

Bush Post Primary School Newsletter Happy New Year

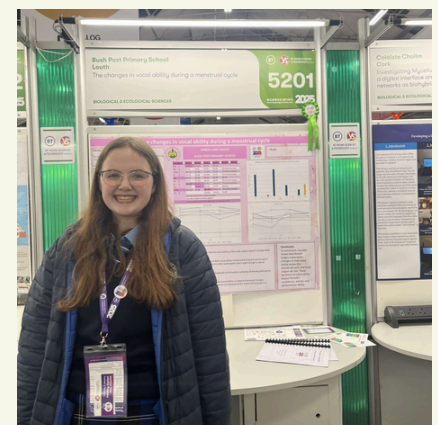
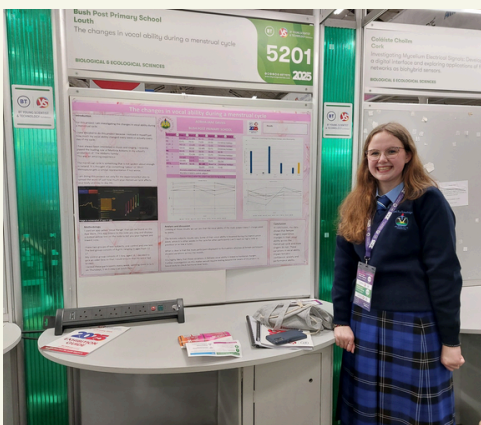
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We have hit the ground running at Bush Post Primary for the New Year and new term. Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. Competition success, in school workshops, visits out, visits in and sport events, it has been a busy month! Enjoy this month's Newsletter!

BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition 2025 took place last week from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th of January. TY student Aobha-Jane Davies represented Bush Post Primary School with her project titled "The changes in vocal ability during the menstrual cycle". Aobha-Jane played the role of Morticia in the last school musical "The Addams Family" and is an accomplished singer and musician. Not only did Aobha-Jane successfully qualify, out of over 2000 projects, but she was awarded Highly Commended! Congratulations to Aobha-Jane for all her hard work and achievement at BTYSTE. Aobha-Jane and her classmate Molly-Rose Long got to meet Micheál Martin at the exhibition as well as recognition from 2fm DJ Laura Fox, who identified the project as one of several interesting projects on menstruation which she felt is an important area that should be studied further. A huge congratulations to Aobha-Jane from all the staff and students from Bush PP.



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Ten TY students engaged in the Shared Education for Positive Innovation (SEPI) programme on the 15th of January in Assumption High School Ballynahinch. Students worked on a sustainability and climate change problem set by PWC. This is a cross-border programme run by Co-operation Ireland aimed at fostering relationships between North and South, facilitating shared learning and enhancing best practice. The activities involved will help students develop skills in good relations, personal development, citizenship, and employability, with a focus on innovation for climate action and peacebuilding.



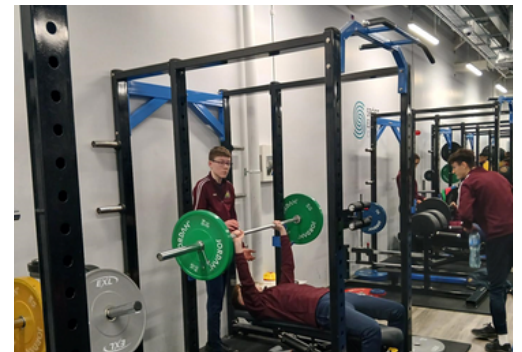
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TRIP TO SPORTS CAMPUS IRELAND

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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.



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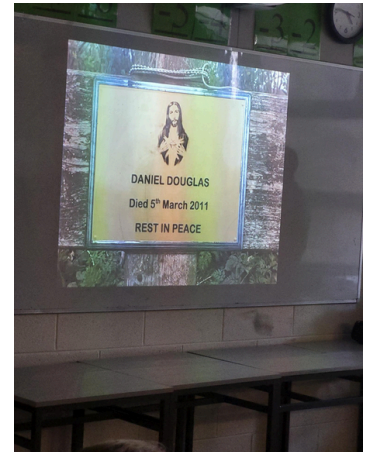
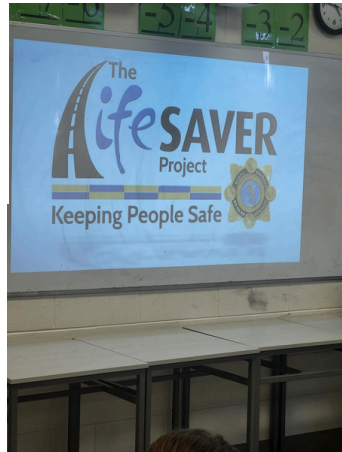
On January 28th, 23 TY mini companies pitched their company ideas to the Dragons – Ms. McKeivitt and Ms. Campbell. They really impressed the dragons with their presentations and ability to communicate their ideas passionately. Some companies even brought along some delicious samples of their product! Best of luck to each mini company in the school final. Companies going forward to the County Finals in March in The Fairways Hotel will be announced next week!



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The Lifesaver Project is a road safety education program delivered by members of An Garda Síochána. It is a hard hitting and realistic road safety presentation highlighting the devastating effects that road traffic collisions have on people's lives. It is a 2 hour programme of interactive engagement with the audience supported by video inserts and personal experiences of road traffic collision victims and/or their families. The program delivers a strong road safety message that everyone needs to hear and help address the current rising death and serious injury collision on our roads. On January 29th, Garda Buckley delivered this program to our TY students. This was such a powerful presentation and we would like to thank Garda Buckley for coming to our school and speaking to our students on road safety.

CAO Important Dates

5th Nov 2024 CAO online application opens	20th Jan 2025 Earlybird deadline for discounted fee
1st Feb 2025 Normal closing date for applications	1st Feb 2025 Closing date for restricted courses
15th Mar 2025 Last date for HEAR/DARE supporting documentation	1st Mar 2025 Closing date for HEAR/DARE forms online
6th May 2025 FREE Online Change of Mind facility becomes available	1st Jul 2025 Change of Mind closes

Important dates to note for sixth years regarding CAO applications.

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



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The 5th Year English classes recently showcased their debating talents in a lively competition that began with in-class debates. Each class then nominated their top speakers to represent them in a final showdown between Ms. Byrne's and Mr. Corcoran's classes. The motion for the debate was, "We cannot afford the luxury of an armed Garda Síochána."

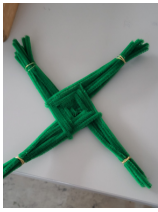


The proposition team, composed of Sophie Caldwell, Beth Kelly, Fiadhait McDonnell, and David McMahon, argued passionately in favour of the motion. Meanwhile, the opposition team, featuring Teagan McDonnell, Marc Byrne, JP McKeown, and Stella Deary, presented compelling arguments against it. Adding to the excitement, last year's 6th Year debate champions (Medbh Mac Clancy and Conor Fitzgerald) returned to adjudicate the event, offering their expertise and valuable feedback.



The debates were a testament to the students' critical thinking and teamwork, making the event very entertaining. Well done to all participants!



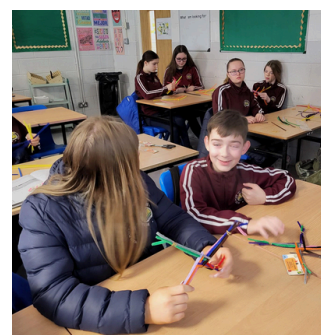
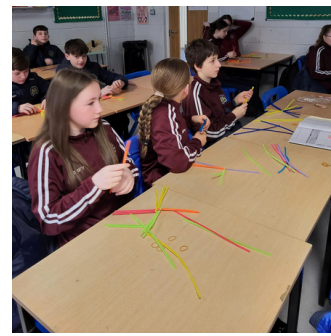
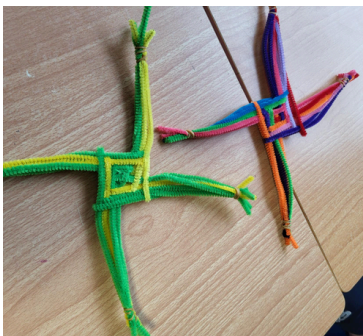
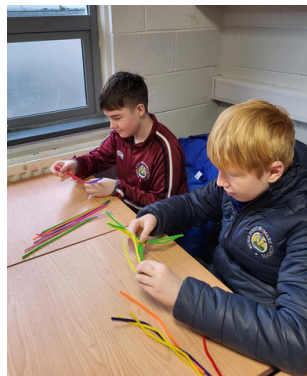


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During Ms. McKevitt's Religion classes in January, First & Third Year students spent a busy hour making St. Bridget crosses using pipecleaners and rushes and learning about the life of St. Bridget.



Trinity College Entrance
Exhibition Ceremony 2024/2025
Dayna Ferguson – 1st Year
Medical Student & Principal Kevin
Joyce.



Congratulations to the 5th & 6th year students who recently successfully completed their General Education, Contemporary Issues and Practical Achievement tasks and interviews. It was wonderful to see all your hard work come into fruition as you planned, researched, implemented, reflected, and presented to the SEC examiners.



Coming up ...

28th of January - 2nd Year PTM

4th of February - TY Trip to Dublin
Zoo

6th of February - LCA 5 & 6 Barista
Training

10th of February - 5th Year students
attend a campus tour of UCD.

28th January - 7th February – Mock
Exams

Week 2 of work experience will take
place for all TY students week
beginning 10th - 14th February.

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



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The Music Department were delighted to welcome Luke Webb from Harp Ireland on Monday 27th Jan. As part of the Feile na Tana festival, Luke treated the students to a workshop and performance on the Irish harp. Many of our students are taking part in workshops and performances in Carlingford over the weekend as part of Feile na Tana. Many thanks to John McIntyre and Zoe Conway for facilitating the workshop.



On Wednesday, January 29th 2nd year music students enjoyed a drumming workshop with the Mobile Music School. Students got to try out lots of different percussion instruments; djembes, tambourines, bodhráns and lots more. Students worked really hard at improving their listening and performing skills. Well done everyone!





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Well done to sixth year students who are investing time in their UCAS applications. Many applications are now sent with remaining applications due by January 29th. Thank you to teachers who have submitted predicted grades and written references. Exciting times ahead for the class of 2025.



Thank you to Ciara Brannigan of NUIG for speaking to students on January 10th about all things NUIG. Ciara offered practical advice regarding applying for the CAO, choosing the correct university for you and finding accommodation. She also spoke to students about minimum subject requirements for various courses in NUIG.



A huge thank you to the DIFE community who welcomed LCA 5 and a small group of sixth year students to their Open Day on Thursday 23rd of 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



Congratulations to both our Junior & Senior girls rugby team who were successful in winning all 5 of their games at a recent Rugby blitz held in Dundalk RFC.



Congratulations to the boys u-18 team that won their N Leinster semi final against Ballymakenny on Friday

It's been a busy start to the junior boys basketball season with over 50 first and second years trying out for the teams. The second years have two wins from two and the first years still have a huge chance of progressing to the next round when they play their final group game next month.



Bush Post Primary camogie team had a great win against Mean Scoil Mhuire from Longford. Well done to our u14s/u16 girls who were on the team.

