



Dalkey Diary

UPCOMING EVENTS

YES CHRISTMAS MARKET

- Tuesday 17th Dec. 7pm: Christmas Carol Service, Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, musicians, choir and readers required for both the daytime and evening performance
- Wed.18th Dec.: 1st Year Basketball Trip to Bray Bowl
- Thursday 19th Dec.: Dalkey's Got Talent, Concert Hall, 3.45pm for 5th & 6th Years, parents and family. Tickets available via EasyPayments on our website
- 9th Jan.: 5th Year Parent, Teacher, Student Meeting, 4.15-6.45pm, student to attend with parent/s

From hand printed t-shirts, to carefully crafted cinnamon decorations to, lavender scented candles, there was something for everyone at this year's YES Christmas Market in the Concert Hall. This year's young entrepreneurs were notable for their craft skills with crochet, sewing and knitted items abounding. The next stage of this enterprising journey will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 5pm when the students will present their business reports at the Dragons' Den Judges Evening. Thank you to Ms Gleeson and the YES Parents' Committee for organising and supporting our budding businesswomen.



Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey

Presents

Dalkey's Got TALENT

Thursday 19th December

Tickets On Sale Now Via Easy Payments
www.loretoabbeydalkey.com

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| SHOW FOR 1ST & 2ND | 9.30AM |
| SHOW FOR 3RD & 4TH | 12.30PM |
| SHOW FOR 5TH, 6TH, PARENTS & FAMILY | 3.45PM |



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LIBRARY

Thank You!

125

BOOKS DONATED

WE HAVE REACHED OUR FIRST MILESTONE!

PLEASE DONATE A BOOK FROM THE WISH LIST
(OR SECOND-HAND) TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

HOSPICE FOOD COLLECTION



Thank you to all of our parents and students who contributed so generously to our food appeal for the Hospice. The food donations were gratefully collected by volunteers from the Hospice this week and will be distributed to the sick in Dublin's inner city.

SECOND YEAR BOAT BONANZA

Speedboats, drones, an island....queue the 1962 Monty Norman soundtrack, it all sounds like a scene from James Bond. However, it was actually our Second Year wellbeing trip courtesy of the Irish National Sailing School who whisked our crew past our school, around Dalkey Island and along the coast. Thank you to Ms Coyne and Ms Gallagher for organising this memorable event.



DEBATING

'Nothing is so unbelievable that oratory cannot make it acceptable'. Cicero identified the challenge debaters face, to persuade the audience to support their motion irrespective of their own personal opinions. This week debating was in full flight with both Concern and Gael Linn debates taking place. The former group opposed the motion against John Scottus School that 'Feeding the world is increasingly beyond humanity's reach' while the latter group also opposed their motion against De La Salle Macroom that 'Is cur amú ama í an idirbhliain'. Thank you to Ms Galvin and Bean Murdock for preparing the students.





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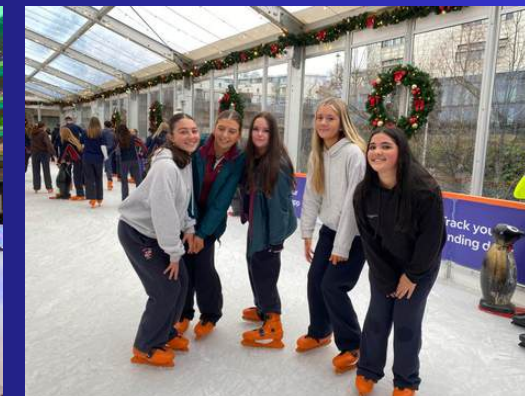
TY UPCOMING EVENTS

Students are currently working on their Folder of Achievement and need to ensure that they are up to date with all of their Weekly Challenges and Reflections:

- Tuesday 17th December: Carol Service
- Wednesday 18th December: Cinema Trip
- Thursday 19th December: Dalkey's Got Talent

DANCING ON ICE

We were delighted to welcome our Transition Year students back to school this week after completing successful work experience placements. Thank you to Ms Liz McEvoy, from the Marie Keating Foundation for providing TYs with an informative seminar on the risks associated with alcohol and drug use. Our students were then ferried to Dundrum on Ice where they glided gracefully around the ice rink with their Year group. If this was not exercise enough, 31 of our TYs attended the Sports Ireland Campus to experience a taster of the Leaving Cert P.E programme while the rest of adventurers enjoyed an afternoon in GoQuest, Carrickmines followed by some carol singing on Grafton Street.





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Sustainability Studies Update

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The results from 2E's air quality testing in Dalkey Village, Loreto Avenue and Harbour Road are in. Having monitored the air quality in three locations via test tubes from the 25th September to the 23rd October, the data we recorded contributed to a national survey carried out by Globe Ireland. 2E and Mr Oman determined that there was a reading of 14.25, which represents $>10 \mu\text{g NO}_2/\text{m}^3$ of Nitrogen Dioxide. This is deemed unsafe by WHO and EU Guidelines if exposed to this level over the period of a year. We were surprised by these findings given the coastal location, however, it serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of walking or cycling rather than driving where possible. Well done to 2E on achieving the below certificate for their work and thank you to Mr Oman.

GAA



Hockey



Soccer



Certificate of Achievement in Citizen Science

This certificate is presented to

Loreto Abbey
Dalkey, Dublin

For taking part in the GLOBE Ireland Air Quality Campaign. By gathering vital data on air pollution, you have helped the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) improve their understanding of air quality in Ireland. Your efforts not only support environmental protection but also inspire others to take action towards a cleaner, healthier future.

Thank you for making a difference in your community!

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