

Kylemore College Newsletter



EASTER EDITION 2026

Football Champions

It's been a very successful year for the U19 Boys so far. They won the school's first FAI competition by winning the Dublin West League beating our neighbours St. Setons 1-0 in the final. This meant we qualified for a Leinster Quarter Final vs Athboy from Meath. We won the Quarter Final which means there's a Leinster Semi Final to look forward to. To top things off the team are also through to the All Dublin league final. Hopefully we can bring more silverware back to Kylemore before the end of the year! (D. Mc Carthy)



Debating Champions

Well done to all the students involved in our TY debating team. The students opposed the motion that "the house believes that Ireland is addressing the racial tensions in our multi-cultural society" in a hard fought final between St. Setons and Kylemore College. The competition was part of the "Label Jars Not People" programme organised by local Youth Services. Students had the opportunity to express how this important issue affects them and to challenge racism. Thanks to their well-made arguments, passionate debating skills and pointed rebuttals the Kylemore team were deservedly adjudged the winners of the final. (J. Philips)



Jack Burke (Captain)



Cara Byrne



Jack Kirwan



Callum Henderson

Blood Brothers

Recently, our 3rd Year students visited the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre to see a live performance of Blood Brothers. A number of lucky 2nd Year students also joined the trip.

Blood Brothers is a play studied as part of the Junior Cycle English course, the visit provided students with a valuable opportunity to see the text come to life on stage. Experiencing the characters, music and dramatic moments in a live performance helped to deepen students' understanding of the play and enriched their learning beyond the classroom.

It was an enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved. (L. O'Neill)



Business & Enterprise

Our 5th Year Business and 503 Enterprise students welcomed **Paul Berry** from the **Local Enterprise Office** in March. He spoke about the many supports LEO offers to start-ups and small businesses. Paul also shared his personal journey as a business owner, giving students valuable real-world insights. (Z.Gallagher)



Chess

Congratulations to our senior Chess team who finished runners up in the newly established SCC Chess event. The team finished top of the league in their group but unfortunately just missed out on the top prize in the final. The students were outstanding ambassadors for the school and are looking forward to the next competition. (Mr Kelly)

Students (l-r): Ben Edgerton, Joao Gabriel Pinto, Bobby Fox, Piotr Szkwara, Vincent Quipit

Karate

Archie Murray (Class Joyce) has been elected to grade towards a new belt in Karate. He is also an instructor, helping new students at his club. We wish him the best of luck. Well done Archie!



Emmanuel 2026

The Kylemore College Choir participated in the Emmanuel Concert in the Helix, DCU. Emmanuel is an event organised by the Archdiocese of Dublin that brings over 20 secondary schools across the country together to perform liturgical music. The choir were accompanied by conductors Lisa McGuinness and Jamie Doherty. Our students sang their hearts out as their parents watched on in the audience. A fantastic annual event and a Kylemore College tradition. (J. Doherty)



Kylemore College Parents Association

In November 2025 we held the first meeting of the new Kylemore College Parents Association with eleven parents coming onboard representing parents of students in both junior and senior cycle in the college. The Parent's association is registered with National Parents Council and one parent has taken on the role of parent representative with the City of Dublin ETB. I wish to thank the parents who have volunteered to join the committee, and I am looking forward working with them all going forward. Alan Mulligan HSCL

A big Thank You!

Thank you to the Ballyfermot & Inchicore Credit Union for generously sponsoring the full cost of 2 students attending the Gaeltacht in Galway this summer. This sponsorship alongside generous donations from other business such as Kiely's Pharmacy, Leahy Electrical Co. & our very own Kylemore staff raffle, has resulted in us being able to send 9 students to the Gaeltacht this summer. Many thanks to Ms R. Daly for her tireless fundraising. (J.Kelly)



Seachtain na Gaeilge



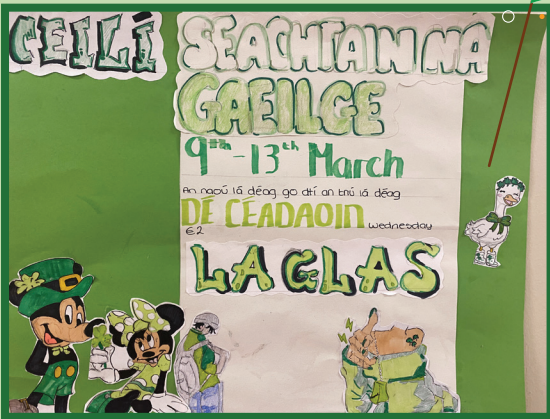
Lá Glas

Lá Glas took place on Wed 11th March as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Our students and staff wore green, all donations went to OCF (Oesophageal Cancer Fund). A total of €641 was raised for this worthy cause. Thank you to all students and staff who contributed. (Student Council)



WE'RE BRINGING
THE GOOD FIGHT
TO A BAD CANCER





Kindness Heroes

March 2nd-6th was "Kindness Week" in Kylemore College. This is a joint initiative between Dublin City Council and Comhairle na nÓg (Youth Council). The Student Council helped to organise this event where students were given recognition for modelling inclusivity and showing acts of kindness both in school and at home. (E. Treanor)



KYLEMORE KOMMUNITY

Kylemore College, a school full of trust.

Every student bonds, something that will never rust.

Staff work hard, never giving up.

Bright ideas of students, always going up.

Exam results, high and big.

Makes students succeed, they'll never have to dig!

(Poppylou O'Brien,
Class Corrib)

STEM Passport for Inclusion

Our STEM Passport for Inclusion students graduating in January from Maynooth University with a level 6 qualification and 60 CAO points towards STEM degree programmes at third level. (L. Macken)

Pictured left to right are:

Alex Doyle, Lillian Macken, Leanne Osunde, Ryan Mahon, Michal Dziedzic, Aquila Okunnu, Katriona O'Sullivan, Jack O'Rourke, Ben McCann, Preston Murray, Peter Szkwara, Reece Monahan, Caoimhe Roche, Tyrese Dempsey, Vincent Quipet, Jen Cummins, Zack O'Prey, Jessica Buckley, Tara Brannigan



T.Y Fire Station visit

A group of Transition Year students were lucky to be invited along to Dolphins Barn where they were given a tour of this busy Fire Station. Guided by our past pupil, Dean Rodgers, students got a taste of what goes on behind the scenes and the very important and difficult job our fire fighters do every day. This was an invaluable opportunity, especially for those who have an interest in this as a career down the line.



French Course at the Alliance Française for Transition Year Students

In February a group of ten Transition Year students was selected to complete a two-week learning course in the "Alliance Française", where they learned about the culture of France and expanded their vocabulary.

Lessons were a mix of serious presentations and fun games which earned positive feedback from the students.

"I really enjoyed learning through games that we are familiar with. The only difference being playing them in French" - Viktoria Szmit

This course proved to be a beneficial experience for the students who now definitely feel much more confident about their French skills.

"I thought it was helpful towards our learning in French. It was also a fun experience to learn in a different setting" - Katie-May Rooney

All students involved would like to thank Ms Nolan and Ms Cotter for organizing this course, and hope anyone interested in French would consider taking this opportunity if ever given the chance. (D. Cotter)

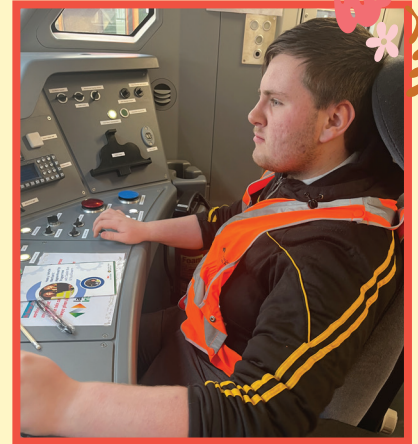
The students also took part in a wide range of activities, including:

- A comic book writing workshop, where students were encouraged to come up with their own story, drawings and French Dialogue
- A visit to the National Gallery of Ireland
- A talk from a member in the French Embassy about studying in France, and helpful resources for students there
- Vocab and Grammar classes
- And many, many games!



Irish Rail

Some 6th Year students visited the Irish Rail depot in Inchicore with Mr O'Hara.



Francophone Celebrations!

TY Student Hannah Byrne is entering a competition organized by the French Embassy of Ireland in association with AMOPA Irlande. Students were asked to pick their favourite French pastry and illustrate it. March is the month of celebration around the world for French speaking! Well done Hannah! We are so proud of your entry and representing Kylemore College in the competition! (Ms. McGrath)



Important dates 2026

APR
13th

Whole School Planning-Oide
Inservice (College Closed)

APR
14th- 24th

T.Y Work Experience

APR
27th

DEAR week

APR
27th

Active Schools week

MAY
1st

Sports Final,
Morton Stadium, Santry

MAY
4th

Public Holiday, College closed

MAY
15th

L.C and L.C.A Graduation

MAY
21st- 27th

Assessment and Reporting week

JUNE
5th

JCSP Awards

JUNE
16th

Awards of Excellence
(1st,2nd,5th year students)

JUNE
20th

T.Y Awards Ceremony

JUNE
29th

Final class before summer break

Happy
Easter

