



Bush Post Primary School SVP Christmas Jumper/Sparkle Fundraiser



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Congratulations to the 5D SPHE students who brought wonderful festive cheer to Bush on Thursday 18th December when they planned, organised and ran the Christmas Fundraiser for the Cooley/Carlingford Branch of SVP.

They were an amazing group of students who were delighted to shake the buckets, play the Christmas tunes, have fun and are very proud that they raised a €1418. Thank you to all students, staff and parents/guardians for your support. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year



The 5D students plan to present the cheque to Laurena Rafferty from the Cooley/Carlingford Branch of Saint Vincent de Paul on Thursday 8th January. Laurena would like to thank the students in person and is looking forward to speaking to Miss Slowey's 5D SPHE class about how their fundraising money will be used to support those in need in the Peninsula.





Transition Year Key Dates 2025/2026

- January 9th - Sports Campus Ireland Trip
 - January 20th - National Art Gallery & Cultural studies trip to Dublin
 - February 3rd - Dublin Zoo Trip
 - February 9th - 13th Work Experience week 2
 - February 26th - Parent Teacher Meeting
 - March 5th - Grand Opera Theatre, Belfast - To Kill a Mockingbird
 - April 20th - 24th Work Experience week 3
 - Kavanagh Centre Monaghan visit
 - May
 - Summer Exams
- *****Exact dates to be confirmed for some trips.



We would love to know about any achievements and hobbies outside school! Send us a photo (bushpp@lmetb.ie) and let us know about your son/daughter's interests and achievements and we can publish in our monthly newsletter and social media!

Important Dates coming up.....

- Oide Cluster Day - Monday, 19th January.
- 2nd Year PTM - Tuesday, 27th January.
- Mock Exams begin - Thursday, 29th January.
- St. Brigid's Day - Monday, February 2nd.



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

Collecting leaves for Green Schools



We have filled a battery bin for Barretstown and are hoping to fill another. Please leave your batteries into reception.



A reminder to everyone that we have Return bins located on school grounds. All proceeds made go to families in need in our community.



Bush Post Primary School Visit to Boher National School



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The First and Second year SEN students recently visited Boher National school. Aidan and Ellie read a Christmas story and a letter from Santa to the Junior and Senior infants. A beautifully handwritten letter from Santa himself was presented to the infant teacher Ms. Sarah Walsh. Cillian and Nicole distributed reindeer food to all the Junior and Senior infants. Cillian worked as our official photographer on the day. The Bush students did face painting on the students from Junior to sixth class. Bush students also got a quick visit with Santa. Well done to all our students who did phenomenal work with the students of Boher. A special word of thanks to Mr. Joe Mc Crink and the staff and students of Boher National School who welcomed us so warmly.





December was a very busy and productive month in our school community. On 11th December, as part of our preparation for upcoming mock examinations, we ran intensive and interactive 'Inspire Study Skills' sessions for our 3rd year and 6th year students. During the sessions, an expert facilitator from 'Inspire Education' provided students with tailored study support and resources, including a dedicated workbook and an A2/A3 study planner. The study initiative was introduced in response to feedback from last year's Parental Survey, where parents expressed a desire for more support in helping their children prepare for exams. In addition, parents were sent a webinar to compliment the student session, offering guidance on how to best support students during assessment periods. Student feedback was extremely positive and we hope this will help our students with mock revision this month. December also marked our second Attendance Drive this year. Well done to all the students who tried their best to have excellent attendance this month. As part of the initiative, students created a school advertising campaign to promote the importance of attendance. Look out for the posters, poems, and a short film that will be displayed around the school to highlight the importance of consistently showing up. The winners will be rewarded with a school trip this month.



December Attendance Drive - Competition

Winners of School Trip

Film Winners:
Jessica Cromie 4T
Ella Woods 4T
Molly Kelly 4Q

Poster and Poem Winners:
Ellie Joe Beehan 2T
James Patrick Mark Man Barry 1O
Sarah Jane McComish 2T
Charlie Mulligan 2T
Lily Mae Long 2T



We were also delighted to launch a new parent programme, 'Building Bonds,' which began this month with a group of parents. This practical 8-week programme focuses on strengthening parent/child relationships and aims to reduce conflict between teenagers and parents in a positive and restorative way. If you are interested in taking part in similar future programmes, please contact Ciara Harkin for further information.

A new Parent Survey will be issued in January, and we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Your responses help us to better understand the supports and programmes needed to continue supporting our students and families. Thank you to students, parents, and staff for your ongoing support throughout a very busy month.



UCAS

Over 40 applications have been submitted to UCAS from sixth year students at Bush. Students are now busy completing CAO and PLC applications. Good luck to them all.

All Transition Year and 5 Riverstown students attended DkIT Open Morning on 20th November. Students had an opportunity to explore the campus and facilities on offer at DkIT. They spoke with lecturers and were made aware of minimum subject and entry requirements for courses on offer at DkIT. We would like to take this opportunity to thank DkIT for the warm welcome we received.



Bush Post Primary School Queen's University Visit

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Transition Year students enjoyed a fantastic experience at Queen's University Belfast on Monday, 15th December. Fortunately, the rain held off as students took part in a guided campus tour and attended an informative talk outlining what QUB has to offer. The session provided valuable insight into the wide range of faculties available at the university, as well as an overview of the UCAS application process. It was an engaging and informative day that gave students a real taste of university life.



Bush Post Primary School Online Safety Talk for First Year Students “Don’t Be Mean, Behind the Screen”



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Recently, all 1st year students in Bush Post Primary School took part in an engaging and informative online safety talk delivered by Paula O’Connor, entitled “Don’t Be Mean, Behind the Screen.” The session focused on promoting responsible, respectful and safe behaviour when using digital technologies and social media.

Paula spoke to students about the realities of life online and the importance of understanding that real people exist behind every screen. She highlighted how words and actions online can have lasting consequences, just as they do in face-to-face interactions. Through age-appropriate examples and discussion, students were encouraged to reflect on how their online behaviour can impact others.

Key topics covered during the talk included:

The importance of kindness and respect online

Understanding cyberbullying and how to respond if it occurs

Thinking before posting, commenting or sharing content

The concept of a digital footprint and how online actions can follow us

Knowing where and how to seek help if something online feels wrong

Students were actively engaged throughout the session and showed great maturity in their responses and contributions. The talk reinforced many of the messages delivered through the school’s SPHE and Wellbeing programmes, while also supporting our wider commitment to creating a safe and positive digital learning environment for all students.



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Bush Post Primary School would like to thank Paula O’Connor for delivering such a powerful and relevant talk. Sessions like this play an important role in helping students develop the skills and awareness needed to navigate the online world safely, responsibly and with empathy.

Online safety is a shared responsibility between school and home, and we encourage parents and guardians to continue these conversations with students, reinforcing the message that kindness matters — both offline and online.

Upcoming dates:

Paula O’Connor – ‘Don’t Be Mean, Behind The Screen’

- 2nd year – Online Safety Workshop – February 2026
- Parents Webinar – Online Safety – February 2026
- Internet Safety Week – 9th February – 13th February 2026
- An Garda Siochana Workshop – Internet Safety Week (Date: TBC)



Ms Fee’s 1st year Home Economic students and their Christmas craft project.



Bush Post Primary School Christmas stocking making The Hub



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Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing girls relays

Congratulations to the Athletics teams who took part in competitions at The National Indoor Stadium in Abbottstown. The TY girls were outstanding winning 2nd place overall out of 18 relay teams. Well done girls!



The Boys Rugby team did the school proud in a hard-fought Leinster final. It was very close, and our boys played amazingly! Well done on such an incredible achievement to reach the final, it was a great match!

