



Bush Post Primary School Newsletter



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In search of Understanding

November

20 day Attendance Challenge

For those students with 100% attendance from Wednesday 20th November - 18th

December:

- Students will be entered into a prize draw for an apple watch – details to be revealed.
- Prize draw for all year groups & spot prizes to be won!
- Parents/Guardians entered into a draw for restaurant vouchers.
- 100% attendance certificates awarded at assembly.

LCA5 Winners of the Dragons Den Active Leisure Competition



**20 DAY ATTENDANCE DRIVE PRIZE DRAW
IF YOU'RE NOT IN, YOU CAN'T WIN!**

WIN AN APPLE WATCH!

**STAR PRIZE
APPLE WATCH**

Christmas Raffle

PARENT PRIZE DRAW:

- ❖ 100 EUROS RESTAURANT VOUCHERS
- ❖ 50 EUROS FOOD VOUCHERS

**RUNNER UP PRIZES FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP:
CINEMA, SPORTS DIRECT AND BOOK VOUCHERS**

MUST HAVE 100% ATTENDANCE 20th November- 18th December



Congratulations to our girls 1st year rugby team who participated in a blitz on November 28th, in Dundalk rugby club and won 3 out of 4 of their games.

Candle making mini company 'Sparks Fly' - Sophie Mills and Lucy Keenan at the Christmas Fair held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford on December 1st.



Visit out to Butler's Chocolate Factory



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A big thank you to local entrepreneur Theresa Savage, owner of Lush Boutique, Carlingford for visiting the 5th year Link Modules class. Theresa talked about her experience being an entrepreneur and running a business. Thank you to Alana Loughran and Aislinn White for organising the visit.

Important dates coming up.....

- 2nd December – school holiday
- 3rd – 6th December – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th year exams
- 5th December 2024 – TY music students will attend a talk with Finnian of The Mary Wallowers.
- 6th December period 2 – senior students interested in a career in nursing will attend a talk with DkIT.
- Thursday 12th December (period 2 - 4) - Visit to KTF – some senior students will visit Keenan Timber Frames.
- Friday 6th December (period 2) - some senior students will attend a talk on psychiatric nursing.
- TY Christmas Trade Fair will be taking place on Wednesday 11th December
- 12th December 2024 - 6th year Construction Studies students including 6LCA: career investigation to KTF. Arriving at 10 AM.
- 16th December - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th year reports due
- 17th December – Staff Meeting
- 23rd Dec – 3rd Jan – School Christmas Holidays

FIRST YEAR GREEN SCHOOLS ACTIVITY DAY

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On Thursday November 28th, all first and second year students were involved in the green schools activity day. The first years had been working very hard in their wellbeing class. Each first wellbeing class was given a bird, insect, flower or tree to research. Each class produced a poster detailing their research and produced a cardboard model of their insect, bird or tree.

1 Oriel - Researched and presented the life cycle of a honey bee. They designed a model of a bee and a beehive.

1 Donnard - Researched and presented the life cycle of a robin. They designed a model of a robin and its nest.

1 Tain - Researched and presented life cycle of a lady bird. Designed a ladybird

1 Foy - Researched and presented life cycle of thrush. Designed thrush and thrush's nest.

1 Willville - Researched the life cycle of a daffodil. Designed a daffodil.

1 Setanta - Researched growth cycle and characteristics of Rowan tree. Designed and labelled a Rowan tree.

The First years set up their project in the gym.

Each class prepared 10 questions.

The second years came to visit each stand and had to fill a questionnaire on the daffodil, the rowan tree, the ladybird, the honeybee, the thrush and the robin.

A huge thanks to everyone involved. Congratulations to all our first year students who worked very hard and produced wonderful posters and models. Thanks to their teachers Ms. Clare, Ms. Begley, Ms. Devitt and Ms. Crowley who worked so hard with their wellbeing classes to produce wonderful projects. A special thanks to Ms. Ruddy who helped set up on the day and to all the teachers who helped supervise their classes during our activity day. A huge thanks to the wonderful green schools committee and T.Y. students who spent many hours designing beautiful artwork to enhance our activity day.





TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

WILLVILLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Some of our creative Transition Year Business students attended the Christmas Fair in Willville on Sunday, November 24th. Congratulations to **'Déanta Le Grá'** - Ava Boyle, Ellen Roddy & Áine Gallagher on the publication of their fabulous recipe book full of delicious savoury and sweet recipes contributed from local people.

Ocean Essence

TY mini company Ocean Essence sells oyster candles. Our Carlingford lough harvested oyster shells are transformed into amazing scented candles. We offer various scents that brings the ocean to your home. Our company had a very successful day at the Wilville Christmas Fair and looks forward to future fairs. Follow us on our social media @oceanessencety



Hair Fusion

TY mini company Hair Fusion sells homemade rosemary hair oil and eyebrow serum. Hair Fusion's unique blend is used to promote a healthy scalp and promote hair growth. Hair Fusion also sell hair products such as hair clips, scrunchies and overnight curls kits. Our company had a very successful sale at the Wilville Christmas Fair and looks forward to future trade fairs. Follow us on our social media @_hairfusion__

The Brookie Box

TY mini company The Brookie Box sells sweet treats specialising in tasty brookies. A brookie combines delicious rich chocolate brownies with a chewy chocolate chip cookie. Our company had a successful day at the trade fair with lots of happy customers enjoying our tasty treats.



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TY student Aobha-Jane Davies has qualified for BT Young Scientist 2025. Her project "The changes in vocal ability during the menstrual cycle" falls into the Biological & Ecological category. The idea came as Aobha-Jane enjoys music and performing and played Morticia in our last school musical The Addams Family. We wish Aobha-Jane all the best with her project and at the exhibition in the new year.



Think Languages

In November, Transition Year Language students took part in Think Languages week. On Monday we had a very interesting Turkish workshop, led by Sema Cahill. Sema told us about Turkish history and culture and we learned some new words and phrases. On Tuesday we learned how young people are using languages in a variety of careers such as dancing, work in the EU and social media influencing. On Thursday, we held a very enjoyable workshop in Irish Sign Language where students learned some useful words and phrases.

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.



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Guest speakers Denis O'Reilly and David Kelly from the Good Grub initiative visited 2 Foy CSPE on Friday the 15th of November as part of their CSPE classroom-based assessment. The students learned all about how the Good Grub initiative was set up during the pandemic to support families by providing fresh fruit and veg hampers. The hard work and dedication continue today through Stronger Starts, a programme in partnership with Tesco. Huge thanks to Denis and David for sharing their inspiring story and showing what can be achieved with good will, hard work and collaboration.



Visit out to Butler's Chocolate Factory

On Thursday, November 28th, the JCSP 3rd year English students attended a school trip to Butlers chocolate factory in Dublin where they learned about the history of chocolate, how it is prepared and even got to decorate their one chocolate Santa to take home. On their way to Dublin they stopped off at Monasterboice Inn where they got a tour of their busy working kitchen and enjoyed a delicious breakfast. A huge thank you to Libby Grennan and past pupil Paul McCarthy for the opportunity.



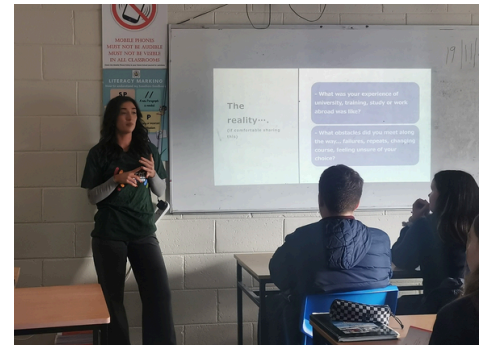
COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK

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This week is College Awareness Week and we are so proud of our school community who are taking time to share their career journey with our students. Transition year students will visit DkIT, 5th year students will visit NUI Maynooth and 6th year students will visit DCU. Numerous talks are organised that will inform students of careers in nursing, the Defence Forces, carpentry and the music industry.



Well done to sixth year students who opened up their CAO accounts during College Awareness Week. These students invested in their future and also availed of the discounted application fee of €30. This fee will increase to €45 on January 20th and so we encourage the class of 2025 to apply to CAO now.



Sixth years had a very successful trip to DCU on Friday 15th November. They attended talks and had the pleasure of meeting up with past pupils of Bush PP who took time to motivate them for the year ahead. Thank you to Joe Corcoran and Sheila McDonald for accompanying students.

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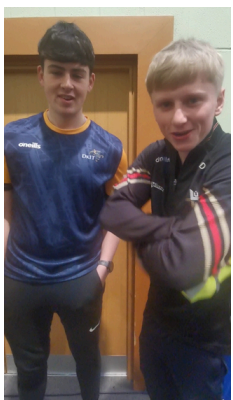
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A huge thank you to Liam McMahon of KTF who spoke with senior Construction Studies Students on 18th November 2024. Liam highlighted the benefits of timber frame housing, how they are produced and the job opportunities available in the area. He told students of how the owners of KTF once sat where they are now sitting and how the owners saw an opportunity to manage a business and seized this opportunity.



Thank you to everyone who facilitated Career Investigations over College Awareness week. They were a huge success, and students especially enjoyed meeting up with our past students and learning of the differences between college and school life.



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A huge thank you to all at Aiken Barracks, Dundalk and especially to Sergeant Riccardo Lucchesi who facilitated a career investigation on 26th November 2024. Students were introduced to the history of the barracks, the role of the Irish Army and to the possibilities of different careers within the army. The event was thoroughly enjoyed and we hope that this will be the first of many visits.



BUSH SPORT

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Boys U15 Soccer Team played a fantastic game against St Joseph's Drogheda and drew 2-2. Well done to the boy's team!



Congratulations to the senior girls on a comprehensive win over Colaiste na Ihnse Bettystown. They have won all three games in their group and now progress to the next stage of the competition.



Second year girls played their first soccer match against Our Lady's Drogheda. It has been over 15 years since Bush Post Primary have entered a girls soccer team. The girls worked tremendously hard and scored two excellent goals (Lily Mackin and Rois Mulligan). The girls unfortunately lost the game in the end, however, it was an excellent effort by all 22 students. Congratulations and best wishes to them for the rest of their campaign.