

DalkeyDiary

LORETO ABBEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

SKJALDMÆR

8th Century Ireland heralded the arrival of the Vikings and with them came skjaldmaer or shield maidens. The fact that the Norse language defined women as such indicates their significance in society at that time. Viking women were warriors, oversaw territories and were forces to be reckoned with according to the School of Irish Archaeology who invited our First Year historians to interact with artefacts and excavate the ruins of a replica Viking settlement. From animal skulls, to Viking jewellery to shields, our First Years enjoyed this educational experience. Thank you to Mr Oman.

UPDATES



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OPEN EVENING

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 4-7PM



6TH CLASS PUPILS & THEIR PARENTS
ARE WELCOME TO
OUR SCHOOL FOR TOURS ON
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- Our Open Evening will take place on Monday 30th September for prospective 6th Class pupils and their parents from 4-7pm. We are delighted that students will be leading tours and demonstrating subjects that evening.
- The Parents' Association will host their AGM followed by a seminar by Dr Richard Hogan in the Lecture Theatre on Wednesday 16th October 2024.





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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN TY

This week our TYs focused on skills development, beginning with a visit from the Gaisce President's Award advisor who outlined the multifaceted benefits to participating in the Bronze Award. This involves four strands of self development including a physical skill, a personal skill, community involvement and an adventure journey. Ms Mulcahy is leading Gaisce this year and students may access details regarding this worthwhile pursuit on our TY Year Google Classroom.

Furthermore, TYs attended the World Skills Day in the RDS this week where they had the opportunity to explore different career paths from engineering to the Army.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK IN TY

- TY Students will rotate into new modules from Monday 30th September in Finance, Sustainability Studies, Art, Music, Journalism and Development Education.
- First Aid courses begin on Monday 30th September for 4A & part of 4F followed by 4B on Tuesday 1st October.
- Retreats begin for TY classes next week beginning with 4C.

IPAD WORKSHOP



Thank you to Mr Hughes, our Digital Coordinator for providing parents of First Years with a workshop on iPads. Thank you also to our TY Catering Crew who managed the event.



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Inspirational Women: Soraya Tarzi

Soraya Tarzi was born on November 24th 1899 in Damascus, Syria into a well known family. She was the daughter of a well known poet and politician, Sardâr Mahmug Beg Tarzi. Soraya Tarzi was the first queen of Afghanistan and played a major part in rights and emancipation for women. *“Do you think, however, that our nation from the outset needs only men to serve it?”* Tarzi believed that women were just as capable as men and actively supported women’s rights.

It was risky for Soraya to fight for women’s rights in Afghanistan, as women were viewed as vulnerable and generally inferior in society. However, as the 1920’s came around, women began to see a brighter future because of Soraya’s actions. Soraya was one of the most influential women in Afghan history. Queen Soraya encouraged women to get an education and went as far as opening the first primary school for girls in Kabul known as The Masturat School in 1921.



It is clear that Soraya believed in the potential for the future of women and cared deeply for their mental and physical health. This led her to opening the first hospital for women, The Masturat Hospital only three years later in 1924.

These were huge developments and accomplishments for a female leader. It is heartbreaking to think of the progress Soraya Tarzi made for the women of her beloved homeland, which the Taliban are now determined to undo. Her enduring legacy as a leader, through her improvements to education and healthcare, is proof that when women have the opportunity to lead, everyone in society benefits. By giving women access to education, Tarzi did what many considered to be impossible in Afghanistan at the time. It might feel impossible right now that things will change again for the women of Afghanistan, but Soraya Tarzi reminds us that if the impossible was possible then, it is possible now.

By Rachel McNally O’Rourke, TY Journalism

GeoArt



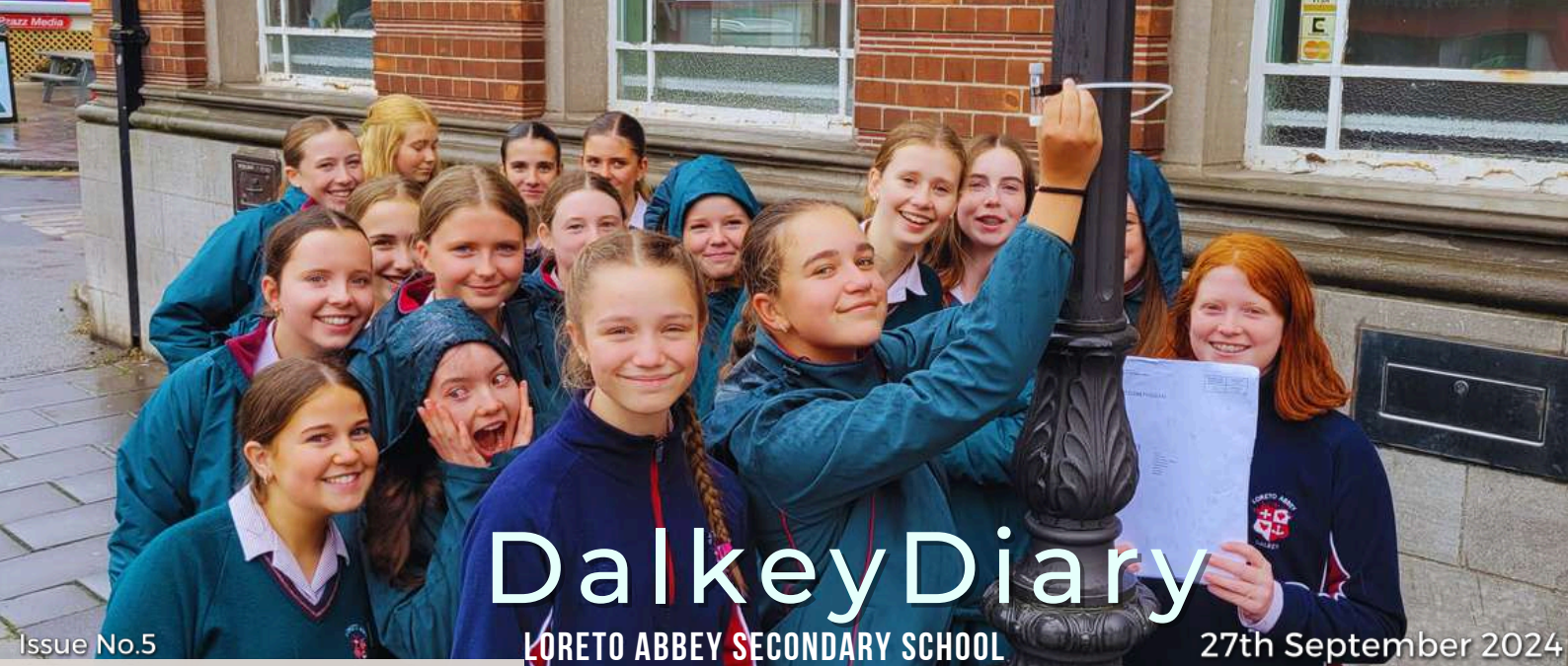
Fusing 190 individual photos of our school taken from a drone to create a high resolution image of our campus is what Ian Kiely of dronespace.ie presented us with this week and can be viewed above or in our Reception.



#andshecycles

The physical and social benefits of cycling are well known, however, the #andshecycles movement is a new response to address the gender gap in teenage cycling in Ireland. This program aims to create student leaders who will take action to enable and empower teenage girls to cycle to school and on a regular basis. Thank you to Mr Cullen for organising a cycle bus to school for both students and teachers.





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Sports Round Up Hockey



Golf



Air Quality Testing

How clean is the air that you breathe in Dalkey? This week 2E set out to test the air quality in Dalkey by placing test tubes in three locations on poles 2 metres about ground level. One on the village main street, one at the junction of Loreto Avenue and Harbour Road on one on our new flag poles. The tubes will record the level of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in the air between the 25th September and the 23rd October. We look forward to 2E's report at the end of October and thank you to Mr Oman for organising this initiative.



St. Andrew's College Chess Tournament

Karaoke, Just Dance and origami were just some of the fun aspects at the St Andrew's College Chess Tournament today. Emily Bradbury, Charlotte Hannon, Cristina Villaplana Villaroel and Niamh O'Toole represented Loreto Dalkey at this exciting event which saw over 60 teams participate from over 20 schools nationally. Well done to all of our Chess players and thank you to Ms McBreen for leading this co-curricular initiative.

