



Bush Post Primary School
Fortnightly Newsletter
December 2022

BUSH NEWS

Bush Post Primary Christmas Newsletter

As the first Term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for their constant support. We wish you all a very happy Christmas break, we are already looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

DKIT Visit

Last week our 5th year and 6th year students visited DKIT's Music and Creative media department, to check out the courses on offer.

Our pupils relished in the experience and have returned with a fresh perspective on the opportunities available to them in DKIT, hopefully encouraging some



Our Student Council meet regularly to discuss the issues in school that are most important to them. If you would like anything discussed at student council – tell one of the members!

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year 2022-2023

What has been happening this term?

It has been a busy first term for our transition year pupils 2022-2023. For the first time since the COVID pandemic, we have had some normality return to transition year and lots of extra classes, visits, and trips have taken place. Our pupils have greatly benefited from a wide range of activities; below are the details!

- First Aid and Manual Handling Course
- Self-Defence classes with Krav Maga
- Work Experience- Students recently engaged in one week of work experience. Reports from employers were exceptional. Students were a credit to themselves and their families. Many thanks to all the local businesses and employers who accommodated our students on their work experience. Next work experience will take place from 6th to 10th March 2023.
- Mini Company Trade Show- Photos to follow
- Trip to W5-Tracy to forward photos



**SELF
DEFENCE**

BPP U-16 Basketball Team

Our Under 16 Basketball team had a fantastic run recently, making it all the way to the Finals of the Under 16 category. The boys played well, but unfortunately were runners up on the day. Congratulations to the entire team for their commitment and hard work; special thanks to Mr. Kelly for coaching the team this year.



Lunch time Music club every Friday

Over the last weeks, Ms. Lynch has been hosting a lunch time music club in her room. This club is a celebration of the many talented Musicians we have here in school. Each week the room is packed full of student who are interested in performing and those who like to watch. Well done, to our performers who put on an excellent show every week. All pupils are welcome to the Music Club.



Christmas Bauble Art

The Art department had a competition for pupils to draw Christmas Baubles!

Our pupils drew some great examples, attempting shading and attempting different textures through pencils.

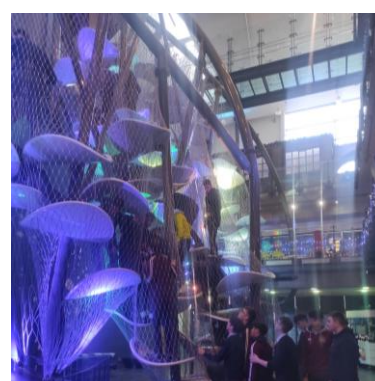
I am sure you will agree, the examples are excellent!

The Loughs Agency visit Bush!

The Marine Machine arrived at Bush on 6th December. First Year students got to attend a short demonstration led by the Loughs Agency. The Loughs Agency are responsible for the conservation and management of our local marine areas in Carlingford. They brought with them a mobile unit which contained a mini aquarium and biodiversity zone. Students learned about keeping our waterways free from litter and pollution. They also received a reusable water bottle at the end of the presentation.



Transition Year visit W5



Our Transition Year classes visited W5 in Belfast last week. The center has exhibition areas which provide a sensory learning experience for all subject areas, including Science, Math's, and English. Our pupils enjoyed the day and represented the school exceptionally well.

BPP Christmas Card Competition - 2022

Each year we ask our student to think of a design for our school Christmas Card. The ideas and entries should try to capture something about our school and indeed our community.

The standard of entries was excellent, and the winning design was created by Megan Steeples in 5th Year.

Clíodhna Hanniffy came 2nd in the 11-13 years Credit Union Art Competition; she achieved the highest level of our students who entered. The results are listed below.

11 - 13yrs Area Level

2nd - Clíodhna Hanniffy

Overall Cooley Schools - 14 - 17 yrs.

1st - Ava Brady

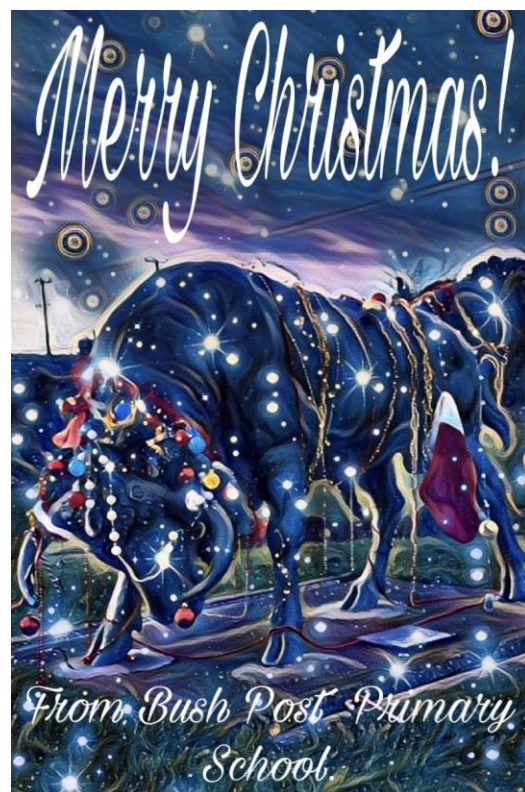
2nd - Elaina Kirwan

3rd - Veronika Zbigley

11 - 13yrs BPP Results

2nd - Molly-Rose Long

3rd - Laura Christmas



TY Trade Fair

Our TY students took part and organised their annual trade Fair on Monday 19th December. The fair was a real success – 1st and 2nd year pupils had an opportunity to see enterprise and creativity in action. Another excellent effort from our Transition Year students





Christmas Reward Assemblies

As part of our end of term celebrations, we have been celebrating the everyday successes of all our pupils in every year group. This year we have drawn attention to pupils in three categories.

- Those who achieved 100% attendance
- Pupils who had excellent attendance; 96% or above
- Excellent behaviour – pupils who have had at least 4 good behaviours logged by teachers this term

Our 1st year pupils had their rewards and certificates delivered by a very special guest – Santa! A special Congratulations to every pupil on a fantastic introduction to 1st year.



Did you know – We have after school study on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. All students are welcome to come along!