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## UPDATES

- Thursday 21st November: First Year Basketball Trip to the National Basketball Arena 4-8.30pm
- Thursday 21st November 7.30pm: In November, We Remember Mass for the Bereaved, Loreto Abbey
- Friday 6th December: P.A Coffee Morning for Parents of First Years

## CAO INFORMATION EVENING

We were delighted to welcome parents of 6th Years to our CAO Information Evening on Thursday 14th November. Ms Brophy provided an invaluable insight into the CAO process and parents of 6th Years have received the presentation via the app. Thank you to Ms Brophy and Ms Shortt for organising this informative evening.



## CHAIN REACTION

Pyromania is not something to be encouraged, however, in the name of Science, this week Mr Cullen held a fireball in his hands. There is no photoshopping here, our 6th Year Scientists, Ms Scott and Mr Cullen, turned water into wine, demonstrated how electricity will run into the earth, however, not if you are standing on a chair and created elephant toothpaste. Our Second and Third Years were fascinated by the experiments and hopefully will be inspired to pursue a future in STEM. Thank you to Ms Scott, Mr Cullen and our 6th Year Scientists.







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## LORETO SEVILLE EXCHANGE

The Loreto Seville Exchange is a well established modern language interschool programme organised by Ms Freyne and Ms Jordan. Each year in Third Year, students of Spanish have the opportunity to apply to participate in this programme. Loreto Dalkey students who are successful in the application process, will be paired with a student from our sister school Loreto Seville. They will each spend a month in each other's schools and homes. Ms Freyne and Ms Jordan will provide more details to current Third Year students in the coming months.



## UCD DEBATES



Well done to Maja Surmacz and India Bagot who participated in the UCD Debates this week during which they debated the topic of cancel culture. Thank you to Ms Hayes.

## BLUE DAY

Students were encouraged to wear a blue accessory on 'Blue Day' to raise awareness about Diabetes which is a condition that affects many people in Ireland. Thank you to Mr Cullen.



## SHARON'S WEB

'All I want for Christmas is.....a pet tarantula! Sharon enthralled the First Years today with her agility as they queued, some with glee and some with trepidation, to have this nimble tarantula from Dave's Jungle, perch on their heads. Our new furry friend was preceded by an appearance by Brian, the Burmese Python. Although 10 feet long and weighing 17 kilos, this did not deter our First Years from lifting him up while he attempted to slither away. Pinchy, the scorpion, was the least attractive potential pet parents will be happy to hear, mainly because she had eaten her young. However, Patrick the chameleon more than compensated for his companion's lack of charm by happily posing for photos before attempting to scoot quietly away. Thank you to the Science Department for organising this zoological experience for our First Years.







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## TY Update

### Parents' Association Coffee Morning

We were delighted to welcome parents of Transition Years for a Coffee Morning this Friday. Thank to Ms Denise Evans and Mr Kelvin Gillen, the TY P.A Representatives who organised a raffle of a beautiful Christmas wreath which raised €200 for Loreto Rumbek. Thank you also to our TY Catering Crew who organised no less than three events this week.



## Stand Up Awareness Week

This week we rose awareness about the significance of allyship during Stand Up Awareness Week. Our SPHE Support put a pep in students' steps with music and treats at the school gate along with a poster competition. Thank you to Ms Bailey, Ms Murray and the SPHE Support group.

We were also delighted to award our Amigas with their badges, these students will be our anti bullying ambassadors for 2024/'25.



## Recycle It for Rumbek

Our sustainable and charitable initiative, led by Mr Oman and the TY Sustainability Studies classes, is beginning to bear fruit. As a school, we have recycled almost 1,000 bottles that otherwise may have ended up in landfill and simultaneously raised €185 for Loreto Rumbek through the bottle return scheme. We are delighted to see that our students are recycling their used bottles in the correct bins. However, we encourage everyone to use reusable containers where possible.





# Photography Club

Tess Hallinan Suarez, 1C



Maja Surmacz, 2A



# Sports Round Up Hockey



# Soccer

