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GREEN CHAMPIONS

'No one is too small to make a difference'. Greta Thunberg was only 15 years old when she began her journey as a climate activist, an age often overlooked in political circles. However, our First Year Green Champions, led by Mr Oman, are going to be the leading lights in our school this year when it comes to encouraging our community to live more sustainably and protect our environment. The following First Years have been elected to the positions of Green Champions this year:

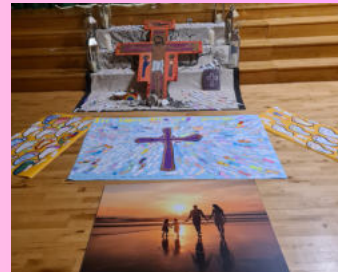
- 1A: Sally Finnegan and Amy Russell
- 1B: Matilda Kenward and Lucy Cunningham
- 1C: Jessica Tuthill and Martha Power
- 1D: Shayla Murphy and Aoibheann Westbrook
- 1E: Susanna Byrne and Una Nyarko

We look forward to their suggestions for a sustainable Christmas in the coming weeks.



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

'When you look up at the stars remember they are walking with us each day' was the theme of our 'In November We Remember' prayer services which took place in the Concert Hall on Tuesday. Students gathered with their Year group for this Taize inspired reflective service which provided an opportunity for our students to recall those we have lost and remember those who are grieving at this time. At the centre of the ceremony were the footprints designed by our students to remember those we have lost who walk with us each day. Thanks to Sr Mary and the EMBER group for creating this special and unique service for our school community. Mr P. Byrne



GAEL LINN COMÓRTAS DÍOSPÓIREACHTA

Ghlac Emily Farrell, Leila Burke Kennedy Ayla McGovern, Charlotte Hannon, Elizabeth Austin agus Anna Kealy Day páirt sa gcéad bhabhta de na Díospóireachtaí Gael Linn an Deardaoin seo caite. Bhí dhá rún le plé acu: 'Táimid dállta ag soilse Hollywood', bhí na daltaí i gcoinne an rúin seo agus 'Tuigeann Múintir na hÉireann fadhb na haeráide', bhí an fhoireann i bhfabhar an rúin seo. Go raibh maith agat a Beán Murdock, an bainaisteoir.



Dalkey Diary



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TY UPDATE

It's all hands on deck in Transition Year as our students perfect their lines, dances and props. While countless rehearsals have been taking place in our Concert Hall, students have also been busily working on their TY Folders of Achievement where they are compiling their reflections and their 'Weekly Challenges'. These will be on view at the TY Graduation and will be one of the areas that they will gain credits for.



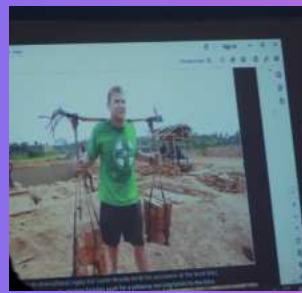
On the 27th, 28th, and 29th of November we will be performing our musical, Sister Act. Now with the musical a week away the excitement and nerves are palpable. It's a scramble to learn lines, perfect dances, and buy costumes. We have rehearsals every day now, running through songs, scenes and most recently the full acts. While we're nervous about going on stage, it is also bittersweet for us because the thing we've worked so hard on is about to end. During the rehearsals I have made new friends with people I have never known before, had tremendous fun and seen a massive development in my self confidence. I have learned that I am brave enough to sing, dance and act in front of my Year group, which I never thought I would be able to do before. The TY Year group want to say a big thank you to the entire production team who made not only the show special but also the experience. Get ready to be wowed by TY's fabulous rendition of Sister Act, on next week in the Mermaid Theatre! By Hazel Gillen, 4D

GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY

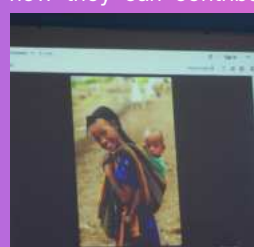
Our 6th Year Geography students braved the bracing polar winds today on Killiney Beach to undertake their Field Study which represents 20% of their Leaving Certificate grade. Thank you to Ms Conlon and Ms Segrave Daly for organising this important trip.

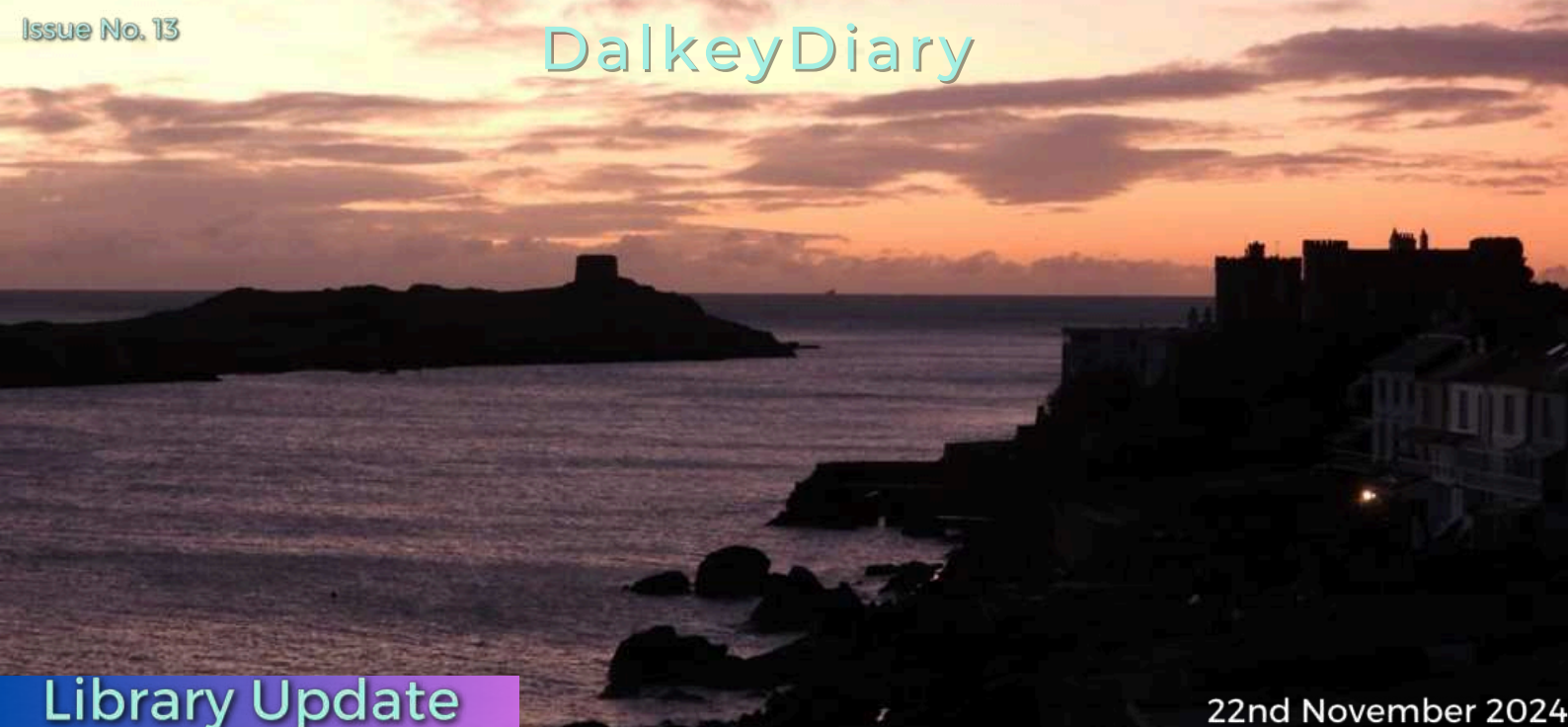


SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



'We got on a plane and flew to Kampuchea, I was the pilot'. Cambodia is just one of the many countries in the developing world that John O'Shea, founder of GOAL, has gone the extra mile to provide assistance. This week he was the guest speaker at our series of inspirational talks for our 6th Year R.E classes that has included Mr John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison and next week Bishop Dónal Roche. John encouraged our students to become 'social entrepreneurs' like Jamie Heaslip, former Ireland rugby player, who spent some time experiencing life as a child labourer carrying bricks to the brick kilns in India. We hope that our students are motivated to consider how they can contribute to social justice in the 21st century.





Library Update

Our Library is now a hive of activity with our First Year classes engaging in literacy work this week. We are delighted to welcome, Ms Manning, our new Librarian who has taken the helm of our literary vessel. To wet our creative appetite for the coming season, we have a number of stimulating competitions for students to enter including:

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Sports Round Up

GAA



First Year Basketball Trip



WINTER THEMED WRITING COMPETITION

Festive fiction or winter woes?
Let your imagination loose with a winter-themed writing competition. Enter a short story, poem, comic strip, letter, true tale...the choice is yours!

Enter to Win

Entry Details

- Give your entry a title
- Include your name and year
- Up to one A4 page in length (max)
- Deadline is Friday Dec. 6th
- Entries can be dropped to the library, or emailed to library@loretodalykey.ie

PRIZES TO BE WON! **GET CREATIVE!**

Hockey



Phenomenal pets competition!

Closing date 13th December

Entries to be emailed at photographyclub@loretodalykey.ie

Prizes for your furry friends to be won!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION **PICTOCOLLAGES**



Soccer



LORETO ABBEY DALKEY

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

MAKE YOUR OWN CARD

DROP INTO A9 | **A4 OR** A5 | **DEADLINE:** 16TH DEC

MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR NAME AND CLASS