



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 3rd February: Bank Holiday, school closed
- Thursday 6th February: 3rd Year Mock Examinations Begin
- Monday 10th February: 5th Year Examinations Begin
- Tuesday 11th February: 1st & 2nd Year Examinations Begin
- 5th Year Parents' Evening, Royal Yacht Club, Dún Laoghaire

## ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

Having been put through their paces at the Dragons' Den, Judges' Evening last week, our budding businesswomen were celebrated at our YES Awards Ceremony this week. We would like to commend all of our YES participants this year for their innovative ideas and encourage our students to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations. Congratulations to the following students, some of whom will now represent our school in the Regional Finals:

2025 Junior	Entrepreneurs	Business Name
1st	Scented Hand Warmers	Kate Brady, Freida McCarthy, Ella Conner
2nd	The Lilypad Crochet	Freya Sweeney
3rd	Puppet Socks	Eryn McGrane
Runner Up	Sew Cute	Ria Noonan
Runner Up	Doughy Delights	Sophia Roberts



Intermediate		
1st	Perfect Gifts for you	Ellen Lynch & Robyn Stafford
2nd	Gift Wrapping kits	Aisling Byrne & Dolreann Doyle
3rd	Croc Charms & Keychains	Brooke Kilcoyne & Georgia Rigby



Senior		
Winner	Selling own Artwork	Naomi Thomas
<b>Special Mention Awards</b>		
Commerical	Burr Bottles	Abigail Charlton, Lucy Heavey, Laoise Randles
Creativity	Bracelets & Photo Book	Sarah Stones, Isabelle Spencer
Marketing & Sustainability	T&S Scrunchies	Matilda Kenward, Stephanie Paul





24th January 2025



## St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house  
 wherein you dwell.  
 Bless every fireside,  
 every wall and door.  
 Bless every heart  
 that beats beneath its roof.  
 Bless every hand  
 that toils to bring it joy.  
 Bless every foot  
 that walks its portals through.  
 May Brigid bless the house  
 that shelters you.



## ST BRIGID'S BLESSING

Community is keenly felt in the small acts that show others we are thinking of them. This week our 5th Years weaved St Brigid's crosses, not only in honour of St Brigid of Kildare, but also to give back to the wider Dalkey community. The EMBER group had the privilege of distributing the crosses in Dalkey Church after Fr David had blessed them. Our group of student leaders were delighted to visit the Sisters in the convent and deliver crosses to them. Thank you to the EMBER group and Mr P.Byrne.



## IN MEMORY OF EVE MCCARTHY

'Shine bright little fighter, This dark world needs your glow'. This week we remembered our past pupil, Eve McCarthy, by planting a willow tree in the school grounds. Thank you to our 5th Years.



## Congratulations

To Emma Wilson, Amelia Gulliver and Nessa Penny Galvin on receiving Trinity Entrance Exhibition Awards in recognition of their academic achievement in the Leaving Certificate. We wish them every success.







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## TY NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday 4th February: TY Leadership Conversations with Criminal Court Judge, Ms Jennifer O'Brien
- Thursday 6th February: iWish RDS
- Friday 7th February: Seminar with polar explorer, Alex Hibbert, who is flying in from London for the event

## TY ROUND UP

In addition to 4D, 4E and 4F engaging in their Routine Hair Workshops this week, TYs also engaged in a seminar led by Ms Ellen Gunning from Meta Communications, prepared for Junk Kouture and started planning for Spirit Day 2025. Well done to all of our TYs who attended the inter Loreto planning meeting for the Sprint for South Sudan which will take place in all Loreto schools on Friday 7th March, followed by our whole community day on Saturday 8th March.

Our TYs will be engaging in a Literary Drive in the coming weeks and months whereby they will be working on an interschool project with Loreto Primary, called the 'Write a Book' project and also having weekly library classes. This will ease students' transition from Junior to Senior Cycle in terms of broadening their comprehension and language skills.

## FIRST YEAR UPDATES

This week our First Years attended a Railway Safety talk delivered by Iarnród Éireann on how to safely use our public DART system. Thank you to Ms Ryan.



First Years have also begun engaging in our Accelerated Reader Programme by completing a Star Reading Test. This will enable us to ascertain what would best suit students to read given their current reading level. Students will then undertake a quiz each time they finish reading a novel in order to test their comprehension and awareness of language.







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## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO DONATE TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?



JIGSAWS

BOARD GAMES



CRAFT MATERIALS



BOOKS



CARD GAMES

Our Amazon library wish list is also still active (link sent in the parent app)

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



WHO AM I AS A PARENT?

RICHARD HOGAN

The Parents' Association present family psychotherapist Richard Hogan, author of 'Parenting the Screenager' who will speak about parental identity in the 21st century.

THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL 2025  
7:30PM CONCERT HALL



Best of luck to all of our swimmers in this weekend's Gala!



## SOCCER