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Newsletter

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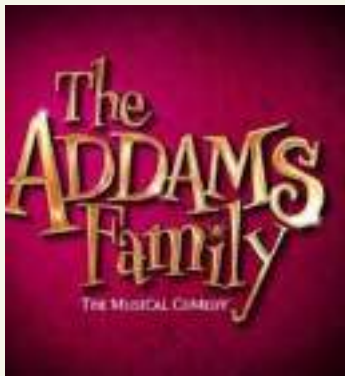
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Ar Thriall Na Tuiscine
In search of Understanding

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. An amazing musical, in school workshops, visits out, visits in and sport events, it has been a busy month! Enjoy this month's Newsletter!



Things got a little bit spooky on the peninsula this January, as Bush Post Primary staged their production of "The Addams Family". Students from 2nd to 6th year, worked tirelessly with their teachers Ms. Fox and Ms. Lynch to produce a show that many said was like a West End production!



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The Addams Family is a dark comedy and introduces us to Gomez (Eoghan Hughes 6th year), Morticia (Aobha Jane Davies 3rd year) and their 2 children; Wednesday (Jessica Cleary 5th year) and Pugsley (Niall McCaul 2nd year). In the musical, Wednesday has a boyfriend, Lucas Beineke (Marc Byrne TY) and they want to get married, but Morticia isn't sure, so Wednesday organises for both families to meet. As you might predict, things don't go to plan, with hilarious consequences. A variety of characters kept us entertained from the Addams family grandma (Aoife Savage 2nd year), their butler, Lurch (Sé O'Hagan 2nd year) and Uncle Fester, (Nuala Shannon 2nd year) who narrated the show with the help of the Addams Family ancestors and even Fester fell in love with the moon!



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Such a production would not be possible without the help of a fantastic team. Thanks must go to Ms. Hand and Ms. McCarragher who looked after hair and makeup. To Mr. S Corcoran, Mr. Doris, Mr Harkin and Mr. Guerin in our Technology Department who constructed our sets. To our caretakers, Eamonn and Gerry for all their work. To our 2 fantastic secretaries, Niki and Lauren, where nothing is ever too big an ask! To Ms. C Harkin who organised the filming of the show. To the brilliant Ms. A McDonnell & Ms. Crowley in our Art Department for bringing those sets to life with their beautiful scenery.

No show can happen without a well oiled backstage machine, and our team was headed up by Mr. Rogers, ably assisted by TY students Lewis Murphy-Boyle, Adam Brady, David McMahon and 2nd years Seamus Feely-Flynn and Evan Hearty.



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Bringing the Addams Family world to life was our Props & Costume Manager, Ms. Mulholland with her fantastic team of TY students; Daniel Connolly, Beth Kelly, Emily Liu, Sophie Rose Caldwell and Zoe McGrath.

Ms. Boyle organised sponsorship letters, printing of posters and the selling of tickets. Without her, none of this would have been possible. A special word of thanks to her TY assistants, Áine O'Reilly and Niamh Carolan.

Many people commented on the beautiful art work on the posters and programmes, which was hand drawn by the very talented, Niamh Loughran, TY.

Finally, to Ms. Fox and Ms. Lynch - your dedication to these students has been incredible. The long evenings, the rehearsals during Halloween and Christmas holidays, the hours of preparation in advance of rehearsals and the stresses of staging a show were all worth it. The bond these students have created, the memories they've made, the sense of belonging, the confidence the students have gained is so valuable and will remain with these students forever.

The Addams Family followed up the huge success of Hairspray (2020) and Calamity Jane (2018). That was no mean feat as both productions were also hugely successful. The students are now wondering, what's next??!!





DECEMBER 2023 LEAVING CERTIFICATE AWARDS



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The final morning of the term seen the Leaving Cert class of 2023 invited back to visit the school for an awards ceremony and coffee morning. This was a perfect opportunity to celebrate their success in the state exams in August. It was lovely to catch up with the students and parents. Many have moved to new cities to attend university, while others are commuting everyday to many different campuses. Awards were presented in all exam subjects to recognise the diligence and effort that was put into achieving their goals. It was a very successful morning and one which we hope the students, parents and staff will remember with fondness.



SENIOR ONE

DECEMBER AWARDS

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Good Citizen Certificate Multi Nominations as of December 2023

1. Stacey Murray Absent
2. Ava Callan
3. Jessica Cleary
4. Niamh Donnelly
5. Annie Malone
6. Eimíle Lennon
7. Conor Fitzgerald Absent
8. Grace Mills Absent
9. Tara White
10. Darragh White
11. Niamh O'Rourke
12. Eireann Arthurs Absent
13. Saibh Morgan

Total in Year Group is 135 students

100% - there are ten students or 7.4%

95% - there are 44 students or 32.6%

Attendance Certificates 5th Year December 2023

100% Attendance

Darragh White

Alisha Mc Garrity

Seán Thornton

Conor Fitzgerald Absent from Photo

Caitleen Mc Cann

Sean Mpame

Niamh Donnelly

Dan Ferguson

Eimíle Lennon

Óisín Gregory

Highly Commended with 95% Attendance in Term 1

Méabh Butterly, Ashling Dunne, Ciara Dunne, Doireann Heinz, Andrew Mc Ardle, Isobel Mc Grath, Patrick Mills, Saibh Morgan, Aaron O Connor, Molly O Donoghue, Rebecca Wills, Chloe Boyle, Emmet Duffy, Rosie Watson, Maia Davidson, Ciarain Finnegan,

Shane Gallagher, Ross Hynes, Sarah Mallon, Katelyn McEaney, Taighé Murphy O'Neill,

Kristian Rowe, Adam Sharkey, Anna Brennan, Ava Callan, Finn Cosgrove, Ceildhe Hughes,

Ciarán Levins, Annie Malone, Nora Mc Bride, Eilís Murphy, Liam O'Hagan, Kamile Paulikaityte, Artem Tsyhaniuk, Tara White, Eireann Arthurs, Ronan Cromie, Amy Long, Jack Mc Ardle, Grace Mills, Ciarán O'Hanlon, Dúaltá O'Neill, Lily Shields.



FIRST YEAR AWARDS

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100% attendance and outstanding behaviour
From L-R: Abbie Larkin, Aoife Watters, Emma McGarrity, Kate Connor and Molly Keenan



Outstanding behaviour
Back row L-R: Harry McVeigh, Caden Carroll, Muireann Finnegan, Ella Byrne McAuliffe, Caoimhe Grant and Claire McGrath
Front row L-R: Conor Hanlon, Daniel Bothwell, Evan Roddy, Daniel Goldrick and Callum Murphy.



100% Attendance
Back row L-R: David McGuigan, Jayden Harper, Holly Gilsenan, Leila O'Hanlon, Grace Fealy, Eimear Murray, Jennifer Holland, Colleen Carron, Dillon McNally and Ethan Kelly.
Front row L-R: Eugene Oliver, Elena Liu, Kirsty Harper Barrett and Christopher Carron

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Well done to the student council staff and students for organising Christmas Jumper day for St Vincent de Paul. 1,240 euro was raised. A special thank you to 6th year student Colin Sharkey for organising the donation of children Christmas presents.



Pictured in photograph LCA Co - Ordinator, Ms Gartlan, Colin Sharkey, Ms Walsh and Ms Mulholland.

Upcoming dates -

Monday February 5th - Bank Holiday

Internet Safety week

Monday February 19th - Conradh na Gaeilge Workshop

Tuesday February 27th Student Enterprise County Finals

Thursday February 22nd TY English Trip to Sive

Deadline for the Subject Options for 5th year is Wednesday February 7th .0

Other news recently ratified Relationship & Sexuality Education Policy and Driving to and from school Policy.

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

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TY Trip to National Indoor Arena

The Transition Years travelled to the National Indoor Arena in Abbotstown Dublin recently. They toured the facility and visited the High-Performance centre where the Irish Olympic team train as well as the National Soccer and Rugby teams.

The students undertook numerous health and performance related fitness tests and screenings that is an essential part of the Leaving Certificate Physical Education curriculum.

The students will use this data they collected and begin to learn how to apply the principles of training to create training programmes to improve their performance in sport. A great day was had by all.

Ms Mc Mullan Mr Malone Mr Rogers



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Congratulations to our TY students who participated in the Peer Education programme . The students involved were Lewis Murphy Boyle, Niamh Brady, Ellen Gormley, Aine O Reilly, Ciaran Shields and Niamh Carolan. They completed a 3-day training programme, before teaching 1st year Bush PP students SPHE related topics. The students are now preparing the final details where they will visit a selection of local primary schools to continue to deliver presentations on self esteem, alcohol and vaping/smoking.

Transition Year Trip to Dublin Zoo



On Wednesday January 24th, the Transition Year group visited Dublin Zoo as part of their Business and Science Curriculum. The students engaged in an interactive workshop on 'Sustainability' and 'Fast Fashion'. They learned about how they can become a more ethical consumer in their choices and the damaging effects of poor choices on the environment. They were then taken on a tour of the animals and enjoyed learning more about the sea lions, red pandas, penguins, rhinos and gorillas. It was such an enjoyable and interesting experience.

Thank you to Ms Campbell, Ms McKeivitt, Ms McCartney and Mr Jordan for accompanying the students.

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ENTERPRISE – DRAGONS DEN

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On January 30th, the TY mini companies pitched their company ideas to the Dragons – Ms McKevitt and Ms. Woods. They really impressed the dragons with their presentations and ability to communicate their ideas passionately. Some companies even brought along some delicious samples of their product! Best of luck to each mini company in the school final. Companies going forward to the County Finals on February 27th in The Fairways Hotel will be announced next week!

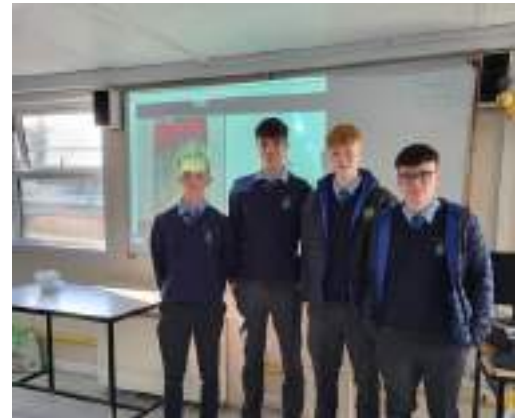


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2024 mini companies – Timber Crafters, Transition T Squares, Ecoteach, Baked Beauties, Cre Creations, Crucai Croise, Cartai Cu Chulainn, Sweet Escape, Goodie Gifts, North East Protein, Exclusive Treats, BScented, H.M. Gloves, Clarkes Bakes and Ecobench.



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Energy in Education

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Here at Bush Post Primary, we have begun the process of engaging with the “Energy in Education” program. This program has been developed by the SEAI in co-operation with the Department of education and skills, to help us effectively manage and monitor our energy consumption as a school.

Effective energy management can result in the following benefits for our school:

- Saving Money
- Increase knowledge of energy and environmental issues among staff, students and parents.
- Longer lasting heating and lighting equipment.
- A reduced carbon footprint.
- A Green Flag for energy.

There are five steps to implementing an energy management programme to our school. Each of the actions involved in the process is explained in the following sections. A range of other resources and information which will assist us in the process is available at www.energyineducation.ie



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Step 1: Energy Statement

- Elect an Energy Coordinator to set up an energy team, student involvement is encouraged. (see below an example of this for more details).
- Write an effective, easy to understand “school energy statement” with the principal’s commitment. This Document will become a part of whole school policy.

Step 2: Find Savings

- Understand and record your energy bills, take meter readings.
- Where is energy is being used?
- What are the main energy users?
- Identify possible energy and cost saving.



Step 3: Make a Plan

- An Energy Action Plan sets out targets to be achieved, which can ultimately be used as benchmarks of success.
- Targets should be clearly defined and easily achievable at the start, to encourage staff and students to improve next year.

Step 4: Take Action

- Raise energy awareness.
- Motivate and encourage staff and students.
- Implement your energy action plan.

Step 5: Check Progress

- Review our end of year targets from our Energy Action Plan and begin planning for next September.

Our principal Mr. Joyce, Green school’s co-ordinator Mrs. Guerin, Caretaker Gerry McEaney and Construction Studies Teacher Mr. Doris attended a workshop in the early part of this school year. This workshop brought together several schools in the LMETB to receive training and guidance on the “Energy in Education” program which was delivered by the SEAI.

Bush Post Primary have already begun our five-step program in order to be prepared for the coming school year in September. We are currently in the process of electing an energy co-ordinator, who will work with management, staff and students to create our school’s energy statement. We are also on the lookout for any students who would wish to join or get involved in our school’s energy team.

If you are interested in getting involved, please express your interest to Mrs. Guerin, our Green School’s Co-ordinator, or Ms. Walsh, our Student Council Co-Ordinator. Your interest will be noted until such a time that a meeting will be organised, we look forward to seeing our many bright minded students expressing and interest in Energy Education and helping our school continue to grow, with your fantastic input, thank you.

CAREER VISITS – OUT

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VIISIT OUT TO DIIFE

A huge thank you to the DIFE community who welcomed a group of sixth year students to their Open Day on Thursday 18th January. Students attended talks on the progression opportunities that a PLC can offer students. They visited the various faculties and met teaching staff who answered the many questions that they had on all aspects of courses on offer.



DIFE

DROGHEDA

Institute of Further Education

VISITS - IN

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DKIT VISIT - IN

Thank you to representatives of DkIT who visited Bush PP on January 17th. Students were reminded of the need to include any restricted courses to their CAO form before February 1st and were invited to attend DkIT CAO morning on January 20th.



On Thursday, December 2st Santa visited Bush Post Primary and added to the fun of the season. First Year students celebrated term one with a reward ceremony along with carol singing and dancing.



FÉILE NA TÁNA

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Luke Webb performed in Bush on January 29th to 2nd and 5th year Music students. This weekend there will be Féile na Tána workshops in Bush and concerts will be taking place in Carlingford over the weekend. Please see Féile na Tána online.



Luke Webb is an exciting young Irish Traditional Harpist with a background in classical training on the Harp. Having graduated from TU Dublin Conservatory of Music and Drama's Bachelor of Music programme specializing in Pedagogy, Luke furthered his studies and graduated from their Masters in Performance programme. Luke has performed and taught at an array of spectacular venues and festivals such as the National Concert Hall, Wales Harp Festival, Edinburgh International Harp Festival and most recently the Higham Hall in association with Harps North West. His original compositions such as 'The Centenary jig', 'Fredo's Lullaby', 'Mamó' and 'Natures Chorus' have been debuted nationally and internationally and performed on national radio.

Fiona McIntyre who played at the Harp Workshop with Luke Webb.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

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On the 18th of January the students of Bush Post Primary had the privilege of taking part in the Story Seeds Project with Fighting Words NI. Students from first to sixth year took part in this cross border creative writing workshop which aims to create a collection of stories, poems, songs and scripts set in the local area of each school. The collection will eventually be published and in due time a bound copy will be given to every student who took part. This workshop has been hosted across numerous counties on or near the border including, Meath, Down, Armagh and Dublin. Our students took a collaborative approach to their short story with Hugh, the facilitator from Fighting Words. First and second years were given the task of creating the main characters' profiles and starting the soon to be riveting gothic fiction piece off to a super start. Subsequently, third and fifth years continued on where the previous classes left off and built on the middle of the plot while a second group of fifth years along with sixth years were left with the challenge of closing our story and deciding the characters' fate. The workshop generated great enjoyment throughout the day and creativity was ever-flowing. Students were left ecstatic with a great sense of accomplishment and achievement. We are delighted to have been able to take part!



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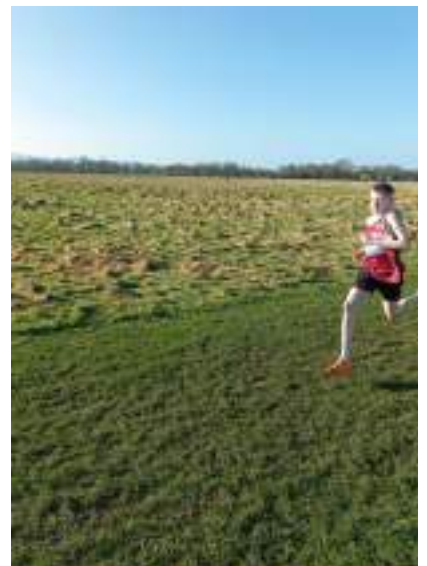
North Leinsters Cross country event in Dublin.

Lisa Conlon came 3rd in the Senior girls u19 race.

Calum Murphy came 5th in the Minor boys race

Aine Finnegan came 4th in the Junior girls race.

All three students have now qualified for the next round of the Leinsters.



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ST. BRIGID'S DAY

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During Ms. McKeivitt's Religion class on February 1st, the Feast Day of St. Bridget, First Year students spent a busy hour making St. Bridget crosses and learning about the life of St. Bridget.



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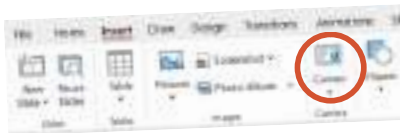
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