



LORETO ABBEY

D A L K E Y



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As I write the introduction to the Newsletter this morning, a man with a bag of snakes and a box of scorpion spiders is passing the office. The Second Years, dressed as their favourite characters from literature, await the arrival of Rick O' Shea from RTÉ as he launches our Readathon, the Third Years are preparing their cake sale for the Paws charity, the Transition Years are rehearsing for their performances of "Footloose " next week and an American Gospel singer is due at any minute to conduct a Music workshop.

School life is busy, entertaining, engaging and full of wide ranging learning experiences that complement academic study. Thank you to the girls who participate so eagerly in our co-curricular programmes, to the student leaders who organise such events and to the staff who support and inspire the girls to push boundaries and enjoy these new experiences.

We value the great support of our parents and are fortunate to have such an excellent Parents' Association Executive who over the years have organised seminars and social events for parents. The most recent social evening in The Queen's on October 21st provided parents with an opportunity to meet in an informal setting and was the first such event for a large number of parents across Year groups. Thank you to the Parents' Association Executive who organised the event and to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

I hope that you find this edition informative and I look forward to meeting you at the various school events over the coming weeks.

Robert James

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News



TY Musical "Footloose"

Dates: 24th, 25th & 26th November

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: School Concert Hall

Tickets: €15.00

Tickets are available from the school office

Ruth Long - Visiting Author



On 14th October, author Ruth Long came to work with 1st Years. She spoke about her life as a writer, the influence of fairy and folktales in literature and the general publishing world. The girls loved listening to extracts from her trilogy series - A Crack in Everything, A Hallow in the Hills and A Darkness in the End - which included reference to the local village and Killiney Hill. A truly inspirational visit with great tips for budding writers!

Creative Writing News



Ellen O'Hara & Isabelle Cunningham presented Lisa Williamson with a poem by Lucy Rice

The Creative Writing Club was delighted to welcome back lots of familiar faces and plenty of new members this year. We had a very exciting event over the summer which celebrated our story exchange with Sue Ryder and Narrative 4. A film charting the exchange was screened during "The Dalkey Book Festival". On September 16th, we welcomed blogger Lorna Duffy into the school. She spoke to all club members about her blog fashionboss.ie and gave us lots of interesting insights on writing a blog. On October 14th Young Adult author, Lisa Williamson, called in on her way to an Eason's literary event. Lisa spoke at length about her very successful debut novel "The Art of Being Normal" and we presented her with a framed poem written by Lucy Rice. Lucy took inspiration from Lisa's title in order to create her piece. On November 30th, we will meet Rebecca Barker who is the news editor for the Irish Sun. If you are interested in taking part in our club, please come along to one of our meetings: 1st, 4th and 6th years meet at 8.20am on Thursdays in Room 17 and 2nd, 3rd and 5th years meet at 12.30pm on Thursdays in the Library. New members will always be very welcome.



Wellread Awards

Ms O'Connell, Ms Boland, Athena Koumarianos, Ella Tubridy, Orlagh Allen and Daria Vecchio represented the school at the Wellread National Awards on 12th October. Our school was one of thirty nationally to be awarded for our work in improving literacy and love of reading.

Rotary Winner

Congratulations to Emilie Oudart, 5th year, on her recent success in this year's



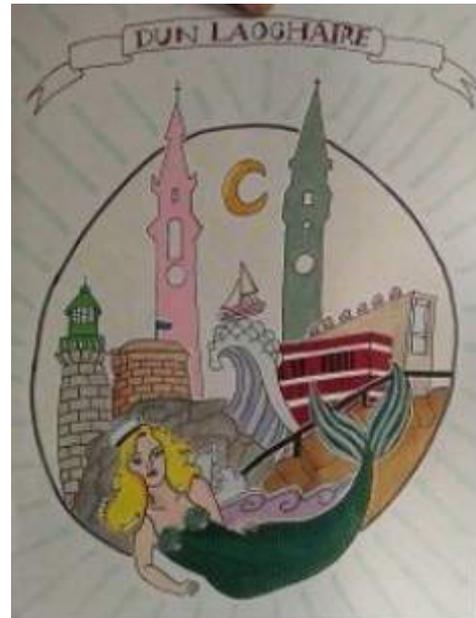
Rotary Youth Leadership Competition. Emilie emerged as the winner in the face of stiff competition from many local schools at the recent club competition in Dun Laoghaire Yacht Club. The overall Irish winners will receive a trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. We wish Emilie the very best of luck at the regional finals next Tuesday, 22nd November.

We are proud of you Emilie!

Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town Art Competition

Congratulations to Rachel Bennett (winner) and Sadhbh Simpson (runner up) for their winning entries in the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town Art Competition. The girls designed fantastic window covers for vacant retail spaces in Dun Laoghaire and were presented with their prizes at the Enterprise town event in DLR Lexicon Dun Laoghaire on 1st October.

Well done girls!





Marina Boyle (6th Year), winner of last month's poetry competition.

Masquerades

By Marina Boyle

The chill ascends from feet to knees
The fever sings in mental wires.
When I am formulated, sprawling on
a pin

The thousand sordid images
Then how should I begin?

Smoothed by long fingers
Stretched on the floor
Sitting along the bed's edge.
Sleeping in snatches.

This : were we led all that way for
this

For evenings, mornings, afternoons
To wonder 'Do I dare?' and 'Do I
dare?'

No longer at ease here –
The voices ringing in her ears.

Wipe your hand across your mouth
and laugh;

Pinned and wriggling on the wall.
The floors of silent seas
Then I must freeze
Asleep.

I should be glad of another death.



Mind Your Mind Week

Mind Your Mind Week was a great success this year thanks to the SPHE Support Group who organised all the various events and activities throughout the week. The focus was on self esteem and appreciation of our natural beauty.

Well done to all who participated.

St John Ambulance National Winners

Eleanor Furlong 2B, together with her

sister Eva, are St John Ambulance National First Place Winners for Team CPR - the first Junior CPR winners for Cabinteely Cadet Division in 29 Years.



TRIPS/VISITS



On Wednesday 19th October, Mr Oman accompanied student council representatives Keara Curtin and Alice De Leeuw from 5th Year and Faye Devine and Ciara Murray from 4th Year to the Loreto Schools Student Council Seminar. The Loreto Abbey representatives joined student councils from other Loreto schools for a workshop on how to work effectively as student leaders.

Fourth Year News

The Fourth Years welcomed Ms Regina Doherty, TD, Chief Whip of the Government and

Dr. Rhona O'Mahony, Master of Holles Street Hospital as part of our Leadership Conversations series.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016.

- Niamh Hughes, Eimear Lagan, Iseult McMahon and Celia Reynolds who will receive Trinity Entrance Exhibitions on Tuesday next 22nd November.
- Jodie MacNamee, Lynn Manahan, Ailbhe Noonan, Ellen O'Shea and Aoife Pryce all received Entrance Scholars Awards in UCD on Thursday November 17th.
- Aimee Morley received an Entrance Scholarship to Columbia University, New York and Julie Pongetti was offered a place in Cambridge University to read Science.



Ellen O'Shea, Aoife Pryce, Jodie MacNamee with Mr Robert Dunne, Principal

SPORTS

Hockey

19 Loreto Dalkey students had an amazing day being coached on how to



umpire effectively by Carol Metchett, one of the best coaches in Ireland. Carol is just back from the Olympics in Rio and our girls were inspired by many stories. The girls got practical experience on how to umpire and picked up many worth while tips.



Congratulations to the Leinster under 18 hockey team.

Ms Coyne is a member of the coaching staff

Basketball



Pictured on the right, the Senior A team who defeated St. Stephen's Green 59-40 to reach the quarter final of the All Ireland Cup. Jennifer Dunne led the scoring with 12 points while Saoirse Allen added 11 points.

The Cadette A team (pictured on the left) defeated Tarbett Community School, 44-41, to reach the quarter finals of their cup. Aisling Marmion had her best game to date scoring 16 points while Lucy McManus added 12 points.

All other teams are well into their season and performing very well. Of particular note, is the Senior B team who remain undefeated in league play after six games.

Well done to all players at all levels.

Fencing



Anna Lee, winner of the Irish Senior Open Fencing Foil Competition

CALENDAR

November:

Monday 21st:

- Parents' Association Executive Meeting

Thursday 24th:

- Loreto Swimming Gala
- TY Musical (20.00)

- Concern Debate Vs Ashfield College in Templeogue (20.00)

Friday 25th:

- TY Musical (20.00)

Saturday 26th:

- TY Musical (20.00)

December:

Thursday 1st:

- Green Schools "Pedal Day for Schools".
- Board of Management Meeting at 6pm
- Concern Debate Vs St. Raphaela's, Kilmacud in Loreto, Dalkey (8pm)

Friday 2nd:

- 4th Year Enterprise Day

Monday 5th:

- CAO Information Meeting for 6th Year Parents at 19.45 in the Lecture Theatre

Tuesday 6th:

- 5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting (16.45-18.45)