

# Bush Post Primary School Newsletter

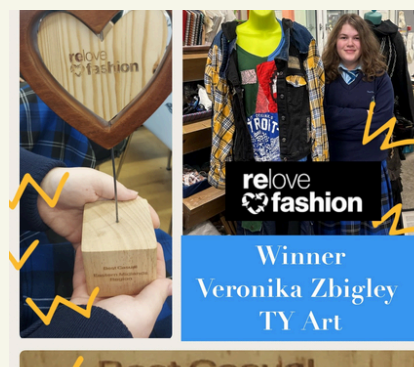
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## Relove Fashion Competition Success!



Enjoy this month's newsletter! Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. Sporting achievements, Numeracy week, TY Art Finals, in school workshops, visits out, visits in and state examination preparation, it has been a busy month!



The Relove Fashion Competition is a national sustainable fashion initiative open to secondary school students across Ireland. This year, both of our school teams travelled to The Rediscovery Centre in Dublin on Wednesday, the 30th, to take part in the Grand Final. The competition is organised through a partnership between the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, the Government of Ireland, and the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy.

Our students have been working on their outfits since September during Art class with the guidance and support of their Art teachers, Susan Crowley and Amanda Mc Donnell, focusing on sustainability and creativity. The competition required entrants to create outfits using no new materials—items had to be sourced from wardrobes, charity shops, reuse channels, or donated by friends or family. Participants used a range of creative reuse techniques such as repairs, alterations, upcycling, repurposing and traditional textile skills like sewing, knitting and embroidery.



The 6th Year Link Modules visited Bellurgan Precision Engineering as part of the LCVF Programme on Tuesday 8th April. Students were given an insightful introduction talk outlining the company's operations, background, and the industries it serves. They also enjoyed a great tour of the company which sparked the students interest in potential careers for the future.

# TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

## TRIP TO THE PATRICK KAVANAGH CENTRE



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On Wednesday, April 2nd, the TY students embarked on a trip to the Patrick Kavanagh Centre, delving deep into the life and legacy of the renowned poet. The day commenced with an immersive video presentation showcasing Kavanagh's iconic poems such as 'Shancoduff,' 'Inniskeen Road: July Evening' and 'Raglan Road,' among others, captivating our pupils.

Following the enlightening video, the students explored the centre's exhibits, discovering artifacts that intimately connected them to Kavanagh's world. From his poignant death mask to excerpts of his renowned 'Kavanagh Weekly' adorning the walls. No visit to the centre would be complete without a pilgrimage to Kavanagh's resting place. Students embraced the moment, paying heartfelt respects to the poet. Their tour continued with a detailed exploration of Inniskeen, unravelling the places immortalized in Kavanagh's verses. They marvelled at the Kavanagh family home, Billy Brennan's Barn and gazed upon the serene hills of Shancoduff. The day's experiences left them with a deeper appreciation for Patrick Kavanagh's timeless contributions to literature.



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## RELOVE FASHION COMPEITION SUCCESS

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As part of the submission process, students were asked to:

- Write up their research findings, including information on the fabrics used and the environmental and social impacts of these materials.
- Submit a Storyboard and a Video of their outfit to showcase the design process and construction methods.

Judges for the competition included Arran Murphy, Laura de Barra, Joanne Rourke, and Lorraine Keane.

Three of our teams were shortlisted for the interview stage:

- Team 1 – Clodagh Rice & Ultan Gill
- Team 2 – Veronika Zbigley
- Team 3 – Thomas Mongan, Tadhg Traynor, Noah Kirwan & Clíodhna Hanniffy



These interviews were informal and gave students the opportunity to discuss their inspiration, design process, construction, and the challenges and successes they experienced throughout the project.

We're thrilled to announce that Team 2 and Team 3 progressed to the Grand Final, with Veronika Zbigley winning Best Casual Outfit in the Eastern/Midland Region for her bold, expressive design and clear sustainability focus.

Veronika's outfit was inspired by the baggy, layered style of singer Billie Eilish, a look she personally admires. Her materials were thoughtfully sourced—many from her childhood wardrobe and others from local charity shops. Items included jackets, t-shirts, trousers, patches, and even elements from an old Halloween costume, all brought together through clever repurposing and creative layering.

In her own words, Veronika shared how the competition transformed her relationship with fashion:

"Taking part in this competition changed my relationship with my clothes because I have learned that everyone should be sustainable when it comes to clothing, as a lot of clothes end up in landfills and oceans. I've realised it's fun to make new outfits from old clothes that no longer fit, and now I ask myself if I really need a new item before buying it. If I can't reuse an old piece, I'll donate it instead of throwing it out."

Congratulations to all involved for your hard work, talent, and commitment to sustainable fashion!

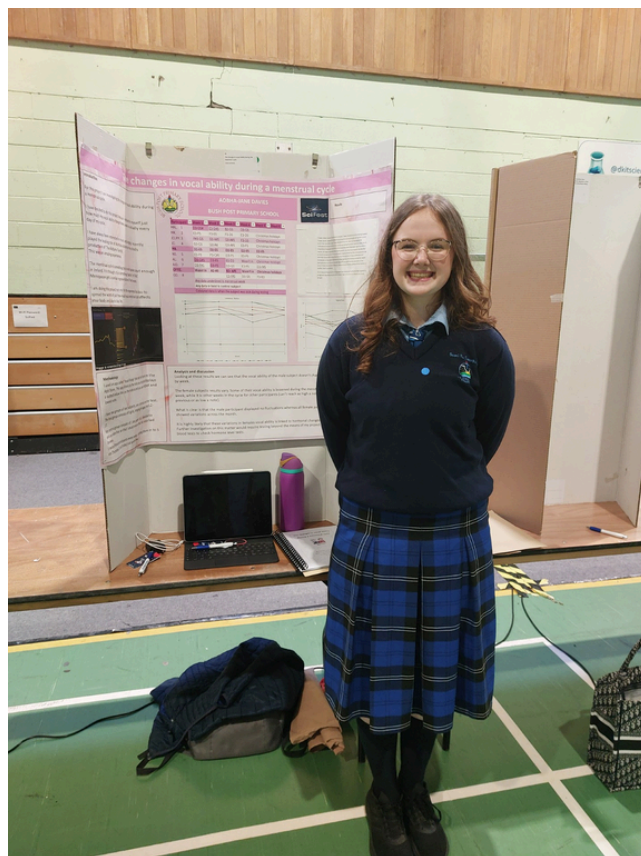
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TY student Aobha-Jane Davies represented Bush Post Primary school on Tuesday the 29th of April at Scifest in Dundalk Institute of Technology. Scifest is a regional science competition where second level students from Louth, Meath, Cavan and North Dublin compete. Aobha-Jane presented her project "The changes in vocal ability during the menstrual cycle".

Students attended lectures from Dr Niamh Shaw, a Dundalk native, who studied science and engineering and is now pursuing a career in space exploration. H2O heroes presented a highly energetic and interactive show raising awareness of sustainability and the SDGs (sustainable development goals). Well done to Aobha-Jane and Scifest@DKIT for a fantastic event.



TY students Aoibhe Hanratty and Eimear Finnegan represented the school at the finals of the SEPI Climate Summit & Innovation Awards which took place on Thursday 3rd April at the ICC in Belfast. The students presented their project titled 'Travel log in system' to a panel of judges from PWC and an audience of over 200 people together with students from four other schools in the border counties. Their project idea involved rewarding employees from PWC for travelling to work using 'green' transport methods. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with students from across the country as well as industry experts from PWC.





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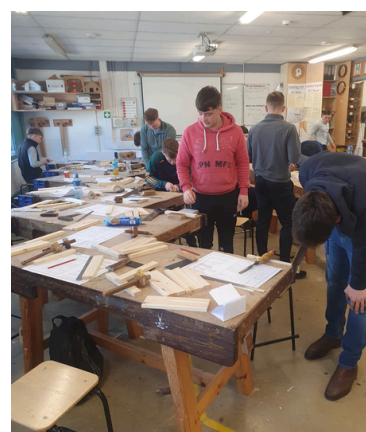
Over the Easter break the 6th years were given the chance to come in to school and practice for their upcoming practical exam in Construction Studies.

The exam is worth 25% of their overall grade, the same as their project, with the exam making up the remaining 50%.

The exams take place this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



***Congratulations to our new school Librarians***



## Healthy Eating Promotion

Susie Mackin and Minnatullah Lennon who promoted Healthy Eating in the school at the First Year Parent Teacher Meeting 10/04/25.





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## ***Newsletter***

### ***Leaving Certificate Study Week***

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The Leaving Certificate Study Week will be held the final week of school, this will be a crucial period for our students as they prepare for their final exams. This free study hub held during school hours in the week leading up to the exams, will week allow our 6th year students to focus in a quiet area allowing them time for revision and fine-tune their knowledge in various subjects. The study week students can practice past exam papers and clarifying any remaining doubts with teachers or peers. For many, it's a final push to consolidate their learning and approach the exams with confidence. Students can sign up for this free study hub by speaking to either their year head Mrs Mc Donald or Mrs Byrne. Also, all students can avail of after school study on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.50-5.20.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the final weeks leading up to the Leaving Certificate exams, we in Bush Post Primary are providing an opportunity for students to maximise their study time in a focused and supportive environment. We are currently offering after school study Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3.50pm to 5.20pm. We encourage our students to avail of this free facility.

As a school we are aware that students have been attending a fee-paying study hub, considering this Bush Post Primary would like to offer a free of charge study hub. Students will be given the opportunity to study in a quiet, work conducive environment. This study hub will run from Friday 23rd of May for all Leaving Certificate students until Friday 30th of May during normal school hours. During this time, students will be able to dedicate themselves to revision with minimal distractions. The study hall will be supervised, ensuring that all students remain focused on their studies.

Study Hall Schedule:

- Dates: 23/05/2025 to 30/05/2025
- Times: Fri 23rd 9am -2.45pm. (Mon-Thurs) 9am to 3.45pm. Fri 30th May 9am to 12.09
- Location: New building Rooms.

Rules and Expectations:

1. Attendance & Punctuality: Students are expected to attend the study hub for the full duration of each day. If they are unable to attend for any reason, please notify Mrs S. Mc Donald (YH) in advance. Students are asked to be punctual as not to disrupt the study of their fellow students.
2. Technology: Phones are strictly prohibited from the study classrooms; Mobile phones should be turned off and left in a secure place. Other electronic devices should be kept on silent and stored away unless required for study purposes.
3. Behaviour: Students must maintain a quiet and respectful environment conducive to studying. Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. Normal school rules apply.
4. Uniforms- Students should be in full school uniform, PE uniform. Leaver's hoodies will be permitted. No other branded clothing, as per school policy.
5. Materials: Students should come prepared with all necessary study materials, including books, notes, and stationery.
6. Food and Drink: Break time snack and lunch will be provided as normal.

We believe this study hall will provide students with a structured environment to help them prepare effectively for the exams.

Your support in encouraging your child's commitment to this valuable opportunity is greatly appreciated.

Students who wish to avail of this facility must provide their names to Mrs S. Mc Donald (YH) or Mrs G. Byrne by Friday 1st May.

Thank you for your continued support.



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## Numeracy Week - 28<sup>th</sup> - 2nd

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### Number of the Day:

Last week, all students were tested on their mental arithmetic against that of their teachers at the start of lesson 3 by completing 16 questions based on a different number each day.

### Math Emoji Puzzle:

Math Emoji puzzle competition for Junior and Senior Cycle Students.

Emoji puzzles will be displayed in both the Junior area GP and the Senior area.

Winners of the quiz were Emily Lui and Chen Xi Lin.

### Numeracy Across the Curriculum

All subject Teachers emphasised the importance of numeracy within subject area by focusing on consistently promoting numeracy in their subject this week.

### Monday

The number is between <input type="text" value="0"/> and <input type="text" value="10"/> and a multiple of <input type="text" value="1"/>			
Your number of the day is 4. <span>Questions: 16</span> <span>Difficulty: Easy</span> <span>Background: </span>			
1.0 Treble it	2.0 Its factors are	3.0 Square it	4.0 Next prime number is
5.0 Multiply by 100	6.0 Find 25%	7.0 Sum of integers 1 to 4	8.0 Find $\frac{3}{4}$
9.0 Find 50%	10.0 Multiply by 10	11.0 The first 4 multiples are	12.0 Next even number is
13.0 Divide by 10	14.0 Next square number is	15.0 Add 4	16.0 Times by 1





# *Bush Post Primary School Green School's Committee National Spring Cleaning Week*

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The Green Schools committee would like to thank all the First year classes and their wellbeing teachers Ms. Clare, Ms. Crowley and Ms. Devitt who did a wonderful job cleaning up all of the litter around the school as part of National Spring Cleaning week. Each First year class was assigned a day and cleaned the litter from around the school grounds. The students did a wonderful job. Well done to everyone.





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## ***Important Dates***

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### **Coming up ...**

- LCA5 -Thursday 8th May - Personal Reflection Task to be uploaded to portal - Ms Dugdale
- LCA5 Monday 12th May -Irish Oral - Mr Feehan Examiner Emma O Gorman
- LCA6 Tuesday 6th May - French oral - Ms Guerin Examiner Aoife Fleming
- LCA6 Tuesday 6th May -English Oral - Mr McCann Examiner Elaine Farrell
- LCA6 Thursday 8th May - Personal Reflection Task to be printed & posted- Ms Dugdale
- LCA6 Wednesday 14th May - HCT Cookery Practical exam - Ms Mulholland. Examiner Ita O'Hagan
- Thursday 15th May – Staff Meeting
- LCA6 Friday 16th May - Ag/Hort Practical - Ms Hand Examiner Gemma Daly
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – Summer Exams
- Wednesday 4th June - State Exams Begin
- Monday 16th June - All Reports Deadline

### **End of year Reward Trips...**

1st & 3rd Year – Emerald Park –  
Wednesday 28th May  
2nd Year - Emerald Park –  
Thursday 29th May  
TY – Manchester Trip – Monday  
26th May - Tuesday 27th May  
5th Year – Let's go Hydro -  
Monday 26th May



# *Bush Post Primary School*

## *Sports News*

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Well done to Elliot Nichols who represented Leinster recently in Rugby. He played in an interprovincial match versus Munster in Donnybrook over the Easter holidays. Keep up the good work.



Well done to the second year boys' basketball team that won the North Leinster Final against Royal Cavan. Captained by Conor Duffy, who scored 6 points, and led on court by point guard Jack Connolly, who chipped in with 5 points, they held on in a nervy finish to win by a point despite leading after three quarters by 12. Hard luck to our first year boys' team who a day earlier lost their semi final to Boyne Community School. They battled hard throughout the game and have made massive progress through their dedication to training during the year.



Sports Day Friday, May 9th.

Please take sunscreen and water bottles.

School PE attire only.



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On Monday 28th of April 30 of our students attended the North Leinster Athletic Competition down in Santry, Dublin. All of the students put on a fantastic display of athleticism, competing in a variety of track and field events; 100m sprint, hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin only to name a few. Our junior and intermediate girls 4x100 relay teams both came 2nd in their heats qualifying for the finals. A number of students came away with medals; Gillian Touhy coming 3rd in the 100m sprint, Evin Lagan placing 1st in an impressive high jump display and placing 3rd in the Javlin, alongside Ronan Norton coming in forth. Another achievement coming from Ciara Smartt competing in the long jump competition for the first time and placing 4th in a very competitive age group.

Well done to all of the athletes!





Ar Thriall Na Tuiscine  
In search of Understanding

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## *Home School Liaison*

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It's been a busy last term for parents! Thanks to all the parents who filled in the Parents' survey, parental voice is extremely important for us to fully understand the key supports that are most needed for our school community. The survey results indicated that the leading factors parents and guardians would like more support and guidance on were:

- How to support children with study and assessment
- How to help children with anxiety
- How to build strong relationships, healthy routines and boundaries between parents and children
- Self care for parents

In April we started a 5 week Wellbeing course for parents on Thursday afternoons and the programme will continue until the end of May. The sessions involve relaxation techniques such as mindfulness, breathing exercises, stretching and social connection. Parents commented that the sessions made them feel more relaxed and helped them refocus on prioritising their own self care. A large number of parents have also expressed an interest in Pilates classes, which we are planning on offering to parents in the autumn term, watch this space!

This month we also started our 'Shabby-Chic Up-Cycling Furniture' Workshops for parents. Parents will not only learn key design and practical skills, but they will have the chance to unleash their creativity skills and transform an old piece of furniture into something they love which is both unique and purposeful. Parents felt the time out really helped them unwind and said it was a great opportunity to connect and have a bit of fun. We can't wait to see the finished furniture pieces at the end of May! The sessions are free of charge and all materials are provided. The sessions will run until the end of May, there are still a few places available, (all parents are beginners) please text the number below to join.

There will be a 'Preparing Teenagers for Exams Workshop' on 20th May at 6.30pm-8.30pm in school. The facilitator will focus on learning styles and tips for parents to manage stress around exams. A registration form will sent out to parents and we hope to see many of you then.

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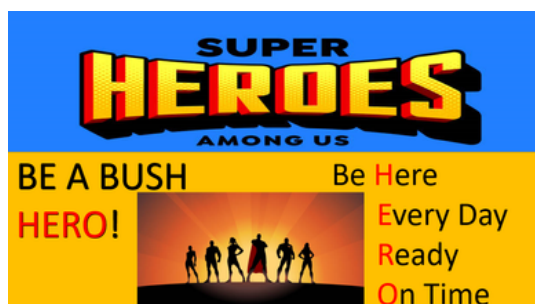
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### How To Check Detailed Attendance in Compass

- Open your child's profile page by clicking on their photo or just under it.
- At the bottom of the screen select the 3 lines (menu) button
  - Select the Open In Browser Button
- A web page version of Compass opens up
- Click on Profile under your child's photo.
- Click on the 'Attendance' tab to get detailed information about your child's attendance.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Present for all 166 school days = 0 teaching hours missed

100%

97%

161 days present  
5 days absent = 28 teaching hours missed

158 days present  
8 days absent = 45 teaching hours missed

95%

94%

156 days present  
10 days absent = 56 teaching hours missed  
(Eg: 2 week holiday)

153 days present  
13 days absent = 73 teaching hours missed

92%

90%

149 days present  
17 days absent = 95 teaching hours missed

146 days present  
20 days absent = 112 teaching hours missed

88%

(At 20 days, Tusla must be informed)

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