

BUSH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Ar Thriail Na Tuiscine In search of Understanding

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THE NEWS

We have had such a busy month in Bush Post Primary School. Students are sitting Christmas Examinations in the coming week and preparations are well underway. We have celebrated a wonderful Awards Ceremony, College Awareness Week, Stand Up Week and Science Week. We have enjoyed a range of visits in and visits out. Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. This is your monthly bulletin issued via our website.



TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

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TY Music

TY Music students enjoyed a talk from Sabahat Khan about his work in the film industry. Mr Khan spoke passionately about his love for film and his exciting new company, Soul Atlas, who have delved into the world of film, game design and board games. The students were interested to hear about the varying career opportunities available to them in the world of media.



TY Work Experience

Our Transition Year students embarked on their work experience last week. Students used this wonderful opportunity to experience a range of work placements and learn many new skills, while equipping themselves with information to make informed decisions for their futures. Thank you to the many employers who facilitated this work experience.

TY Stem Initiative

We are delighted to be included in a STEM initiative with Maynooth University to encourage more females to enter STEM careers. This initiative takes over 3 days during the year. Students will travel to W5 in Belfast where they will experience:

3 full days of education in an education hub.

Students get to learn new skills (coding, computational thinking, data analysis)

Receive 3 mentoring sessions from a person working in Industry- meeting and getting to know a person who works in STEM industry

STEM career information.

On successful completion of the programme, students will graduate from a 3rd-level institution with a Level 6 award. STEM Skills Module - Level 6 (NFQ) qualification from Maynooth University, Munster Technological University and Atlantic Technological University - 50 leaving cert points for those who complete it (towards specific courses in MU & MTU)

Congratulations to our 30 TY female students who have signed up for this exciting challenge.

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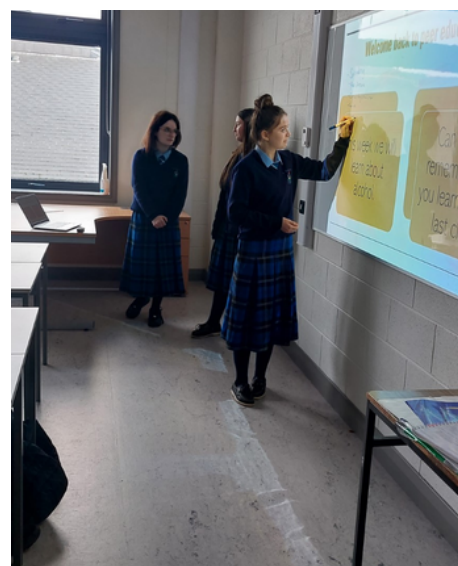
Enterprise



Francis Verling from the Local Enterprise Office visited Transition Year Business students to carry out workshop 3 as part of the Student Enterprise Programme. Workshop 3 was based on marketing. Francis worked very closely with each mini company and helped them develop their marketing strategies for their business idea. They focused on developing the 4P's of marketing: product, price, place and promotion. Francis was an amazing guide for students who are preparing for the Christmas trade fair taking place on Wednesday 13th December.

Peer Education Programme

Over the past few months, a small group of 6 transition year students took part in a Peer education in order to come back and teach all the first-year classes in the school. The programme aims to empower and educate young people in order to make informed decisions on topics such as bullying, self-esteem, mental health, peer pressure, smoking & vaping, alcohol and drugs. The group of transition years undertook 4-day long workshops in St. Gerard's church over the past few weeks. The transition year students then returned to school and delivered 4 different classes to the class groups - 1 Foy, 1 Oriel, 1 Setanta, 1 Donnard and 1 Tain. The aim of the classes is to educate the first years about making informed decisions on these topics as well as educating them about the effects of these substances.



AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

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On October 26th the entire school body gathered in the gym for our annual awards ceremony. This is an opportunity to recognise the effort and diligence our students put into excelling in all areas of school life.

In total we had over 175 awards handed out on the day. We had winners in Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate subjects as per the curriculum. These students have shown how hard work can reap rewards and academic success.

We also wanted to honour the students who make our school a better place to be and we awarded Best Young Citizen awards to 36 pupils in total, 6 students recognised in each year group. This award shines a light on the importance of citizen ship and community.

These awards are a very important element of recognising the effort and graft that students put in on a daily basis and it's a pleasure to watch the smile on their faces when this effort is rewarded.

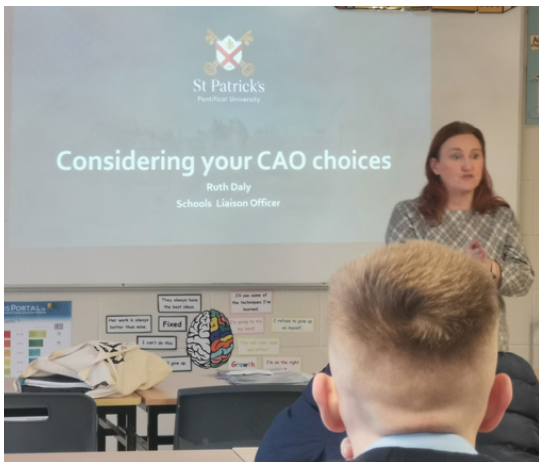
Another wonderful success and we look forward to many more ceremonies to come.



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A number of sixth year students had an opportunity to meet with Ruth Daly, Pontifical University Maynooth, on Friday 10th November. Ruth highlighted the importance of continuing in education and the respect that it earns you. She spoke of the transferable skills that an arts degree brings with it. She advised students to contact her directly if they placed Theology on their CAO by February and she would prioritize them for accommodation in NU Maynooth.



Jonathon Holland met with many of fifth year students on Friday 10th November. Jonathon spoke with students of the benefits of the UCAS system and how to prepare a personal statement. Jonathon is school liaison officer for University of Ulster and informed students of the many courses on offer in UU.



Davy McDonnell of Drogheda Institute of Further Education spoke with sixth year students on Wednesday 8th November. Students learned of how PLC courses can hugely benefit them and that they are free for the 2024/25 academic year. Applications will open in December for DIFE and Davy advised that students should consider applying.

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VISIT OUT TO THIRD LEVEL INSTITUTIONS

130 5th year students attended NUI Maynooth Open Day on Friday 24th November. There they had an opportunity to sample the unique atmosphere at MU and find answers to their many questions about level 8 courses on offer there.

Students could avail of tours of the campus and facilities, meet student ambassadors and chat with lecturers and staff. There were over 80 talks on the day and we have no doubt that this was a beneficial experience for students.



Sixth year students attended a CAO lunchtime clinic during College Awareness Week.



Well done to Maeve and Eoghan for winning the first prizes of College Awareness Week.

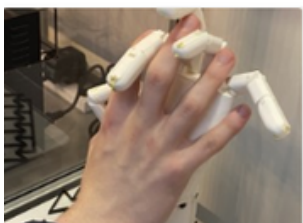
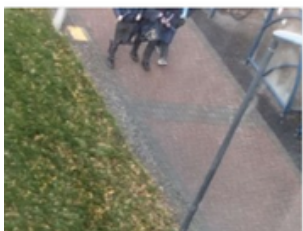
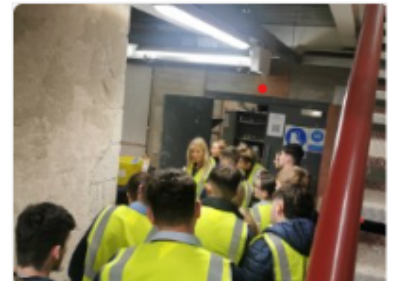
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A group of senior students attended Southern Regional East, West and Greenbank campus on Wednesday 22nd November. They had a tour of trade and workshop areas and visited the Sports Fitness Suites, Hair and Beauty Salons and the Art, Engineering and Science rooms. The tour was a huge success with students gaining a lot of information and inspiration from what they saw and heard.



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AFTER SCHOOL STUDY
CONTINUES – EVERY MONDAY,
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY.
SNACK PROVIDED! 15.50 –
17.45.

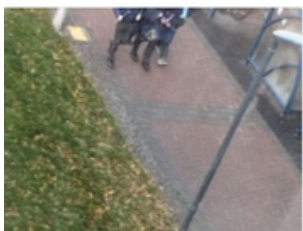
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On November 21st, Ms Crowleys' senior art classes attended the National College of Art and Design (NCAD) open day, receiving advice from other art students on portfolio preparation and attending College talks. They then visited the Hugh Lane gallery getting a chance to visit the famous Andy Warhol exhibition.



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After School Study continues
– Every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Snack provided! 15.50 – 17.45.

We are a Microsoft Showcase Incubator School 2023-2024



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Our school has been accepted as a Microsoft Incubator School.

Microsoft Incubator Schools are part of a prestigious program aimed at fostering innovation and digital excellence in education. This partnership will offer us access to cutting-edge resources, training, and support directly from Microsoft. Here's what you can expect:

Advanced Technology Integration: We will have access to the latest Microsoft tools and technologies, empowering both teachers and students to leverage digital resources for enhanced learning experiences.

Professional Development: Microsoft will provide specialized training and workshops for our teaching staff, helping us stay at the forefront of digital education.

Curriculum Enhancement: We will be able to integrate Microsoft's educational solutions into our curriculum, creating engaging and interactive lessons.

Collaboration Opportunities: Our school will have the chance to collaborate with other Incubator Schools, sharing best practices and innovative ideas in education.

Access to Experts: We'll have access to Microsoft experts who can provide guidance and support in implementing technology effectively in the classroom.

Bush Post Primary School now joins a group of premier schools from around the world who are focused on expanding their digital curriculum. Over the coming years, teachers will become qualified as Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts and Microsoft Innovative Experts and will join an elite group of forward-thinking Educators globally. Being a Microsoft Incubator school places our students in a very advantageous position creating many possibilities for improved learning and prepares our young people for a wide variety of employment opportunities.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to stay at the forefront of educational technology and provide our students with the best possible learning experiences.

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First and second year boys soccer against Colaiste Chu Chulainn.



Bush U16 Flood Cup team



Congratulations to the girls junior Rugby team who had a very successful day at a recent blitz – winning 4/5 matches!



Well done to the U17 boys football team, who beat Balbriggan CC 5 - 1. Two goals from Josh Condon along with goals from David McMahon, Micheal O'Shaughnessy and Sam Elvin capped an excellent team performance from Bush.

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SCIENCE WEEK

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Science Week took place in Bush from November 13th to 17th. Students enjoyed a Scavenger hunt and a Solve the riddle quiz that ran through-out the week. Solve the riddle was won by Sean Watson! The Scavenger hunt was won by Oscar Daly and Sean Watson! On Tuesday at lunch there was great excitement and competition between the year groups to see who would claim first prize in the rocket making competition. Sean Smalle from 6th year was the winner with his rocket travelling the furthest distance! To finish off a successful week, all the 1st years took part in a Science quiz in the gym. The winners were Peter Mc Ardle, Ryan, Hughes, Noah McParland, Maxxie Conroy, Oliver Marmion, Luke Mc Crum, Alfie Connor and Callum Maguire. Congratulations to all.

