



Bush Post Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

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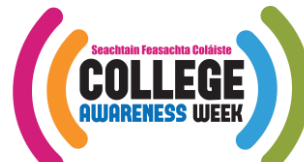
BUSH NEWS

Welcome to our new NEWSLETTER!

With so much happening in our school, we want to share our successes, achievements, and news with our entire school community through a fortnightly newsletter. Hopefully you enjoy learning about diverse and exciting ways in which our pupils learn and develop in our school.

College Awareness Week

Last week was College Awareness Week in school. It is a national campaign which aims to promote the benefits of going to college, to help students of all ages to become college-ready and to showcase local role models. Staff at Bush PP are aware that not every student in front of them has access to an adult in their lives who had the opportunity to take part in further/higher education. Staff acted as role models for our students and shared their career journey thus far with classes. Members of the class of 2022 recorded videos of themselves at university and allowed our current students a glimpse into university life. Third year students were introduced to the Trinity Access Programme and parents of sixth years were invited to attend an online CAO information evening. 5th year students attended Maynooth Open Day and 6th year students attended DCU Open Day and a talk from TU Dublin. A Kahoot quiz was organised and daily questions on the topic of university life appeared on the screens around our school.



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



Home Economics Trip Border-hopping around Belgium, Germany & Netherlands!

It has been more than two years since we were able to take students abroad to support their learning, and this trip was a tremendous learning opportunity. Our students were a credit to their parents and their school!

Ms. Fee and 41 Home Economic students departed Dublin airport at 8am Friday morning, November 25th ably assisted by Year Head Ms. Boyle, Mr. Galvin, and Ms. McCarragher. We landed in Brussels and drove to the magnificent city of Bruges. We walked around the Christmas markets and had a boat ride through the city canals at dusk. It was a magical experience.

The next morning, we were up early to get back on the coach and head for the 2000-year-old German city of Cologne. We cruised the Rhine river and walked the Christmas markets, tired but content we headed back to Brussels late that night.

On our final morning we woke early and packed the bags, we were back on the coach to head for the famous Efteling theme park.

This is the largest theme park in the Netherlands and it certainly didn't disappoint, students got to ride rollercoaster after rollercoaster, even Ms Fee and Mr Galvin partook.

On Sunday evening we got back on the coach and headed for the airport for the night flight home. Tired but happy summed up both students and teachers alike. The laughs were plenty and the memories will last a lifetime!

Entwined Histories

The Entwined Histories Showcase took place on 29th November. Our students attended a viewing of their films in Ashfield Girls High School Belfast who hosted the showcase event. This year Entwined Histories focused on themes such as identity, citizenship, and sovereignty. These themes allowed students to work together creatively to understand the past, bring students together in the present and work on a shared vision for the future. Together with our partner school, students wrote and developed scripts, performed in front and behind the camera and made lasting memories.



Dates for your Diary ...

Friday 2nd December - Rainbow Jumper Day.

Monday 5th December - No school for students.

Thursday 8th December - Staff meeting number 2, 2.50pm – 4.50 pm.

Thursday 22nd December - Wednesday 4th January – Christmas holidays.

Thursday December 15th - Senior 2 Parent teacher meeting.

Bush Post Primary - Stand-Up Week?

November 28th – December 2nd is stand up week across Ireland. In Bush post primary, we have been celebrating in many ways. We celebrate our diversity and are proud to be a truly inclusive school environment. Below are some of the activities that have been taking place across the school throughout the week.

- Art, Music, English, History & SPHE will be delivering lessons which reflect upon the Stand-up them
- Various areas of the school will be decorated to celebrate Stand-up week
- Rainbow Jumper day on Friday 2nd December



Water Warriors

First and Second year Geography students attended the 'Water Warriors' event in the Omni plex Newry on 23rd November. They were invited to attend an educational and interactive event on the theme of science in our rivers and lakes which was run by the Foyle and Carlingford Ambassador Programme. The students were treated to a showcase by the popular TikToker Mark the Science Guy @markthescienceguy who completed several fun science experiments which highlighted the benefits of keeping our waterways free from pollutants.



Green School Committee, led by Ms. Guerin, are aiming for the **TRANSPORT FLAG** this year. We have had a first-year activity day during October, which focused upon ways we can save energy by walking, cycling, and using less transport. Second-year pupils are currently creating poems that reflect the theme of green school and transport use.



Junior Certificate Results day

Congratulations to all our pupils who received their Junior Cycle exam results last Wednesday 23rd of November. Thank you to all our Parents and acers who came along to celebrate with us on a long-awaited special day.

We could not be any prouder of this year group, who battled through extraordinary circumstances to cross the finish line. Congratulations!



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