



DalkeyDiary



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 31st-Friday 4th April: BÍ Cineálta Week (Be Kind Week)
- Thursday 3rd April: Junior Cycle Home Economics Practicals
- Thursday 3rd April 7.30pm: Parents' Association Seminar Lecture Theatre, Dr Richard Hogan
- Friday 4th April: School concludes at 1pm for BÍ Cineálta Staff Training

PERFECT PODCASTS

It has been said that with languages, you are at home anywhere and this week our linguists, Léa Bredael, Stephanie Finlay, Tess Hallinan Suarez, Caoimhe Brandon Segura, Christina Vilaplana Villaroel and Rosa Corrigan are delighted to launch their series of podcasts produced in our very own recording pod. We are fortunate to have native speakers of a variety of languages in our school including French and Spanish and what better way to promote the joy of language learning than by scripting, editing and producing student led podcasts. Students can enjoy listening to vibrant podcasts about moving country, St Patrick and mobile phone usage in our school. Thank you to Ms Freyne for organising this invaluable initiative.



STUDENT ROLE MODELS

If leadership is the ability to serve others, then this week we were inundated with examples of students who took the initiative to raise awareness about topical issues for the good of the whole school community. The Green Schools Committee led a campaign to heighten our understanding of the preciousness of water with regular announcements, an informative noticeboard and the 'Walk for Water'. In addition, TY SPHE students visited First Year classes to raise awareness about the perils of vaping and the detrimental effect it can have on students' health. Thank you to Mr Oman, Ms Scott and Mr P.Byrne.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENT
THURSDAY 3RD APRIL, 7.30PM

WHO AM I AS A PARENT?
RICHARD HOGAN
The Parents' Association present family psychotherapist Richard Hogan, author of 'Parenting the Screenager' who will speak about parental identity in the 21st century.

THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL 2025
7.30PM CONCERT HALL



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LIBRARY UPDATE

As our Library goes from strength to strength, you will find our Library Buzz newsletter attached with all of the latest recommended reads just in time for the weekend.

Library Buzz
NEWSLETTER

RULES FOR BEING A READER
JUST ENJOY BOOKS
THERE ARE NO RULES

World Book Week 2025

World Book Week took place from March 3rd to 7th, and was a great success! More than 120 books were checked out of the library during that week, so a big well done to all students (and teachers) who participated in the daily reading time in class.

Other highlights of World Book Week 2025:

- Every student was given a World Book Day voucher to be used towards any book
- Emoji book reviews, banned book displays, and lots of reading reminders were put up around school

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

What better way to start a conversation in German than on the rounders field? This week we were delighted to welcome 45 students from Maria Ward Gymnasium, Gunzberg, Germany. Our German classes entertained our guests with a rounders and football match, followed by visits to classes and concluded with a tour of the school. Thank you to Mr O'Connor and our German students for organising this interschool experience.



Check Us Out!

These are just some of the latest additions to the library shelves! Drop in to the library and have a browse for your next great read. All students and staff have their own library account, so you can start borrowing straight away. Library books can be borrowed for two weeks at a time, or you can reserve a book if it has already been checked out.



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TY UPDATE

- Monday 31st March: TY French Cinema trip
- Tuesday 1st April: TY TCD Careers Trip for all TYs
- Wednesday 2nd April: TY Geography Field Trip
- Thursday 3rd April: 4C Rock Climbing, 4B Law Ed. Seminar
- Friday 4th April: TY World of Work workshop with 3rd Years

AN ENTERPRISING WEEK

The spirit of entrepreneurship was alive and well this week with our students entering the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Regional Finals. Well done to our students who achieved the following:

Junior Category: Third Place: Kate Brady, Freida McCarthy and Ella O'Connor
 Intermediate Category: Third Place: Georgia Rigby and Brooke Kilcoyne
 Senior Category: Best Business Plan: Naomi Thomas

Our finalists and runners up then attended a special seminar with our past pupil, and now successful businesswoman, Vanessa Tierney, who spoke about the twists and turns of being an entrepreneur but also the direction of employment in the future. Thank you to Ms Gleeson.



LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS

Where would you find 65 lighthouses, 20 beacons and 116 buoys? On the agenda of the CEO for the Commissioners for Irish Lights, Yvonne Shields O'Connor. This week our TYs were privileged to meet a woman who works in a mariner's world with vast experience of international cooperation and foreign policy. She has also welcomed international dignitaries such as Princess Anne, Prince William and Princess Catherine of Wales to visit our shores. Yvonne encouraged our students to be reliable and dedicated to whatever field they choose to pursue in the future.





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ATHLETICS



Congratulations to Megan Brunt who represented Ireland in the U17 SIAB Schools International Cross Country Running where Ireland came 1st, 6th and 7th with the team winning Silver overall.

HORSE RIDING



Well done to Jessica Kinsella who represented the school in Mullingar at the weekend. Best of luck to Jessica in the finals this Sunday!

SPORTS ROUND UP

HOCKEY



SWIMMING



Congratulations to our swimming teams who competed in the All Ireland Relays with the Senior Team, Rachel, Aisling, Emily and Lily winning both relays and the Junior team, Chloe, Fibi, Isabel and Victoria, coming 4th in the freestyle relay.