

Bush Post Primary School *Newsletter*



M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S



Congratulations to the joint winners of this year's Christmas card competition - the standard of artwork was so high it was impossible to choose just one winner! The santa card was created by Eliza Olszewska in 2nd year. The snowman card was created by Maia Davidson in 5th year. Both cards were inspired by Christmas coming to Bush!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome to Bush Post Primary School's December Newsletter!

What a busy term it has been with our brilliant students and staff working incredibly hard throughout the term. This month we have had a most successful Transition Year Trade Fair showcasing the creative products designed by the talented Transition Year mini companies. Thanks to all staff involved in organising this hugely successful event.

In December, we also had our Attendance Awards ceremonies celebrating the excellent attendance and efforts achieved by our wonderful students in each of our year groups. We also celebrated with our students who graduated from the Friend's for Youth programme. On December 22nd, we held an awards ceremony for the Leaving Certificate Class of 2023 where we welcomed back family and friends to Bush Post Primary School.

Members of the Additional Needs Department also welcomed in family members for a baking event, in Guidance an unprecedented number of students submitted UCAS applications, our basketball team won the Northeast Leinster U-19 title and our senior Gaelic team are through to the Leinster semi-final. Our Green Schools' Committee are busily working on achieving a biodiversity flag for the school.

We would like to thank our staff for all their co-curricular and extra-curricular efforts throughout the first term. These clubs and sports teams add so much to our school and to the sense of well-being that our students feel in Bush PP. New clubs will begin in January, and we are excited to welcome new members to these clubs. We were proud to be nominated as a Microsoft Showcase school and to continue in our work as a White Ribbon school.

Our Music Department are in the final rehearsals for our upcoming School Musical 'the Addams Family' which will take place on the 16th, 17th and 18th of January. More details will follow in the New Year.

Finally, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to all our students and staff for a great first term and wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Kevin Joyce.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Well done to the Student Council who organised a very successful Christmas jumper day for Saint Vincent De Paul. Thanks to all the teachers and students who took part and raised 1,250 euro.





TRANSITION YEAR NEWS



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TY Self Defence

TY students enjoyed a recent Self Defence workshop with Krav Maga. Students were given a safety talk discussing the law in Ireland, controlling emotions and being able to respond correctly to danger by using a better decision making process. This talk was followed by some basic practical introductions to grab escapes, awareness, reactive exercises along with tips on how to de-escalate aggressive situations. Students thoroughly enjoyed this workshop.





TRANSITION YEAR CHRISTMAS TRADE FAIR

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We are a TY mini company who sell mini food hampers for every season and holiday. Follow us on Instagram @goodiegifts



We are Sweet Escape. We sell sweet sticks, goody bags and a Christmas special bag. Our products are tasty treats for all to enjoy.



Eco Bench makes and sells outdoor furniture using recycled pallets. Some of the outdoor furniture we sell are 2-Seater Pallet Benches and Outdoor Window Boxes. Like us on Facebook @ Eco Bench or send us an email @ ecobench1@gmail.com



We are N.E Protein, a TY mini company that sells protein balls. We sell a variety of flavors which are Chocolate, Biscoff, Kinder and original (peanut butter). You can purchase our products in Muchgrange farm shop, and you can order online through our Instagram account @n.e_protein, and collect your order in school



Clarkes Baked Goods is a mini company that sell baked goods such as buns and brownies. We provide different flavours of brownies.



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We are a TY mini company called Exclusive Treats. We sell baked goods such as buns, gingerbread men, brownies and cookies. We are passionate about baking. To place orders you can contact us on Instagram @eclusivetreats1.



Our Company 'Baked Beauties' specializes in American style crumbl' cookies. Baked Beauties has a variety of assorted flavors including chocolate chips, Biscoff, smarty, bueno, Nutella and gingerbread.



Our mini company is called 'Timbercrafters' and we specialise in producing customised, hand crafted wooden products. Our range of products include personalised name plaques, paper weights and snowmen. You can find us on Instagram, [timbercrafters_](#)



'Ecoteach' is the name of our mini company. We build and design upcycled eco friendly birdhouses. Each birdhouse is uniquely crafted by hand for the individual customer. The birdhouses can also be customised and hand painted. Check us out on Instagram @ecoteach_birdhouses or for any further enquiries you can email me at 20jmckeown.bpp@lmetb.ie



TRANSITION YEAR CHRISTMAS TRADE FAIR



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Well done to all our TY Business students who displayed an array of mini companies at the school Christmas trade fair on Wednesday 13th December. There were various companies selling products such as baked goods, crotchet blankets, perfumes, wooden furniture, handmade cards, football gear and much more. The fair was a hugely successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.

Our TY mini company group is called Cartaí Cu Chualinn. We designed Christmas cards. We came up with four designs using water colours and colouring pencils and then had the cards printed professionally.



Our mini company is called 'Crucai Croise'. We specialise in designing and crocheting blankets. Each blanket is hand made and customised to suit each customer's needs. We offer a range of sizes, colours and designs. You can find us on Instagram @Crucaicroise.


Student
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Our TY mini company is called BScented. Our slogan is 'roll-o and the day'. We have a variety of scented goods, such as our unique roll-on perfumes, our self made car air fresheners and our relaxing wax melts. We offer 1-30 different scents for our customers to choose from. We also offer our own scents called: Mountain breeze, a fresh and clean scent; Tropical, a fruity and tangy scent; Mens scent, a masculine aftershave scent; Christmas blend, for the festive season; Lavender, for our lavender lovers; Linen, clean and fresh; Lemon Drizzle, a subtle lemon scent and Vanilla Fresh; a coconuty-vanilla blend. To order message us on Instagram @bscented7, TikTok @bscented7 and Facebook @BeScented.



Our mini company is called Transition T-Squares. We purchase T-squares online and cut them in half, then apply hinges with a screwdriver and screws to make it foldable. We use Peninsula Kitchens saw to cut them in half and we purchase the hinges online. We have made an Instagram called "transition_squares" and have gained many followers who are interested in the product.



Our mini company is called 'Cré Creations'. We make clay decorations for Christmas and other occasions. The decorations can be personalised and come in different shapes such as hearts, stars and circles. You can find us on Instagram @ Cre.creations.



LCA TRIP

BUTLERS CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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On Wednesday the 13th of December LCA students attended a school trip to Butlers chocolate factory in Dublin where they learned the history of chocolate, how it is prepared and even got to decorate their own chocolate Santa to take home. On their way to Dublin they stopped off at Monasterboice Inn where they got a tour of a busy working kitchen and enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Huge thank you to Libby Grennan and past pupil Paul McCarthy for the opportunity.





CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION



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Congratulations to all the Bush Post Primary School winners of this years Credit Union Art Competition. As first prize winners in their age categories for the Cooley Schools region both Eliza and Maia have progressed to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations girls and best of luck in the coming stages.



Bush P.P.S Results 2023

14 - 17 yrs

1st - Maia Davidson, 2nd - Sofia Hordiienko, 3rd - Alice Warr, HC - Nora McBride, HC - Eva McArdle

11 - 13 yrs

1st - Eliza Olszewska, 2nd - Arina Yefrem, 3rd - Joanne Finnegan

Overall Cooley Schools Results 2023

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VISITS - IN



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VIISIT IN FROM O'FIAICH COLLEGE

Thank you to representatives from our local PLC college, O'Fiaich College, who presented to all sixth year students on Wednesday 6th December. Students heard of the many benefits of a PLC course and the progression routes that they offer.

Applications are now open to our sixth year students for level 5 courses at <https://ams.enrol.ie/OFI/2024/>.



A huge thank you to Ms. Kim Lynch who gave of her time and knowledge and spoke to 6LCA about Trade Unions. Students learned about why they should join a union and what their own work place rights are. Valuable discussion followed and students gained a real insight into the workings of a trade union.

A huge thank you to paramedics Mick and Niall who visited Bush Post Primary on Tuesday 19th December. A number of sixth years met with Niall and Mick and heard about the work of a paramedic and the various pathways that one can follow to train as a paramedic. Interested students then had an opportunity to look inside the ambulance. The visit was a huge success and we are extremely grateful to Niall and Mick for giving of their time and experience.





BUSH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

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Well done to our u19 boys basketball team on winning the North East Leinster final on Thursday by beating Athboy on a score of 33-30. In a game that ebbed and flowed, the Bush Post Primary squad depth won the day. Despite a good start BPP found themselves 10-8 down after the first quarter. However some great scoring from Gary Conway including a three point shot had the Bush leading 17-15 at half time. Jason Brady took over the scoring in the third quarter. He scored ten consecutive points for his team and finished up the teams top scorer with 17 points. In a tense final few minutes Bush managed to keep their noses in front and a superb defensive display from Jack Craven, Adam Brady and Ben Crothers kept the Athboy attack in check. Gary Conway finished with twelve points and James McBride chipped in with a crucial 4 points. They march on to the Leinster Cup in January.



Congratulations to our senior girls rugby team who won two out of three games at a blitz held in Ashbourne Rugby club on Thursday the 14th of December. Hard luck to our Junior girls rugby team who came away with one win out of their three games, but nonetheless played excellently.





BUSH CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



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Our 1st year Home Economic classes with their finished Christmas Craft Decorations. They learned new skills including a range of embroidery stitches over the last 6 weeks. They followed the design brief process and completed the project as part of their Christmas assessment.



A group of parents enjoyed a very engaging workshop on the morning of Tuesday 12th December organized by Ms. Olivia Cosgrove our Home School Community Liaison Officer in conjunction with Adult Education Services LMETB. The atmosphere was great and everyone went home with a range of decorations and cards of their own creation.





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BUSH AWARDS

2ND YEAR



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2nd Year students had an end of term celebration on Tuesday 19th of November. Students were acknowledged and rewarded for 100% attendance, excellent attitude to learning and being good citizens. Well done to all who received rewards!





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BUSH AWARDS

LCA & 6TH YEAR



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Congratulations to all our 6th year award winners.

Well done to Donagh, Lee, Kyle, Eoghan, Leontia, Megan and Sarah on achieving 100% attendance this year.

Leading by example. .

Other winners included Sean, Rebecca for their citizenship and hard work.

Those who made outstanding contributions throughout the term and were most recognised by the staff were Gerry Rafferty and Chloe Mc Carragher.



Congratulations to the LCA5 & LCA6 students who were the worthy reward winners for Excellent Attendance, Best Citizen & Excellent Behaviour. Mrs Gartland and Mrs McDonnell were delighted to present the students with their rewards.





BUSH AWARDS

3RD YEAR

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Students who were awarded with 'Excellent Attendance' only missed one day demonstrated a high level of consistency, maintaining a nearly perfect attendance record with just a single absence.



The students who are '100% Attenders' demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to their education, showcasing a remarkable attendance record that reflected their strong work ethic.



Outstanding Attitude to Learning (Homework) - excellent attitude towards learning is evident in their enthusiasm, active participation, and eagerness to embrace challenges, fostering a positive and conducive academic environment in class everyday, noted



Being a good citizen involves actively contributing to the community, upholding ethical values, and demonstrating a sense of responsibility towards others and the well-being of society as a whole.





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BUSH AWARDS

TRANSITION YEAR

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The TY students had an exceptionally busy first term. Congratulations to the students who received school awards recently for outstanding attitude to learning and excellence in attendance. Students received a certificate and a selection box.



A QUICK GUIDE TO

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MICROSOFT FLIP

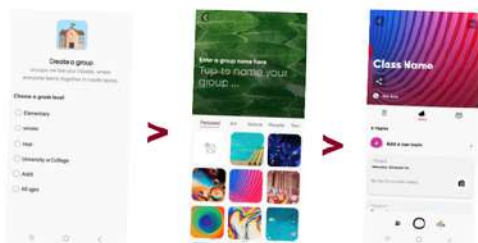
WHAT IS MICROSOFT FLIP?

Microsoft Flip is a video discussion and sharing app that is free. It is designed for educators to create safe, online groups for students to express their ideas asynchronously in short video, text, and audio messages. Teachers can create a group and invite students to join. They can control who is invited to become students of the group and what they can see. Topics are text or video instructions to prompt students to respond. Students can comment on each other's video, text or audio messages or invite peers to build on their ideas



CLASS GROUPS

Create a group, select an age range, name your group and invite your students by sending them a join code. You can then see all your group topics and responses.



CREATING TOPICS

At the left, in your **groups home**, select the group where you want to add a topic.

Next to Topic copilot click **add topic**. This could be a question or task that you want pupils to respond to.

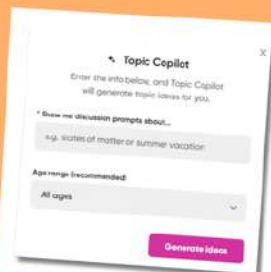
Add instructions and set video lengths for the topic before posting it to your group for pupils to respond to.



TOPIC COPILOT

Topic Copilot, an AI-powered feature in Flip can save you time by providing a list of topic suggestions for your classroom in seconds.

Just enter a list of keywords, and Topic Copilot will generate a list of suggested topics for you.



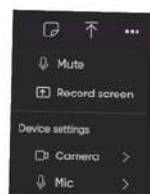
RESPONSES

Create, trim, and rearrange video segments.

Activate whiteboard mode and use live inking to add context.

Overlay photos from your camera roll, emoji, and text as stickers on your video.

Pupils can upload a custom image, such as a picture of their artwork, and discuss the inspiration and implications.



VIDEO EFFECTS

Flip's camera allows you to express yourself creatively by adding lenses, stickers, music, and more to videos or audio recordings.



MIX TAPES

Mixtapes let you curate videos from across topics and groups to easily share with others. The feature is an easy way for you to create portfolios of videos in a view-only experience. Click your **Profile photo bubble** and then **Mixtapes**.

FLIP AR

You can "stick" any Flip video wherever you want by printing the video's QR code and then scanning the QR code with the Flip mobile app.

By adding a Flip QR code to projects, others can hear the stories, processes, and decisions behind each masterpiece.

At the top right of the **"Share video"** box, click **QR code** and **download**.

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