

# DalkeyDiary

## PARENTS' UPDATES

- Tickets are now on sale for our upcoming TY Musical 'Footloose' in the Mermaid Arts Centre 13th-15th March 2024  
[www.mermaidartstheatre.ie](http://www.mermaidartstheatre.ie)



- Thursday 7th March 7.30pm: Information Evening for Parents of Incoming TYs, Lecture Theatre
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March 7pm: Information Evening for Parents of Incoming First Years. Lecture Theatre

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## UCD Entrance Scholars

Congratulations to our 13 past pupils from the Class of 2023 who were awarded Entrance Scholars in UCD this week. Cara Beach, Lena Brown, Amelia Corr, Kimi Cruz, Ellie Healy, Eimear Hughes, Lucy Lyons, Eva Marmelstein, Lucie Mowatt, Sorcha Murphy, Saoirse Murphy Rogers, Carla O'Brien and Amy O'Donoghue received this award in recognition of their significant achievement of 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate. Thank you to all of their teachers and we wish our past pupils success in their chosen field of study.





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## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



Medieval mania it is not, in fact D&D is a fantasy role playing game during which players can create their own character within a story of their choice. This week our D&D Club were invited to the Digital Centre in Blackrock College to engage in narrative and gaming fun. Thank you to Ms Brunswick from Blackrock College for organising this interschool event. Thank you also to Emma Wilson and Rachel Nagle for leading this club over the course of their six years in our school.



## Surfing in Sligo

Although a smattering of snow was forecast, the sun reigned as our crew of Third Year Hockey players descended on Yeats Country. The hockey matches against Ursuline College demonstrated our students' sporting prowess while the crisp cold of a Sligo beach ensured that our students were alert when taking to the waves. Thank you to Ms Coyne, Ms Bourke and Mr Thornton for an enjoyable and memorable trip.



## Striving for Sustainability



Ferdinand Magellan christened the 155 million square kilometres of ocean, lying between America and Asia, the Pacific due to its calm cerulean blue. Fast forward 400 years and we now find that the GPGP has taken up residence. What's that you say? The Great Pacific Garbage Patch spans an estimated surface area of 1.6 million square kilometres, that equates to three times the size of France. As our students discovered this week at our Green Schools Waste Management System Assemblies, the GPGP is just one of the visible results of poor waste disposal methods due to over consumption of single use plastic. As we are a coastal community, we encourage all of our students to make sustainable choices in terms of their break and lunch but also when using our clearly labelled triple bins. Thank you to Mr Oman, our Sustainability Coordinator, our Green Champions, the Green Schools Committee and our whole school community for supporting our drive for sustainability.



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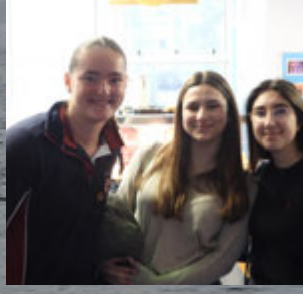
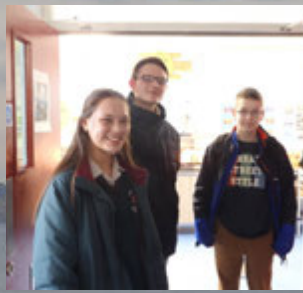
## ABSNT MIND

On the crest of the snow covered surge from across the Irish Sea, arrived four young men who entertained our 1st, 2nd, TYs and 5th Years today in our cosy Concert Hall. Over the howl of the blizzard, could be heard the cheers of our audience as Absnt Mind sang hits from Justin Bieber among others to the delight of our students. Thank you to Ms McHenry for organising this fun event.



## Willkommen Im Verschneiten Irland

Wir haben heute die Schüler und Schülerinnen von dem Maria Ward Gymnasium in Günzburg begrüßt. Die Schüler und Schülerinnen sind am Morgen angekommen und sie haben eine Präsentation von Mr Dunne angeschaut und dann haben wir ihnen unsere Schule vorgestellt. Sie haben mit den Schülerinnen in unserer Schule gesprochen und sie haben auch an vielen Unterrichten teilgenommen. Vielen Dank an Herr O'Connor, der den Besuch organisiert hat. Anna O'Regan Mills, 6th Year



## Entrepreneurial Success



Congratulations to our Young Entrepreneurs who won a variety of awards at the Regional Finals this week. At Senior Level, Rachel Marshall and Daisy Walshe won the Best Report, at Intermediate Level Emily Grant and Laura Emerson came in Second Place while Elizabeth Austin, Lily Mae Fahey and Camille Hegarty came in Third Place. In the Junior Category Lucy Doolin, Amelia Doyle and Amber Smith were awarded First Place while Doireann Doyle and Aisling Byrne achieved Second Place. Our First Place Junior winners will represent our school and the Dún Laoghaire region in the National Finals on the 9th May in Mullingar. Thank you to Ms Shirley.



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## Sports Round Up

This week there were a series of spectacular sports achievements including a significant streak of success in Basketball with both the Senior As and Cadette As winning their respective Loreto League finals. Meanwhile on the Hockey pitch the Junior 4s and Minor 4s reached their finals and our Soccer team also surged to the final stages of the Leinster League. Thank you to Mr Cahill, Ms Coyne, Mr Commons and all of the coaches involved for their dedication and commitment to sports in our school.

