




Bush Post Primary School
Newsletter
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents, Students, teachers and Friends of Bush Post Primary School,
As the festive season approaches, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an exciting and busy term for our school community. December has brought a wealth of activities, celebrations, and achievements that showcase the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

December 2024 marks an exciting milestone for Bush Post Primary School as we officially move into the second phase of our state-of-the-art new school building. This long-awaited development is the culmination of years of planning, collaboration, and hard work. Our new building offers a modern, inspiring space designed to enhance the learning experience for both students and staff. The facility features cutting-edge classrooms, dedicated Music and Multi-media labs and our new school Library, all aimed at fostering creativity, collaboration, and innovation for all at Bush Post Primary school. Students will benefit from increased access to technology, interactive learning environments, and the latest resources, allowing them to thrive academically and personally. The new building also provides improved facilities with a new canteen area, ensuring that pupils can enjoy unstructured time with greater space to socialise, promoting well-being that extends beyond the classroom.

The transition to the new building has been seamless and is a testament our teacher's commitment educational excellence, ensuring no lessons have been disrupted. We are excited to welcome students, parents, and staff to explore the new facilities and take part in future events that celebrate our extension. As we embark on this new chapter, we look forward to shaping the future of education at Bush Post Primary School, empowering students to reach their full potential in a modern, supportive environment.





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During the last month, our Transition Year students excelled in the Entrepreneurial Trades Fair, where they demonstrated impressive business skills, creativity, and teamwork. It was inspiring to see their entrepreneurial spirit in action. We also celebrated College Awareness Week, where students explored future pathways and gained valuable insights into higher education options. Our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department led the celebration of 'Think Languages Week', where the students engaged in fun and educational activities that highlighted the cultural and academic value of multilingualism.

As part of our efforts to recognize excellence, we have held Christmas Reward Assemblies, celebrating students across all year groups for their outstanding behaviour and attendance. Special congratulations to those students who won awards this week for excellent attendance, effort, and behaviour. All pupils who had 100% attendance during December were entered into a raffle for an Apple Watch raffle, as a reward for their dedication.

Other memorable events included a visit by the Minister for Education Norma Foley, visits to Butlers Chocolate Factory by our JCSP students, a tour of Aiken Barracks, and the LCA Dragons' Den, where students showcased their enterprising skills. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the residents of Carlingford Nursing Home, bringing our school and local community closer together. Our Green School Committee was busy planting around our new building, continuing our commitment to sustainability and creating a greener, more inviting school environment.

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

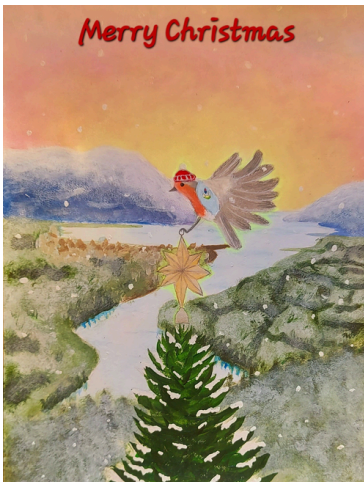
Kind regards,
Kevin Joyce & Rosanna Hart



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

Congratulations to the joint winners of the Bush Post Primary School Christmas Card Competition 2024 - Emma McGarrity and Fiona McIntyre on the success of their wonderful designs.



Credit Union Art Competition Winners
Emma Duffy, Ellie Behan, Oisin Donnelly, Arwen Novak,
Emma McGarrity, Taiszia Turjanica.



**1 Tain & 1 Willvile St Vincent
de Paul hampers.**

TY Christmas Trade Fair



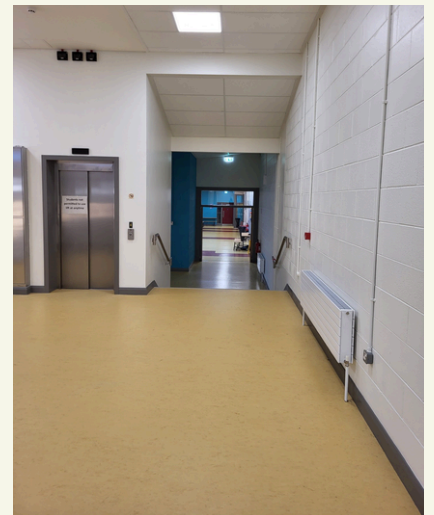
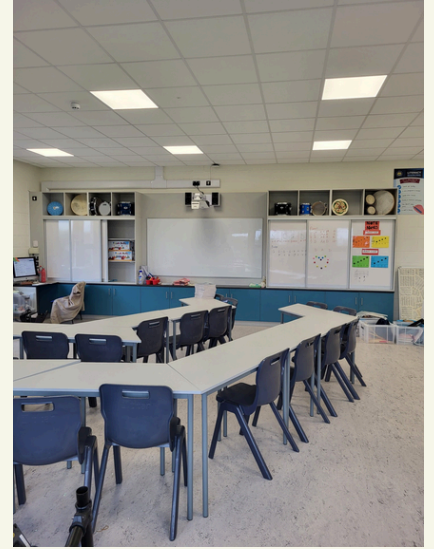


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First Year St Vincent de Paul Hampers



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1 Tain presenting Brian McKeivitt of the St. Vincent De Paul with lovely hampers on Thursday, December 12th as part of their study of 'Homelessness' in Ms. McKeivitt's Religious Education class. Congratulations to both First Year classes - 1 Tain and 1 Willville for their kind generosity.





Year Group Awards



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Second Year Awards

100% attendance and excellent behaviour.



Excellent behaviour.



100% attendance.



Junior Cycle Awards



- Irish - Molly Ni Shuilleabhain
- Maths - Ruairi Holland
- English - Ruairi Holland
- History - Niamh McBride
- Geography - Sleibhin O'Neill
- Science - Katie McBride
- Home Economics - Ava Boyle
- Art - Clíodhna Hanniffy
- Music - Eoin McIntyre
- Wood Technology - Joseph Rafferty
- Graphics - Oscar Dunlevy
- Engineering - Eddie McGrath
- French - Aoife Keenan
- Spanish - Sam Elvin
- Business - Clíodhna Hanniffy



Well done to staff and students who contributed to our annual Christmas jumper day in aid of St Vincent de Paul, 1,335 euro was raised.





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5th Year Award Photos



6h Year Award Photos

High attendance award

Outstanding attitude to learning



After school study continues - every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Snack provided! 15.50 - 17.45.

1st Year Award Photos

High attendance award

Excellent behaviour

Attitude to learning





TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

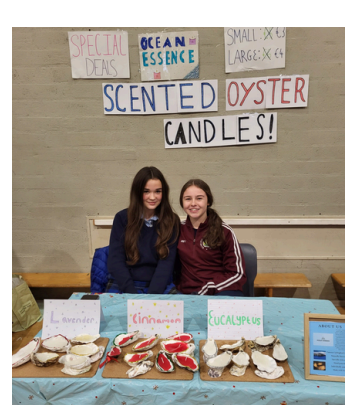
CHRISTMAS FAIR



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Well done to all our Business TY students who displayed an array of innovative product ideas at the annual Christmas Trade Fair held in the school gym on Wednesday, December 11th. There were various companies selling products such as baked goods, sweets, pictures, candles, hampers, cookey books, reindeers, slime, wild flowers, golf tees and much more! The fair was a hugely successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.





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4 ORIEL HOSPITALITY EVENT

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4 Oriel students hosted a heartwarming hospitality event with their teacher, Ms. Hand. They welcomed elderly residents from the Carlingford retirement home for an afternoon of tea, scones, and conversation. It was a wonderful opportunity for connection and community spirit, leaving smiles on faces both young and old, whilst ensuring each guest left with a handmade Christmas card to brighten their holiday season.





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Clodagh Naughton from St Vincent de Paul visited 2 Foy CSPE today. Students learned about the history of the charity, how Clodagh got involved and all the fantastic work SVP do in local communities. This was a great insight for students as we will have our Christmas jumper day on Thursday 18th Dec and all money raised is going to SVP.

Bulb Planting

A big thanks to First years who helped plant daffodil and tulip bulbs in our school garden this week.

The daffodil bulbs were kindly sponsored by Enersol.



Visit to St. Vincent's Garden

The Green Schools committee recently visited St. Vincents school garden. They were given a tour of the garden by Ms. Charlene O' Hagan who came up with the concept of the garden and oversaw its completion. The garden has recently won an award for sustainability. The garden was created from recycled wood and collected the plants from students and staff. The green schools committee were very inspired by this wonderful project and hope to take some of the ideas to use in their own garden.





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November/December Attendance Drive

We were very excited to announce the winners of our 20 Day Attendance Drive! We all know that 80% of success is based on showing up, therefore it's really important we are all aiming for best attendance possible. If students didn't get a chance to be entered, not to worry there will be more competitions next term. Remember if you're not in you can't win!

The winners below all received 20 Euros gift vouchers:

1st Year – Patrick McGrath, Ava White and Alisa Volkova

2nd Year – Sophie McArdle, Ellie May McGrath and Sophie McDonnell

3rd Year – Jamie Conlon Love, Peter Thorton, Jessica Cromie

TY – Diarmuid Watters, Lucy Keenan and Jack G Rice

5th Year – Craig Tuohy, Ava Goss, Eoin McCoy

6th Year – Shéa Connolly, Annie Malone, Ciarán O'Hanlon

Star Prize Apple watch won by Cuan Carroll!

The winners below all received vouchers for parents/guardians:

50 Euros Food Shop Voucher – Ella Byrne McAuliffe

50 Euros Food Shop Voucher – Connor McDonnell

100 Euros Fitzpatrick food voucher

Every School Day Counts!



Coming up ...

**23rd Dec – 3rd Jan - School
Christmas Holidays**

15th January - TY PTM

26th January - 2nd Year PTM

**28th January - 7th February –
Mock Exams**

**Monday 17th – Friday 21st
February - Mid Term Break**



CAREER VISITS – IN & OUT



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Thank you to Liz Murphy (DkIT), Abbie Traynor (past pupil) and Margaret Meegan (St. John of God Intellectual Disability Services) who spoke to a group of senior students on 6th December about the role and training of an Intellectual Disability nurse. Students were informed of the many settings that ID nurses work in and about how people-centred and rewarding the career is. They held a captivated audience on the day, with their passion for their work very evident.



Many thanks to Shane Williams of DIFE who spoke to sixth year students on Monday 9th December. Shane told students of the benefits of attending a PLC, of the many connections that DIFE have with DCU and of the new courses that are on offer in DIFE for 2025.



We were delighted to be invited to Keenan timber frame construction on Tuesday 17th December. Our students had a very interesting talk from Liam McMahon the Operations Manager on the ktf housing system construction. The classes had a very detailed tour of the factory floor and were shown how cutting edge technology is used in the design and manufacturing process.



They were shown how computer aided design enables precise timber cutting and assembly. After that the group reassembled for a talk on careers with the company and helpful tips for CVs and applications. It was a very educational and informative morning and we are so thankful to Liam and his team for their time and knowledge.

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Our Senior girls had another comprehensive win over Donabate CC last week in Cooley. The Donabate coach had very high praise for the talent within the squad & singled out some girls for their individual performances. The girls are now into a Leinster quarter final which will be played after Christmas. Well done girls - another superb performance!

This month the girls competed in their first ever cup game against Sacred Heart Drogheda. The girls showed a mammoth display of resilience, hard-work and passion to come back from 2-0 down and score 2 late goals in injury time. Unfortunately, luck didn't follow us into extra time and the girls lost 2-0. A great game of football and an amazing display from the 2nd year team. Well done girls!



Boys U16 team

