



## February 2018 E-newsletter

### *From the Principal*

The E-newsletter chronicles life in a busy school. There is much happening and I congratulate the girls and their teachers on the many extra- curricular successes. I would ask parents to encourage students to avail of the opportunities on offer. There are a variety of activities in the Sports Hall after school every day including yoga, dance, body-sculpt and table tennis. Groups such as the Creative Writers are always welcoming of new members. It is worthwhile noting that the new Junior Certificate certification process allows us give credit for such participation on the official transcript.

The Board of Management and the Loreto Education Trust have given permission for the development of a new Astro- turf facility which will incorporate a running track on the grass surface adjacent to the all-weather pitch. The Board will be applying for planning permission for this development in the coming month and it is hoped to complete the project by September. This development is necessary given the large number of students involved in sport and will allow more access to training facilities. The Board has also sought advice from the Council on proposals to improve pedestrian safety on our property adjacent to the Sports Hall. Once the consultation has concluded, work will progress on developing a walkway and a more defined pedestrian access route to the school.

We applied to the Department for inclusion in phase 1 of Leaving Certificate Physical Education. We were unsuccessful in this process but will be included in phase 2 which will commence in September 2019 and should allow us offer the subject in our Leaving Certificate choices for the current 3<sup>rd</sup> Years.

The mock and house examinations are concluding this afternoon and I wish all students a restful break. It is important, particularly for students undertaking public examinations, to return refreshed and ready to embark on the final part of the examination journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

# Key dates at a Glance for February/March 2018

## February

### Monday February 19th

School re-opens at 08.55

### Tuesday February 20th

Meeting for Parents of Incoming 1st

Years (September 2018) at 19.45

### Tuesday February 20th

Final Date for online completion of subject choice forms for 2nd and 5th Years (2018-2019)



### Wednesday February 21st

LCVP Business trip to Butler's Chocolate Experience

### Thursday February 22nd

YES Awards Night (19.45)

### Thursday February 23rd

SPHE Seminar for 5th and 6th Years with Ms Ann Moriarty SRN

### Week of Monday February 26th - Friday March 2nd

Junior Certificate Irish Orals

### Tuesday February 26th

Board of Management Meeting at 18.00

### Tuesday February 26th

Parents' Association Seminar at 19.45 in Lecture Theatre - "Emotional Wellbeing for Teenagers", facilitated by Niamh Fitzgerald

## March

### Monday March 6th

Junior Certificate Inservice Course Day for staff. Free day for students

### Wednesday March 7th

Parents' Association meeting at 19.15

### Thursday March 8th

Open Evening for Incoming First Years 2020 (16.00-18.45)

### Thursday March 8th

Parent's Association Seminar at 19.45 *facilitated by Prof. Jim Lucey (TCD & St Patricks Kilmainham)*

### Friday March 9th - Sunday March 10th

Optional Retreat for 5th Years

### Monday March 12th

4th Year Retreat in Ovoca Manor, Arklow

TY Information Meeting for 3rd Year Parents at 19.45

### Monday March 19th

Public Holiday

# Ladies Lunch

LORETO ABBEY DALKEY LADIES LUNCH  
ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE  
SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018  
€50 PER PERSON

WHY NOT ORGANISE A TABLE FOR YOUR CLASS AND AVAIL  
OF ONE FREE TICKET?  
€450 FOR A TABLE OF TEN (BOOKED ON A SINGLE FORM  
WITH €450 ATTACHED)  
EMAIL: [FERNLEIGH5@EIRCOM.NET](mailto:FERNLEIGH5@EIRCOM.NET) FOR A BOOKING FORM  
175 LADIES JOINED US LAST YEAR AND WE HAD GREAT  
FUN.  
HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT THIS YEAR FOR OUR 175<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

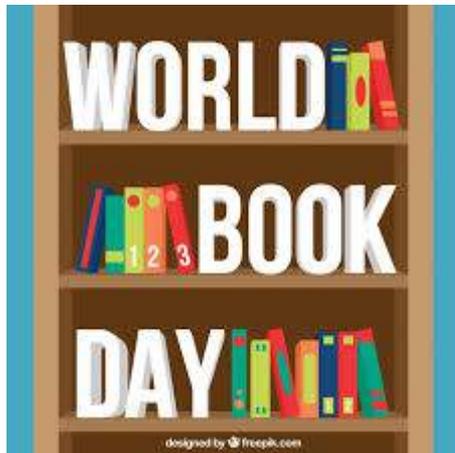
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## School News



### Mini Me's Company

Ailbhe Ryan, Emma Dennehy and Juliette Hannon participated in the Y.E.S. this year with a "Mini Me" business. Mini Me's are customisable balloon people that were perfected throughout the project and were sold in aid of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin. A week before the Y.E.S. Christmas fair, the girls launched their product in Hayes Solicitors. They then went into Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children where they saw firsthand what fundraising means to the Hospital. On Friday 26th January, Mr. Gerry Cully (Senior Fundraising Manager) from Crumlin came to the school along with Jackie Buckley from Hayes Solicitors (the office in town where the product was launched) and the girls presented a cheque to Mr. Cully for Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin for €850.25. The Y.E.S provided the incentive to do this fundraiser and through it the group learned a lot about business and also had great fun.

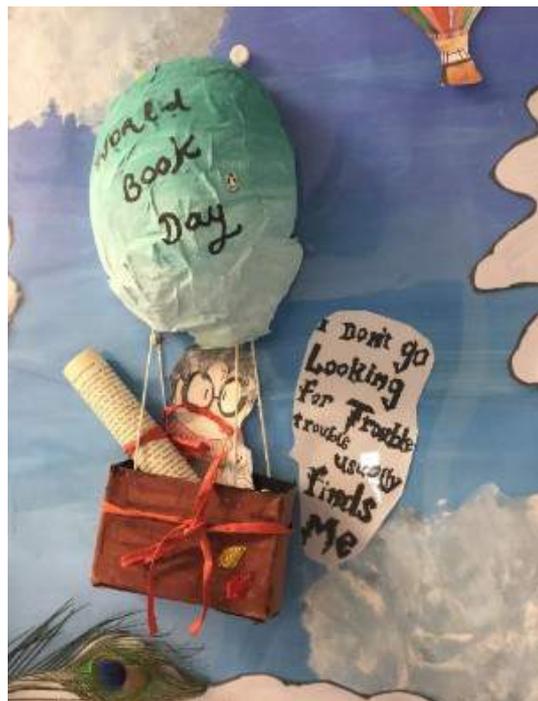


Loreto Abbey Dalkey's World Book Day display was put together this term by the Creative Writing Club and the Art Club. It is located on the large noticeboard outside room 4.

The theme of this year's World Book Day competition is "flying high with reading". We decided to build our display around the symbol of the balloon. Our favourite literary characters are depicted using their hot air balloons to float into the sky and access the six "book clouds".

These clouds are linked to the six year groups in our school and a specific novel is recommended for each group. 1st year: "Harry Potter", 2nd year: "Little Women", 3rd year: "Pride and Prejudice", 4th year: "Asking for It", 5th year: "The Great Gatsby" and 6th year: "The Heart's Invisible Furies".

The literary characters we have chosen are very varied and different because we wanted to show that the world is full of different types of readers and different types of reading materials. Classical characters like Alice from "Alice in Wonderland", Sherlock Holmes and Oscar Wilde's little prince are seen here alongside more modern figures such as Katniss and Primrose from "The Hunger Games" and Harry Potter. We hope our display will encourage the many different types of readers in our school to reach for a book as World Book Day approaches.





Isobel Kearns (4C) submitted an individual project entitled "Are breeding birds a bio-indicator of global change?" Alannah Hughes (4D), Sophie Shortt (4A) and Abigail Casey (4A) entered a group project "Is everything you think you know about addiction wrong?" It is now a significant achievement to reach the exhibition stage of the competition and we congratulate them on their preparatory work and thank Ms Lambe and Ms Nolan who acted as mentors for the students.



**Left to right:** Abigail Casey, Sophie Shortt and Alannah Hughes at the BT Young Scientist competition in the RDS with their project, "is everything you think you know about addiction wrong?"

Isobel Kearns at the BT Young Scientist competition in the RDS with her project, "Are breeding birds bio-indicators of climate change?".



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# WRITING

Our "Writer in Resident" workshop concluded recently. Dave Rudden visited the school for six weeks and worked on poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing with the girls. He also gave them an excellent insight into the editing and the publishing industry. The participants are now working on some pieces for a writing exhibition which will take place in early February to mark their participation in the programme. The Creative Writing Club has also hosted "spoken-word" artist, Irish Times columnist and young-adult novelist Sarah Maria Griffin. Sarah led a workshop on poetry writing alongside Dave Rudden and then treated the students to "spoken-word" poetry performances. The club is currently working on a display for World Book Day which takes place in early March. They have teamed up with Ms Raleigh and the Art Club for this project and the display will visually celebrate the culture of reading and writing in the school.



*Sarah Maria Griffin and Dave Rudden working with the Creative Writing Club*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Reading Challenge:**

Between September and Christmas, the students from 2A undertook and completed a challenging and rewarding reading endeavour. The girls sought to read eight books in sixteen weeks and everyone in 2A managed to complete the challenge. They are pictured here with their



favourite books from that time. Congratulations

2A

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## Concern Debating



*Our Concern Debating Team, Aisling Round, Allyce Malynn, Sarah Dempsey, Isobel Kearns & Julia Evans who remain undefeated in the Concern Debating Competition to date.*

## German Debating

On Monday the 22nd of January, the German Debating Team met a combined team from Colaiste Eoin and Colaiste Iosagain in the third round of their debating competition. The team, consisting of Ali MacIntyre, Romy O'Connor, Clare Benville, and Sophie Burke, were arguing against the motion that 'Naturwissenschaften sind Männersachen' or 'Science is a man's business.'



The standard of the speeches by both sides was very high. All the arguments were well researched and explained, and the fluency of the speeches in German was excellent. In their deliberations, the adjudicators made sure to congratulate all students for their efforts and for their achievement in getting so far in the competition. Ultimately, it was decided that the team from Colaiste Eoin and Colaiste Iosagain had just edged out the team from Dalkey. The girls should be extremely proud for getting so far in the competition and for the quality of the speeches that they have written for it.

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## Irish Debating

Congratulations to Lucy Rice, Olivia Ní Fhearraigh, Mary Kate O'Sullivan and Aislinn Smyth on reaching the Regional Finals of the Gael Linn Senior Irish Debating Competition.



JUSTICE & PEACE

'This year during Mary Ward Week, the 5th Year students in the Justice and Peace group raised awareness about the work of the Loreto Sisters around the world. They provided reflections each day on the lives of girls in countries such as Albania, India, Zambia and East Africa. They spoke about how the Loreto Community works with these girls to create safer environments for them to grow.



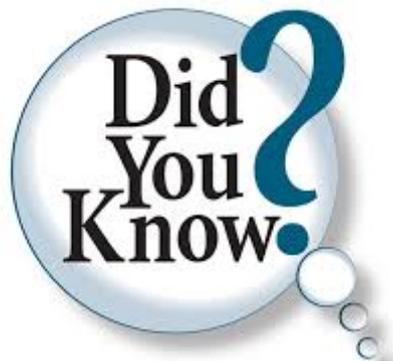
Representatives from this group also attended a Development Education Day organised by Irish Aid where they looked at Global issues around the world and how they could strive to become ambassadors for change. The girls brought their ideas back to school and will begin work on some of the topics they learned about using Concern Worldwide resources as a basis for their work. The goal for the group this year is to provide development education for all students in the school in order to raise awareness about issues of justice and peace in our world today.

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## SPORTS



We have qualified for a large number of semi- finals and finals in Hockey, for all the Loreto and all but one of the South Dublin league finals in Basketball. Congratulations to the teams and to their mentors and we look forward to supporting them in the coming weeks.



Did you know that we were listed as the 3rd most improved girls school in the bleep test challenge monitored by DCU recently.

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## Hockey



Congratulations to Kate Lloyd (past pupil and current coach), who has been selected as one of the top 29 hockey players in country. Kate is representing Ireland next week in Spain. Best of luck from all in Loreto.

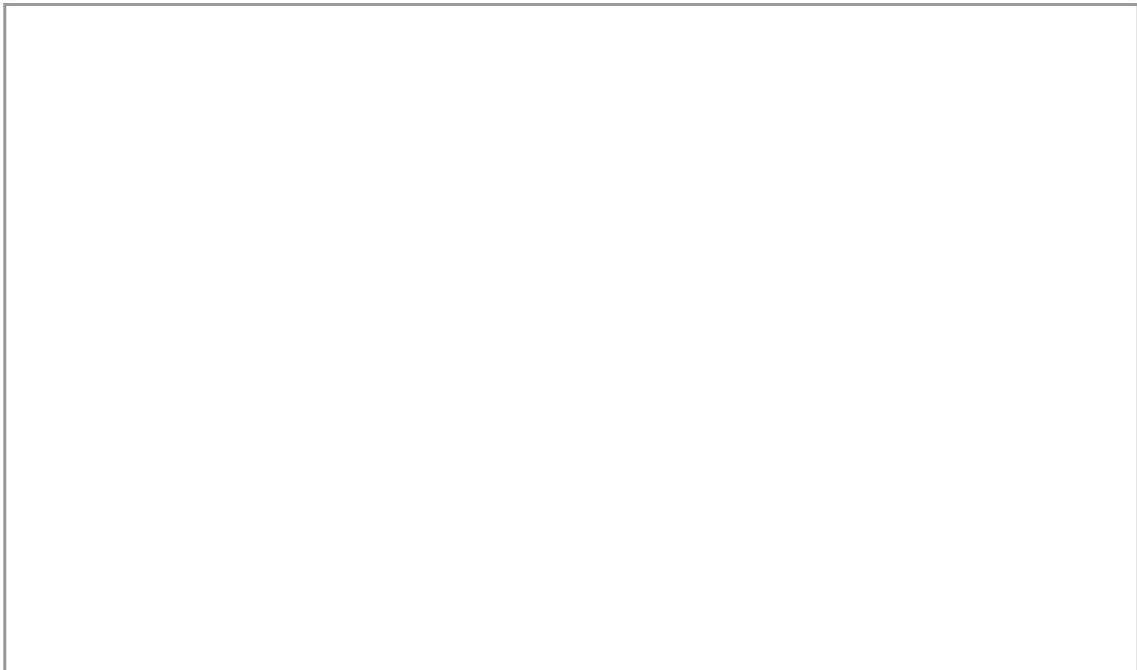


### Junior a Squad

Top of the Junior 1 Leinster league through to the semi finals of Leinster

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## Cross Country





Left-right: Amelia Kelly, Aoife McCormack, Ciara Murray, Sarah McAlarey, Ciara Dunne, Anna Casey & Sarah Dunne

Congratulations to Clara Evans and Sarah Dunne who have qualified for the Leinster Cross Country Championships,



## Basketball

Our Senior and Cadette C Basketball team won the Championships. Congratulations in particular to graduating 6th years, Lauren Cotter, Evelyn Cotter, Kate Walker, Chloe Mullen, and Emily Loughrey. All five 6th years scored within the last two minutes.



Senior C Team



Cadette C Team

## Basketball Results

### Cadette C

Dalkey 32 (A.Kennedy 10)	Beaufort 18
Dalkey 29	Bray 12

### Senior C

Dalkey 37	Beaufort 4
Dalkey 20	Bray 12

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## Senior A All Ireland Play-off Tournament January 20th Salerno Galway



### Dalkey 51 Salerno 52

As a result of the excellent performances of Salerno's Alison Blaney (19 Points) and Lisa Blaney (23 points), the home team managed to quickly get back into the game finishing the quarter tied at 17-17. Salerno continued their good shooting in the second quarter to lead 28-22 at the break. A change to Dalkey's defence resulted in the Dublin girls only trailing by two points heading into the last quarter. From there, the game went back and forth with Dalkey taking the lead behind the sharp shooting of Lucy McManus (14 points) only for Salerno to make a come back. Allyce Malynn then put Dalkey ahead from the foul line with 27 seconds remaining. Ali Blaney responded with two free throws with only 13 seconds on the clock. A final shot by Aisling Marmion to win the game came up just short.

### Dalkey 44 Pres Waterford 41.

A strong performance under the boards by Katie Garton and some excellent defence from Jenn Dunne helped lead Dalkey to the win in their second game. Aisling Marmion was top scorer on 20 points.

### Dalkey 47 Cahirseveen 58.

Having to win this game by 7 points to move into the All Ireland quarter finals things looked good for Dalkey as they led by 5 points approaching the half. Jenn Dunne (11 points), Allyce Malynn (12 points) and Katie Garton (15 points) kept the score board ticking over. However, the outside shooting of Dalkey let them down in this game while Cahirciveen's Siofra O'Shea really warmed up in the second half and allowed the Kerry girls to pull away.

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