAN BRING THEM IN WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF IN THE A CORRIDOR RELAXATION AREA ( A CORRIDOR BEAN BAGS)

THERE WILL BE 3 PRIZES!

MAKE IT AS CREATIVE AND HALLOWEEN THEMED AS YOU WANT!

### SPOOKY SNAPS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Take a picture of anything Halloween related

**PLENTY OF PRIZES TO BE WON!!!**

Deadline: **Friday 25th**

Send it to photography club @loretolabbeydalkeyto

FIG-COLLAGE

Our Student Council have lots of creative fun in store for students next week. We encourage every student to take part in at least one of the activities. The 'Halloween Rock' will take place on Friday lunchtime and students can strut their stuff in their Halloween costumes to the 'Monster Mash' with plenty of prizes to be won.



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### Swimming Loreto School Gala

### Champions 2024

