




*Bush Post Primary School  
Newsletter  
Light up our website for Christmas!*



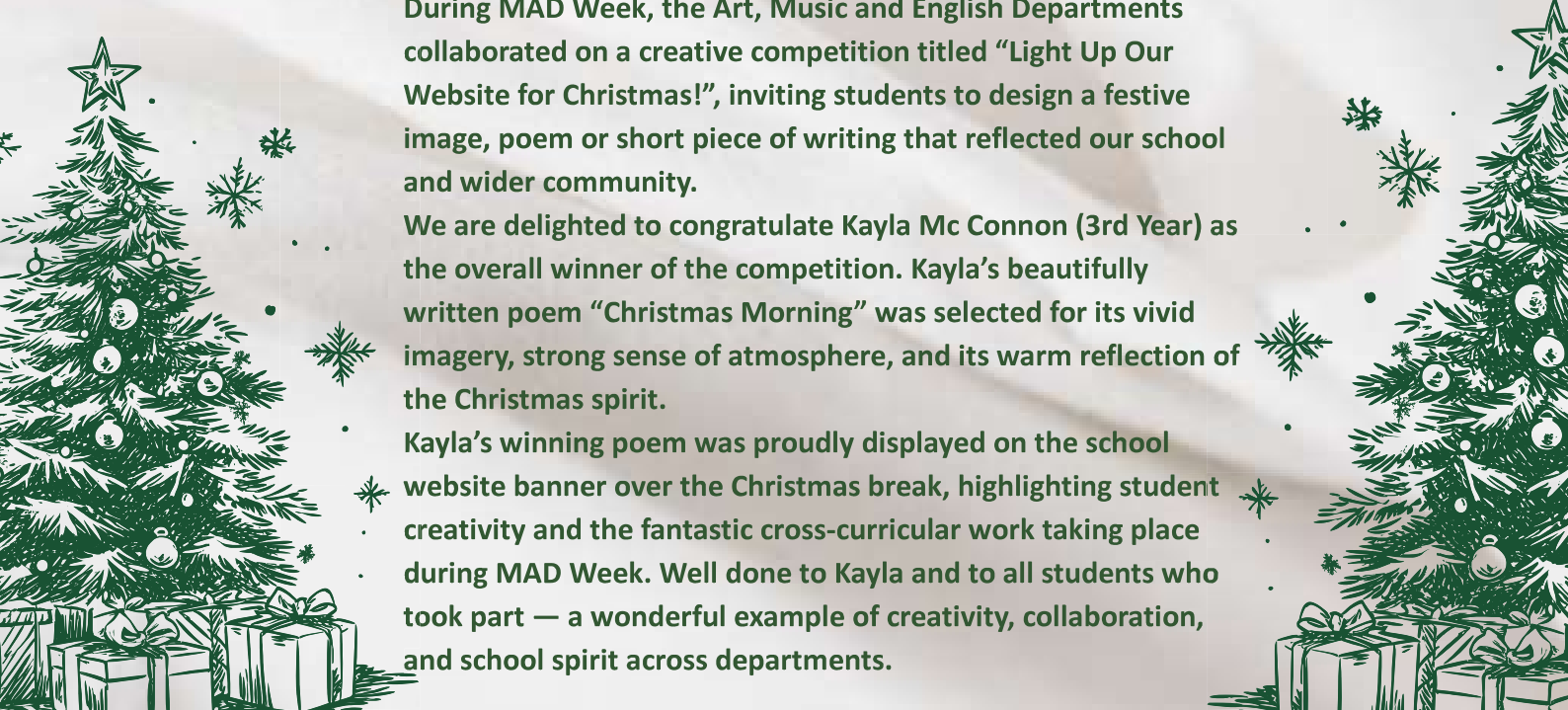
*- Christmas Morning -*

THE FROSTY AIR IS CRISP  
AND BRIGHT,  
THE STARS FADE SOFTLY INTO LIGHT.  
SNOWFLAKES DANCE ON WINDOWPANES,  
SOFT AS WHISPERS,  
LIGHT AS RAIN.

WARM FIRES GLOW.  
THE WORLD FEELS STILL,  
JOY DRIFTS IN LIKE WINTER'S  
CHILL.

FAMILIES GATHER,  
SPIRITS RISE.  
CHRISTMAS MAGIC  
FILLS THE SKIES.

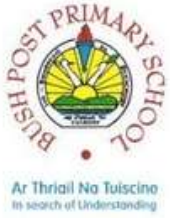
*- Kayla Mc Connon  
3rd Year*



During MAD Week, the Art, Music and English Departments collaborated on a creative competition titled “Light Up Our Website for Christmas!”, inviting students to design a festive image, poem or short piece of writing that reflected our school and wider community.

We are delighted to congratulate Kayla Mc Connon (3rd Year) as the overall winner of the competition. Kayla’s beautifully written poem “Christmas Morning” was selected for its vivid imagery, strong sense of atmosphere, and its warm reflection of the Christmas spirit.

Kayla’s winning poem was proudly displayed on the school website banner over the Christmas break, highlighting student creativity and the fantastic cross-curricular work taking place during MAD Week. Well done to Kayla and to all students who took part — a wonderful example of creativity, collaboration, and school spirit across departments.



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# Bush Post Primary School Newsletter Santa Visit

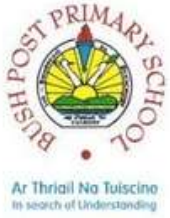


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# Bush Post Primary School Newsletter December Rewards



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Third year rewards took place on Friday the 19th of December where students were rewarded for attendance and attitude to learning for second half of Term 1. Well done all prize winners!



**First year outstanding attitude to learning**  
First year rewards took place on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December where students were rewarded for attendance and attitude to learning for second half of Term 1. Well done all prize winners!





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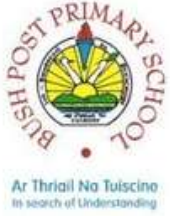


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Sixth year rewards took place on Wednesday the 17th of December where students were rewarded for attendance and attitude to learning for second half of Term 1. Well done all prize winners!





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Fifth year rewards took place on Thursday the 18th of December where students were rewarded for attendance and attitude to learning for second half of Term 1. Well done all prize winners!





## TY Construction

Congratulations to TY Construction students who have completed their Bird House project this term. They all worked hard to complete their project to a high standard and hopefully those lucky birds in Cooley will enjoy their new homes!



## TY SPHE 'Activating Social Empathy Project' - University of Galway.

Congratulations to 5th year students who were presented by Miss Slowey with their Certificates from the University of Galway following their completion of the 'Activating Social Empathy Project' in their Transition Year SPHE class.

### Topics Covered included:

The meaning and importance of Empathy

Empathy-the influence of Biological make-up and social environment.

Perspective Taking.

Active Listening Skills/Understanding different perspectives

Building Emotional Empathy Skills



# 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 Monday, December 8th. There were various companies selling products such as baked goods, sweets, pictures, candles, hampers, travel guides, chopping boards and much more! The fair was a hugely successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff. A special thank you to the Business teachers, Ms. McKeivitt, Ms. Campbell and Ms. McDonald.



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In December, we held our inaugural MAD week, our Music, Art and Drama week, organised by Ms Lynch. Ms Dugdale's TY English class showcased their creative skills by hosting a book club podcast called "Off the page" for a 2nd year audience. Well done to Ms Dugdale for her fantastic creative teaching idea and our podcasters Cian, Mya, Ryan and host Molly.



Our 1st year students took part in a giant table quiz as part of MAD week organised and delivered by our TY students. Plenty of questions including Finish the lyric "from the woods of glenbower" and even a secret Santa photo round. Great fun was had by all!



# Bush Post Primary School Music, Art & Drama Week



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Throughout 'MAD' week, the Music teachers Ms Fox and Ms Lynch along with their students, put together a programme of performances to showcase the talent in school. The 3rd years performed Iris by the GooGoo Dolls and an instrumental piece called "Test Drive" from the film How to Train Your Dragon. The TY music classes performed "Yellow" by Coldplay and "Take my Hand" by Picture This. We even had lunchtime concerts with performances from individuals including Caoimhe Grant, Fiona McIntyre, Elena Liu, Nuala Shannon, Heidi Rice, Jessica Cromie, Evelyn Clarke and Emily Liu. So much talent on show! Well done everyone.



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Many thanks to Mr. Treanor and his 5th yr English students who ran a workshop for 1st and 2nd years in Shakespeare and Othello, as part of MAD Week. The students showcased creative ways of learning using symbols, technology & games. Well done to all!



# Bush Post Primary School Music, Art & Drama Week



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Many thanks to our fantastic Art teachers, Amanda McDonnell & Susan Crowley who opened up their classrooms during MAD week. The art students from 3rd year and TY showcased their outstanding work, including their CBA projects and their recycled fashion outfits. Well done to everyone.



# Bush Post Primary School Fundraising for Women's Aid



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Huge well done to 6 Riverstown who, as part of their task on gender-based violence, raised an impressive €950 for Women's Aid by holding a bake sale back in November.

They also organised the Giving Tree, where staff and 6th year students selected a bauble with an age/ gender and purchased gifts for their chosen bauble, all of which were donated to Women's Aid yesterday just in time for Christmas Day.

An outstanding example of compassion, awareness, and community spirit — well done to everyone involved.

