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Spain 2025

Enjoy this month's newsletter! Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. A trip to Spain, internet safety week, in school workshops, visits out, visits in and sport events, it has been a busy month!

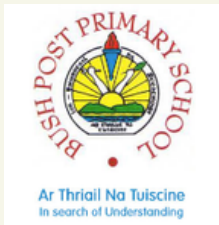


Well done to the Trad Group who performed in the Foy Centre as part of the Feile na Tána festival over the February bank holiday weekend.

Pictured: Tadhg Traynor, Lucy Kelly, Grace Brennan, Joy Mulligan, Fiona McIntyre and Ellie Mae Woods.

Not pictured: Eoin McIntyre, Molly Kelly, Rowan Mulligan





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Internet Safety Week Recap: “Prepare / Protect / Thrive: Navigating Algorithms and Influencers.”

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to extend our gratitude for your participation and support during Internet Safety Week at Bush Post Primary School. The week was filled with informative sessions and engaging activities to raise awareness about online safety, equipping our students with the necessary skills to navigate the digital world responsibly. This year's theme invites parents, schools, educators, young people, and all stakeholders to consider how algorithms and influencers shape young people's lives.

Highlights of the week:

An Garda Síochana Workshop:

We were fortunate to have representatives from An Garda Síochana share valuable insights on online safety to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students. Their talk emphasised the importance of saying 'no' to requests online and provided practical tips to help students stay safe in the digital space.

Internet Safety Posters:

Our 1st and 2nd year students created Internet Safety posters, showcasing their creativity and understanding of online safety concepts. The creations were impressive, reflecting a keen awareness of the importance of responsible digital citizenship.

DML and SPHE Lessons:

Throughout the week, Digital Media Literacy (DML), Social, Personal, and Health Education (SPHE) and Wellbeing classes incorporated discussions on online safety. This integrated approach ensures that online safety is an ongoing conversation within our curriculum.

Selfie Frame Capturing the Week's Events:

A selfie frame was used to capture memorable moments throughout the school during Internet Safety Week. It served as a fun and engaging way to document the activities and celebrate our collective commitment to online safety.

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Parental Guidance:

As we wrap up Internet Safety Week, we encourage you to continue the conversation at home. Here are a few additional tips to promote online safety:

Open Communication:

Foster an open line of communication with your child. Encourage them to share their online experiences and concerns with you.

Set Boundaries:

Establish clear guidelines for screen time and online activities. Discuss the importance of privacy settings and responsible online behaviour.

Stay Informed:

Keep yourself informed about the latest online trends and potential risks. This knowledge will empower you to guide your child effectively.

Lead by Example:

Demonstrate responsible online behaviour and emphasise the importance of treating others with respect in the digital space.

Thank you once again for your active participation in Internet Safety Week. Together, we can create a safer and more positive online environment for our students.

Best regards,
Shane Brennan
ICT Coordinator

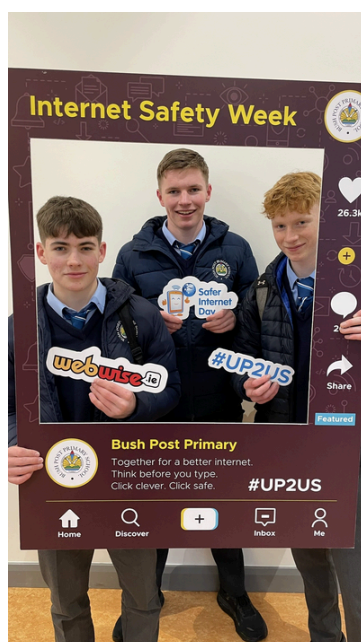
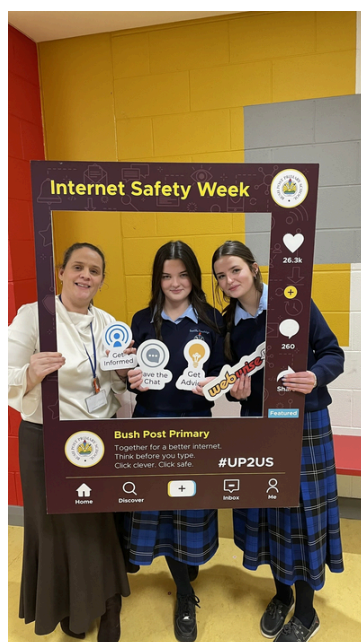
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On Tuesday February 4th, the Transition Year group visited Dublin Zoo as part of their Business, Art and Science Curriculum. The students engaged in an interactive workshop on 'Sustainability' and 'Fast Fashion'. They learned about how they can become 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 Lambe, Ms McDonald and Mr Brennan for accompanying the students



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Bake Sale - €750 raised for local charities & Barista training.



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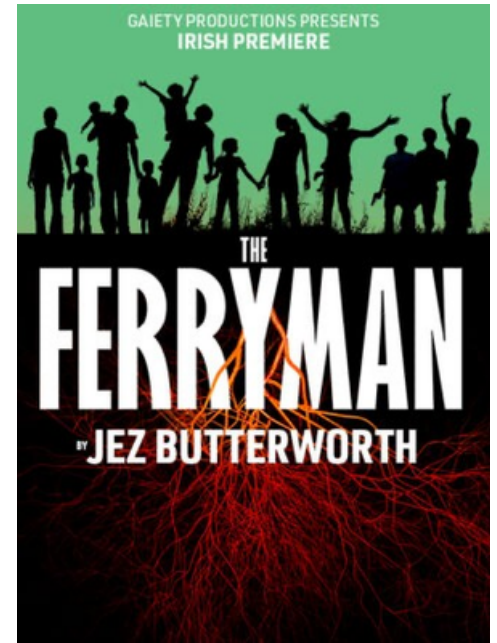
'Valentines Brunch' hosted by Ms. Begley's TY Tutor group for residents of Carlingford Nursing Home. The students are developing their links to the community (a key pillar of the TY Specification) by hosting this brunch - providing beverages, treats and chats. The students also performed a song for the residents, played card games and painted their nails.



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On Wednesday, 26th February, all Transition Year English classes were treated to a spectacular live performance of *The Ferryman* by Jez Butterworth at the Gaiety Theatre. This marks the play's highly anticipated Irish premiere, following its success on Broadway and the West End.

The play, which features an impressive 21-person cast, brings together a gripping tale set during The Troubles in Northern Ireland. The production features an array of extraordinary elements, including a live baby, a live goose, and a live rabbit, all contributing to the immersive experience.

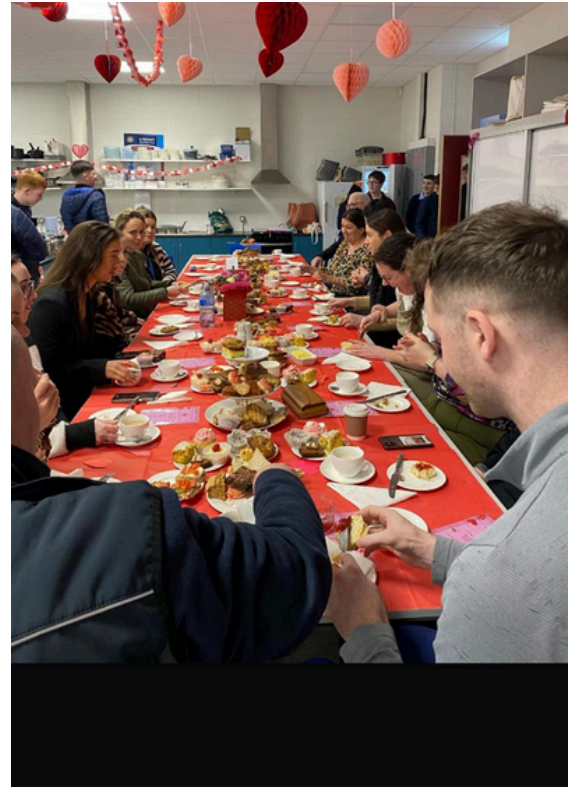
The cast boasts a remarkable lineup, including renowned actors like Aaron McCusker, Charlene McKenna, and Niall Buggy, bringing the powerful story to life. This production is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness such an acclaimed play in its home country. Students had the chance to not only enjoy the performance but also gain valuable insights into the themes of the play, which explores family, loyalty, and the complex legacy of conflict. It was an unforgettable experience, enriching our studies of contemporary theatre and offering a unique cultural opportunity for all involved.

The show runs for six weeks, making it a limited-time treat for anyone looking to experience this modern classic.

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Congratulations to our STEM Passport for Inclusion pupils who graduated on Friday, January 31st.





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As part of their Hotel, Catering and Tourism course a selection of 5th and 6th year students participated in barista training from Dublin Barista School on the 11th of February. Students learned to use commercial espresso machines and developed other practical skills needed in the hospitality sector.



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

Mr. Murphy's History class focused on the duality of the figure of St. Brigid, with the first years examining her pre-Christian Irish roots, as well as the focus popular Christian figure we celebrate every February. We also examined the ancient Irish festival Imbolc, and how it was Christianised into St. Brigid's Feast day. Finally, the class of one Donnard investigated the traditions that surround the day, including the pilgrimage to the saint's well in Faughart, putting out cloth on St. Brigid's eve, and they crafted their very own St. Brigid's Cross.

Important dates coming up.....

- **Transition Year Campus Tour of Queen's University will take place on Tuesday March 4th. Students absent all day.**
- **Monday 10th March - OIDE SC cluster day.**
- **Tuesday 11th March – 5th Year PTM.**
- **Monday 17th March – St Patrick's day school closure.**
- **24th – 28th March – Department Meetings week.**
- **Thursday 10th April – 1st year PTM.**
- **Easter Break – 14th – 25th April.**

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A group of 17 Senior Spanish students and two of their teachers travelled to Valencia on the East coast of Spain for a fully immersive 5-day language experience during the midterm. They were treated to warm and sunny weather, reaching 22 degrees at times, and certainly received some funny looks from the locals who were dressed for the Winter weather!

They took part in a number of activities and workshops, as well as language classes each morning specially tailored to help with their upcoming Leaving Cert oral exams. Traditional Valencian dancing, a paella making experience and surfing lessons were highlights of the trip, all taught through Spanish. They also visited the beautiful Botanical Gardens, took part in a language exchange with local teenagers and spent some time with local primary school students, teaching them Irish schoolyard games and learning the traditional Spanish versions.

The students were fantastic throughout the whole trip, embracing every opportunity and showing off their Spanish skills to the delight of their instructors. They returned home filled with confidence and a newfound love for Spanish culture.



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Fifth year students were invited to attend a campus tour of UCD on Monday 10th February. Students first attended a talk on courses on offer and facilities available at UCD. They were then given a tour of the various facilities and while the rain poured down, their spirits were not dampened, and many expressed their desire to attend the university in their future. It was a real pleasure to bump into our past student, Evelyn Donnelly, who is studying agricultural science in UCD. A huge thank you to Annie Lambe and Paul Malone for accompanying the Guidance Department on the tour.



Well done to students who attended the Senior Cycle Subject Choice Workshop. Parents and Guardians had previously attended a talk on Tuesday 11th February. We hope that students now feel well informed in making their subject choice.





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U14 ladies Gaelic team.

The girls had their first match against Col, Ris Dundalk before the midterm break.

The team worked extremely hard in difficult weather conditions.

Final score Bush 14.12 - Col, Ris 5.5.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys who beat Ardscoil Chiarain Noafa 3:10 to 3:4!



Huge congratulations to both our amazing Junior & Senior girls rugby teams who sailed through their Leinster qualifiers yesterday and will now represent our school in the Leinster finals on Thursday 6th of March. We are so proud of you.

We would like to recognise and congratulate our 2nd and 3rd year boys, who on Wednesday 26th February won the North-East Boys Minor League Div. 2 Final, against Enfield C.C. This is the first time Bush Post Primary has won this competition at this Level. Thank you to all who were involved in helping this team achieve this success.

