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LUCAN

Adamstown college crowned champions

A team from Adamstown Community College in Lucan has been crowned champion of the 2026 Bank of Ireland 'money smarts' challenge, writes James Dillon.

Nearly 2,000 students from secondary schools around Ireland took part in this year's challenge. The challenge comprises four virtual events.

The Adamstown team of Grace Isere, Hakan Uysal, Ebru Cabuk and Mikheala Ocleasa claimed one of the €2,000 first prizes for their school.

The four students and their teacher Niamh Byrne were presented with the top prize at their school. Total prize money of more than €14,000 was awarded.

while also celebrating poetry, literature, modernism and the essence of Dublin itself. Beyond the cinematic delights on offer, there will be a vibrant line up of live entertainment including poetry readings, burlesque, music from Gramophone Social and a dazzling Magic Lantern Show. Events take place in the opulent surroundings of Belvedere House in Dublin city - in the very spot Joyce himself read

•Cinematic highlights include the short poetry film 'How to Shoot a Ghost' starring Oscar winning actor Jessie Buckley and directed by Oscar winning filmmaker Charlie Kaufman.

•Tom Vaughan-Lawlor and Liam O'Maolaí voice the short animation Bog by Eabha Bortolozzo and Jack Kirwan. Funded by Screen Ireland and RTE, this film shines a light on mental health issues in rural Ireland and is part of the Literature programme

•As part of Dublin Short Stories, The Laughing Boys, a spoken word film which features a terrific performance by Mary Murray. The protagonist recounts both her joyful childhood memories and the painful realities of heroin and AIDS as the final block of St. Theresa's Gardens in the Liberties awaits demolition.

•The festival welcomes Estonian filmmaker, Raivo Kelomees and sound poet Jaan Malin who will present 'LuulSurrealism ur', a documentary exploring sound poetry, an art form rooted in Dadaism and while drawing parallels with Joyce.

•Poets Stephen James Smith and Rafael Mendes will perform at the Adrian Brinkerhoff Poetry Showcase which includes a screening of short film Anna Liffey, excerpt (2025) based on the poem by Eavan Boland and starring Owen Fouéré. Free event

•American filmmaker Caveh Zahedi attends the festival to present a work in progress of Ulysses, New York, his ambitious 24-part adaptation of James Joyce's Ulysses, transposing the 1904 events to New York City in 2022.

The Magic Lantern Show was a sell-out last year at Bloomsday Film Festival delighting and beguiling audiences. This rare opportunity to experience a full Victorian Magic Lantern show has to be seen to be believed and it is back this year by popular demand. Narration by Les Doherty and musical accompaniment by Chris Guilfoyle on guitar and Morgan Cooke on piano. More info here [Images Video](#)

Ticket prices range from FREE to €10 and are available now

<https://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie/bloomsday-film-festival/>

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Stronger Starts Cooks programme comes to kids

Tesco Ireland is continuing the roll-out of Stronger Starts Cooks, a free six-week programme supporting children's health, wellbeing, and practical life skills. Almost 3,000 primary school pupils across 42 schools have successfully completed the programme in 2025, giving them hands-on experience with cooking, nutrition, and food education.

Since the new Tesco store opened in Howth last December, the Stronger Starts Cooks programme is helping to make a positive impact in the local community, supporting schools and connecting in a meaningful way.

Research from the first group of schools shows that almost all parents (94pc) believe cooking should be included in the primary school curriculum, while 79pc of schools had no prior classroom cooking experience, highlighting a clear gap in practical food education. In addition, 93pc of teachers agree that cooking supports curriculum delivery and helps children build vital life skills.

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ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

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Open Space Lands at Meakstown, Dublin 11.

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Natalie Dineen,
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DUBLIN CITY

Littering now 'socially unacceptable' among young

Littering is now seen as 'socially unacceptable' among young people - however almost one in four still do not regard gum as litter. This is according to new research published by the Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) today to mark the launch of its 2026 campaign. The findings highlight that while young people are increasingly conscious of littering, there is still a gap in awareness of what constitutes litter, highlighting that work remains for the Taskforce.

However, more broadly the research showed very high levels of compliance - over 9 in 10 (92%) people now report properly disposing of their chewing gum. This is the highest level of proper disposal since the Gum Litter Taskforce campaign launched in 2007, which is reflected in the record low levels of gum litter on the streets; gum now makes up just 7.3% of all litter, a 72% decrease in levels since the Gum Litter Taskforce first began.