

#### **January Newsletter**

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# **Bush Post Primary Happy New Year!**

We have hit the ground running at Bush Post Primary for the New Year and new Term. Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning.



### **DKIT VISIT**

Our TY & LCA pupils visited DkIT Tuesday, 24th January. They received a campus visit of DkIT and saw first-hand the Engineering, Nursing and Hospitality Department. They also had a tour of DkIT gym and Sporting Department and were kindly allowed an opportunity to play on the all-weather pitches free of charge.

It was especially beneficial to meet past students Naoise McCann, Declan Cavanagh, James McDonald, Scott Bates, and PJ Halpenny. They shared their experience of life in DkIT with our students and really sold third level to them. We were also greeted by parents of our students; we feel these meetings allowed students realize that third level is not as daunting as they might expect.

As Always, our pupils represented us as incredible ambassadors of Bush Post Primary.





Did you know – Pupils are awarded prizes each Term for the most recorded postive behaviours and excellent attendance?



## TRANSITION YEAR



This month the TY students have been very busy in Business preparing for the Dragons Den which took place on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

Each mini company had to prepare a pitch to wow the judges in an intense in-house competition for a place in the Student Enterprise County Final Competition. The students really impressed the judges, and the winning companies will be announced this week.

Good luck to all our budding entrepreneurs! A special thank you to Michelle Donnelly, entrepreneur of Shells Driftwood who judged the mini companies along with our own Business teacher, Ms. Campbell. TY Activities this month:

- Business Dragon's Den.
- Next work experience will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- Drive For Life Programme.
- Visit in from an engineer from IMR, Mullingar to all engineering students.
- DKIT Career Day.





Date for your Diary ... Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February — Mid Term Break

#### **BPP U-16 16 Girls - GAA football**

Our Under 16 Girls GAA football team are through to the Leinster quarter finals after beating St Joseph's SS, Rush last week. They now face Dominican College, Griffith Avenue in the quarter final, time, and date to be confirmed.



#### **Green Schools Poetry Competition**

A Poetry competition was recently held by the Green Schools Committee for the  $2^{nd}$  year group as part of the application for the Transport flag.

The Title given was "Be Cool use less fuel". Students were asked to write a poem on how people could travel by using less petrol/ Diesel. There were wonderful entries from Ms. Dugdale's, Mr. Cahill, Ms. Bell's, and Ms. O' Hanlon's class. The Green schools committee finally decided on four very worthy winners. These Were Cliodhna Hannify, Ava Goss, Jack Wills and Tadgh Traynor. Well, done to everyone! A huge thanks to all the students who took part and wrote such wonderful poems and the teachers Ms. Dugdale, Ms. O' Hanlon, Mr. Cahill and Ms. Bell who gave of their time so generously to help the students.



### St Bridget's day

As part of our Religious Education classes, our 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes explored Christian traditions and Irish culture by learning about St. Bridget. Our Second-year pupils made some St Bridget Crosses during Ms. McKevitt's Religion class on the Feast Day of St. Bridget. 2 Willville spent a busy hour making St. Bridget crosses and learning about the life of St. Bridget.















**Green School Committee**, led by Ms. Guerin, are aiming for the TRANSPORT FLAG this year. The Green School inspectors will be visiting our school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March! With all the activities and hard work of our green schools committee this year, we are excited to share all the work we have completed with our visitors.



## Welcome Back to the Class of 2020!

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, we welcomed back the Class of 2020 to Bush Post Primary school. This year group did not have a normal graduation ceremony during their final weeks at our school, due to the COVID pandemic. It was an extra special run up to the 2022 Christmas break to see our past pupils return to BPP.

We welcomed back this outstanding group of young men & women with open arms, to celebrate the successes they achieved here, and indeed since leaving us. Mr Joyce congratulated the entire class on their strength and bravery in navigating through a turbulent and unprecedented few years.

Our staff were delighted to catch up with these past pupils and learn about all the wonderful things they have done and achieved since they left us in 2020.











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