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DalkeyDiary

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Feliz Navidad

2024 has been a remarkable year for our school with creativity abounding, sports fields pumping with energy and whole school events that lifted all of our spirits. Our Carol Services on Tuesday 17th December were an opportunity for students, staff and parents alike to reflect on the past year and contemplate the healing presence of peace, hope and love in our lives. To the sweet strains of 'Magnificat', 'O Holy Night' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', our choir and musicians, led by Ms Lonergan, Ms Penston and Mr Hughes, evoked the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Mr Flanagan, the RE and Music Departments and our Parents' Choir for this beautiful ceremony.



UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 2025

- Monday 6th Jan.: School Reopens
- Mon. 6th Jan.: Self Defence course 4A & 4B
- Tues.7th Jan.: Self Defence course 4C & 4D
- 9th Jan.: 5th Year Parent, Teacher, Student Meeting, 4.15-6.45pm, student to attend with parent/s
- Mon.20th Jan.: Staff Continuous Professional Development day, school closed
- Tues.21st Jan.: 1st Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15-6.45pm
- Wed.22nd-23rd Jan.: HPV Immunisations for First Years
- Fri.24th Jan.: Parents' Association Coffee Morning for parents of 6th Years, Concert Hall





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HOME ALONE

'I wish my family would disappear' is not the most seasonal of utterances, but these were the words that spilled from the mouth of Kevin McAllister...I mean...Mr Cullen in this year's cleverly choreographed Dalkey's Got Talent. From Irish dancers, to rock 'n' rollers to melodious singers to German rappers, every taste was catered for at no less than three shows on Thursday 19th December. Well done to all of the participants, but in particular to this year's winners Alyssa Flynn, 1A, Rosa Henderson, 5B and Mr O'Connor's 6th Year German class. Thank you to our judges Tom Dunne, Claire Gavin, Barry Ward TD and Norma Sheehan. Ms Coyne and her merry band of 5th and 6th Year Student Council members are to be congratulated on a pantomime performance worthy of the Gaiety Theatre which most importantly raised over €5,500 for our sister school, Loreto Rumbek in South Sudan. Well done to all involved.





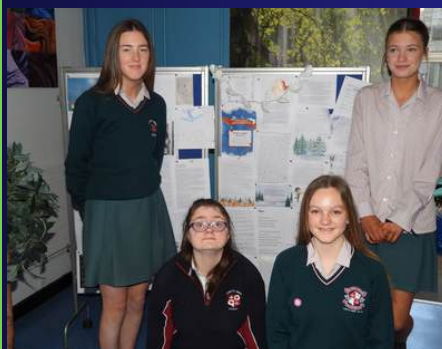
CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY

This Christmas our students were invited to participate in a variety of creative competitions including the 'Winter Writing Competition'. The winners, whose pieces will be published in the school annual for 2024/'25, were:

- Lydia Day, 6th Year, for her piece 'A Burning'
- Isabel Balloch, 4F, for her short story 'The Ice Bird'
- Emily Grant, 3D, for her poem 'A Christmas to Remember'
- Gertie Cuffe, 1B, for her short story 'Magic Star'
- Lily Callan Mooney, 1B, for her letter 'Seriously Santa?'
- Aoife Hill, 1A, for her acrostic poem 'Winter'

Well done to the winners of our 'Phenomenal Pets' Photography Competition:

- Eryn McGrane
- Ria Noonan
- Rosalyn Cahill



Well done to the winners of our Christmas Card Competition:

- Aisling Clifford, 1D
- Elizabeth Austin, 3E
- Laoise Randles, 1C





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Library Update

Thank You!

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BOOKS DONATED

WE HAVE REACHED OUR NEXT MILESTONE!

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

Thank you to all of our parents who have generously donated to our book drive. Our Library is now beginning to brim with an eclectic and exciting array of literature for our students to choose from. Given the multitudinous benefits of reading, you will find a recommended reading list attached as a PDF, should you feel like curling up with a book this Christmas and entering the realm of the imagination. We encourage all of our students to read one book at least every six weeks in order to develop their comprehension skills and broaden their vocabulary thereby enhancing their writing skills. Thank you to Ms Manning, our Librarian for driving this essential initiative.

Cook your Leftovers this Christmas with the Green Schools Cookbook



Green schools committee

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Step-by-Step Christmas leftover Recipes!!

Our Christmas recipe book !! 🌿🍷🍴

Hockey



Soccer

