



DalkeyDiary

28th February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3rd- 7th March : World Book Week & Women in Sport Week, activities taking place during lunchtime
- 4th-7th March: 'Room to Improve', the Blackrock/Loreto Musical, tickets on sale at Reception
- 5th - 7th March: LC MFL Mock Oral Exams
- Friday 7th March: Walk for Aweil, whole school event
- Saturday 8th March: Sprint for South Sudan, Hockey Pitch

LEGO LUCK

Congratulations to our Lego STEM Club on their success in the First Lego League Challenge competition today where they won an award for the highest scoring robot. Thank you to Mr Cullen for guiding this group.



CHOCOHOLICS



The rapid approach of Lent may send shudders down the spines of some chocoholics, however, our LCVP classes decided to stave off any sugar pangs by visiting Butlers' Chocolate Factory this week as part of their Vocational Programme. Thank you to Ms McHenry, Ms Temple and Mr Kennedy for organising this trip.

WORLD BOOK DAY
6 MARCH 2025

World Book Week is taking place next week - take a look at all the activities taking place each day. Happy reading!

What's Happening?



Pack a book in your bag as D.E.A.R time (Drop Everything and Read) will take place each day for the last 10 minutes of class throughout the week, where possible.



Take a book 'shelfie' and send it to library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie to be featured on the library Instagram. A full bookshelf, a small stack, or just the book you're reading right now - all are valid! Bonus points for making it aesthetic...



There will be giveaways taking place all week, including a Design a Bookmark competition to get creative with!



Keep your eyes out for new displays on screens and around the school each day, including banned books, emoji reads, and female authors for International Women's Day (March 8th)!



Debating Club will argue the motion "This house believes that the book is always better than the movie" (4pm Tuesday in the Lecture Theatre)



Film Club will show a great movie adaptation of Suzanne Collins' novel *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* from *The Hunger Games* series (4pm Tuesday in A08)



Creative Writing club (aka The Loreto Dalkey Scribblers) will work on a special World Book Week theme, writing poems about the joy of reading (1pm Friday in C04)



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TY INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

TY WRITE A BOOK PROJECT

According to Malorie Blackman, 'reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while'. This week, our TYs took a step back in time to their memories of being read to as children and then recreated that wonderful experience for the First and Second Classes of Loreto Primary School. Not only did paired reading take place with our new found little friends, but also the seeds of the TY Write a Book project were sown. We are looking forward to our next interschool meeting. TYs now have a weekly reading hour in the Library during English and we encourage all of our students to read as much as possible to increase their literacy levels in preparation for Fifth Year.



Our TYs began their Intergenerational Project with residents from Sue Ryder this Wednesday afternoon. Each week students will visit the resident their group is paired with in order to create a 'This is Your Life' video for posterity. Thank you to our guests and well done to our TYs.





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TY UPDATES

- Monday 3rd March: Etiquette Classes for 4A, 4B & 4C
- Monday 3rd March: Peer to Peer Subject Option Seminar with 5th Year Students, following on from our Subject Choice Evening on the 25th February
- Tuesday 4th March: Etiquette Classes for 4D, 4E & 4F
- Tuesday 4th March: YSI for 30 TYs
- Thursday 6th March: Activities by class group including rock climbing, song writing and Law Education
- Friday 7th March: TY Intergenerational Project in Sue Ryder at 11am
- Walk for Aweil

AVID HISTORIANS

‘History is not a burden on the memory, but an illumination of the soul’. With Lord Acton’s words in mind, our TYs embarked on a variety of historical adventures this week in order to fully immerse themselves in the tapestry of Irish history that is explored at Leaving Cert level. Students visited both Collins’ Barracks and the National History Museum of Ireland with their History teachers.

They then enjoyed a variety of activities which will rotate over the coming weeks including song writing, sewing, Law Ed, a visit to the James Joyce Tower and Insta Tours. Thank you to Ms McHenry and the History Department. Thank you also to St. Joseph’s Care Home for providing our students with a talk about Dementia. Well done to all of our students who participated in Lollipop Day in Dalkey Village.



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JUSTICE & PEACE

This week Elma Walsh, mother of Dónal Walsh and founder of the LifeLife Foundation, spoke to our 3rd and 6th Years about her inspiring son, Dónal, who raised awareness about adolescent mental health, until he passed away from cancer aged 16.

Today our Justice & Peace Group organised a cake sale to raise funds for LifeLife. Thank you to Ms Hayes for organising and well done to our student leaders.



SPORTS ROUND UP BASKETBALL



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING



HOCKEY



WOMEN IN SPORT WEEK 3RD-7TH MARCH

Women in Sport Week
3rd-9th March 2025

Some useful links:

- HerMoves Website
- HerMoves TikTok & Instagram
- Women In Sport
- HerSport Website

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Are you active for at least 60 mins everyday?

Info on how to get active

