



Bush Post Primary School Newsletter Seachtain na Gaeilge



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Enjoy this month's newsletter! Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. Seachtain na Gaeilge, Literacy week, Enterprise Finals, in school workshops, visits out, visits in and sport events, it has been a busy month!



Well done and thank you to our Trad Orchestra

We had a very successful Seachtain na Gaeilge in our school, running from Monday 9th March until Friday 13th. Students were immersed in all things Irish and participated in lots of different activities. These included classroom bingo, quizzes, treasure hunts, poster competitions, riddles, learning amhrán na bhFiann etc. On Friday we were treated to a wonderful performance from our trad group & some very talented Irish dancers. Comhghairdeas le gach duine!





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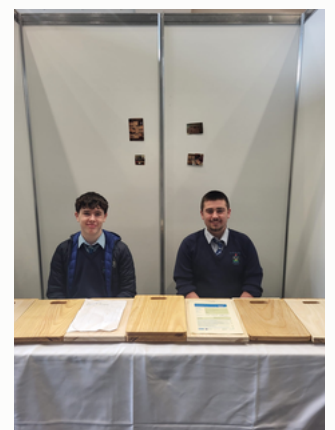
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Transition Year News Winners at the 'Louth County Enterprise Awards'



A big congratulations to all three Transition Year mini companies who attended the County Finals of the Louth Enterprise Awards Competition in the Fairways hotel on Thursday, March 12th. Ms. McKevitt and Ms. Campbell would like to commend the students on their superb behaviour, interview with three separate judges and display stands. Congratulations to EuroPocket - Ella Woods, Caitlin Testa, Isabelle Gill and Aoibheann Malone. Carlingfresh - Oisín McDermott and Sean Hughes. Gentlemen's Woodworking - Peter Thornton and Cormac Rice (Absent on the day - Leo Marmion and Sebastian Murphy Boyle). A huge congratulations to 'Carlingfresh'. The boys won 'The Best Gift Idea' Award. Their company produces handmade soap products shaped like tractors – a creative and unique gift idea! Such a wonderful achievement and another beautiful hand crafted award to add to our collection. Throughout the programme, students learned how to develop a business idea, start their own company, and grow it into a real enterprise. They also had the opportunity to present their businesses and future potential to a panel of expert judges. Congratulations to all the students involved on their hard work, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit!



Transition Year News

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To Kill a Mockingbird

Transition Year English students recently travelled to Belfast to attend a performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Grand Opera House in Belfast. The production brought Harper Lee's classic novel to life on stage and gave students the opportunity to see the characters and themes presented in a powerful and engaging way. It was a memorable experience, many thanks to the English teachers for organising.



Engagement, Wellbeing and Signposting Project for Young People in Rural Co. Louth with CRJI (Community Restorative Justice Ireland) Newry/Armagh.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Mr. Murphy's transition Year group conducted a workshop for a group of first years. During this workshop, the TYs gave a short presentation to the first years regarding an influential Irish author and their work! Although egged on by the possibility of a reward, the first years nonetheless eagerly participated.



Reproduction of 'The Field'

Mr. Murphy's Transition Years combined the school's dedication to sustainability and love for drama, to create a classroom-based reproduction of John B Keane's *The Field*. The costumes were sourced from an environmentally friendly, sustainable, second hand website, which allowed the students to not only collaborate on the costume design, but learn about the importance of sourcing production materials.



Dundalk Dog Rescue Visit

A big thank you to Bobby from Dundalk Dog Rescue for visiting our 5th Year LCVP class this week!

Students had the opportunity to meet some of the lovely dogs and learn about the great work the rescue does to care for and rehome them. The visit also gave students an insight into the importance of volunteering and the different ways people can support rescue centres.

Thank you to Bobby for taking the time to visit and for sharing your knowledge and passion with our students.



Peace Proms

Congratulations to our pupils who took part in the recent Peace Proms! A fantastic performance and wonderful achievement!



Green School Committee

Well done to our Green School Committee members, who proudly demonstrated their commitment to biodiversity during a visit from two representatives of Louth County Council on March 12th.

Our visitors were given a tour of the school grounds, including our three newly developed courtyards, herb garden, and areas dedicated to bulb and seed planting. They also learned about the committee's ongoing efforts, such as regular litter pick-ups, which help keep our school environment clean and sustainable.





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Literacy week took place from the 2nd to the 6th of March. All students in the school wrote a story about a dark stormy night. The story starter was brought around to each class. Each class in the school added a sentence to the story.

First years had to create a story about objects in a bag. The objects included a knife, a glass, a cup and a pen. Congratulations to the winning class of 1D. They won a class pizza party as their prize. Second years had to create a rap from a number of words that were given to them. Each day students made an announcement over the intercom with a fun fact. Facts included the most translated book in the world which is the bible. A book that tells a story using pictures and speech bubbles is a graphic novel. A Bibliophile means a love of reading.

Second years did a wonderful display of the teachers favourite books and films. Thanks to Ms. Martin's Wellbeing class who designed beautiful bookmarks.

Thanks to Ms. Holloway, Ms. Slowey, Mr. Treanor and Mr. Murphy for all of their help. A big thank you to Hayley, Eliza, Autumn, Ellie, Lily, Aidan, Penny, Harry and Conan for all their help in organising literacy week.



Bush Post Primary School Newsletter Neurodiversity Week

The school celebrated Neurodiversity Week between March 18 - 20. Every day during the week, Ellie Behan, Eliza McEntee, and Hayley Hoey shared various facts about different types of neurodiversity on the intercom for morning announcements. They did a brilliant job spreading awareness and information to the rest of the school. On Thursday, a few second years were brought on a tour of the HUB. They had a great time chatting with their peers in the HUB and seeing the classrooms and sensory spaces. Thank you to Ms. Farrelly and Ms. Ní Catháin for setting the tour up and to the SNAs, Ms. Connolly, and Ms. Holloway for showing the students how Hub runs every day. On Friday, Ms. Holloway, Ms. Guerin, and Ms. Slowey organised the charity bake sale to raise money for the Maria Goretti Foundation and their respite centre in Lordship. With the whole school's support, we raised over €630! The bake sale would not have been possible without the support of Mr. Murphy, Ms. McGlone, the SEN department for baking, and Ms. Slowey's first year Home Economics class for bringing in bakes goods and for baking. We also must thank the following 2nd years, 3rd years, and TYs for all their help in setting up and running the bake sale. 2nd years: Eliza McEntee, Ellie Behan, Autumn Norris, Hayley Hoey, Aidan Derham, Conan McCormick, Daniel Carroll, Gracie McCann. 3rd years: Cee-Jay Sheelan, Anna Donohoe-Bailey, Dillon McNally. TY's: Maeve Hughes, Sarah Behan, Aoibheann Malone, Sarah Page, Sarah Conway, Grace Smartt.





St. Patrick's Day Magic

The boys (and staff!) in the Hub have been getting into the spirit of St. Patrick's weekend. There has been lots of creativity with mask-making activities and plenty of fun exploring our leprechaun-themed sensory trays. We also introduced a new bubble machine this week, which has been a huge hit with everyone and has added an extra element of excitement to our sensory play!

Safe to say there has been plenty of laughter, a few mischievous leprechauns about, and lots of St. Patrick's Day magic in the Hub!





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The Hub students are getting ready for Easter by creating some beautiful seasonal art. We are decorating our pictures using pom poms instead of paintbrushes, which makes the activity both fun and engaging. This is a great way to develop our fine motor skills and strengthen the muscles in our hands while being creative.



We are also really starting to make the most of the track now that the good weather has made an appearance, giving students more opportunities to get outside, stay active, and enjoy movement as part of their day.



Business Studies Enterprise in Action



Congratulations to Mr Downing's 1st Year Business Studies Class who successfully executed a fundraising activity with the objective of contributing towards the development of a new sports area within the school.

The funds raised will directly contribute to enhancing the school's sports facilities, reinforcing the value of student initiative and community contribution.

This project demonstrates the effectiveness of experiential learning within Business Studies and highlights the positive impact students can have when given ownership of meaningful enterprise activities.

Uisce Eireann visit out

6 Riverstown visited the Uisce Eireann plant at Cavan Hill, Co.Louth as part of their 'Environmental Science' studies. Students created a scientific report of their findings which outlined the treatment of water from the river, through sedimentation, filtration, chlorination and purification and finally to the taps in Dundalk homes and businesses.



Transition Year Key Dates 2026



- April 20th - 24th Work Experience week 3
- April 27th, 28th & 29th - Kavanagh Centre
Monaghan visit
- May - Summer Exams
- *****Exact dates to be confirmed for some trips.

The junior cycle chess club is underway! Every Monday many students from first year to third year involve themselves in the club, determined to become that week's champion.



Important Dates coming up.....

- ETB Core Values Week - Week beginning 23rd March
- Thursday 26th March - Careers Fair
- Easter break - Friday 27th March
- Leaving Certificate Irish and Modern Foreign Language (MFL) oral examinations for 2026 are scheduled for the start of the Easter holiday period, from Saturday 28th March until Thursday 2nd April 2026
- Wednesday 15th of April - First Year Parent Teacher Meeting
- Thursday 16th April - Whole Staff Oide CPD Day
- 27th, 28th & 29th April - TY English trip to Kavanagh Centre (classes will visit on their scheduled day)



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!

3rd and 6th Year Mock Results

3rd and 6th year mock results now available on Compass.

Parents/guardians can access results by going to their child's profile, selecting the 'Reports' tab and the mock report will be viewable/downloadable from there.



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

Home School Community Liaison Bush Post Primary School Alumni Network

Calling All Past Pupils – Be Part of Our Story!

As we look to the future, we're also taking a moment to celebrate our past. We are currently creating a Bust Post Primary School Alumni Network and would love for you to be part of it. Take a trip down memory lane with us! We are putting together a special gallery of archived photographs that capture the life and spirit of our school over the years. If you have any photos, memories, or moments you'd like to share, we would be delighted to include them. The webpage is under construction, but details will follow on how to become involved. We are also inviting past pupils to get involved in shaping the next generation. We would be very keen to hear from past pupils who would be interested in supporting our school community through:

- Careers talks or events
- Mentoring students
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Sharing a skill or expertise with students or parents

Your experience and insight could make a real difference.

Further details on how to become part of our school alumni network will be shared soon — we look forward to reconnecting with you!

Stay tuned and spread the word!



BUSH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPONSORED

WALK/RUN

6KM

Prizes to win on the day!

Friday 1st May | 6km

Please sponsor a student or teacher!

Help us raise €18,730 for a new Multi-Use Games Area for the school.

Donate by:

- Signing a student's sponsorship card
- The Way2Pay link which will be sent to all parents.



Bush Post Primary School
Parents' Association



JOIN THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN INTRODUCING THE BUSH POST PRIMARY MUGA

We are excited to share plans to develop a new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** for our school – a modern space that will give our pupils greater opportunities to stay active, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy a wider range of sports throughout the year.

Our BPPS Parents' Association will be launching a series of fundraising campaigns to help cover the costs of construction and equipment.

Further details will be sent out on **Compass** in the coming weeks informing you of how you can support with fundraising events.

Every contribution – big or small – will help us move closer to creating a facility that will benefit our children for years to come.

We will be contacting potential sponsors asking for support - there will be the opportunity for sponsors to have their company name and logo permanently displayed on a commemorative plaque beside the facility, recognising their support for years to come.

If you would like to support this project, or know someone who may be interested in doing so, we would be delighted to hear from you via email bushpp@metb.ie or phone on 0429376246.

~ The Bush Post Primary Parents' Association



LOOK OUT FOR

In-school fundraising events

More details coming soon!

Sponsorship Opportunities

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Support the upcoming fundraising events

Join our Parents' Association and become involved

Social Media

Share our campaign on your social media pages

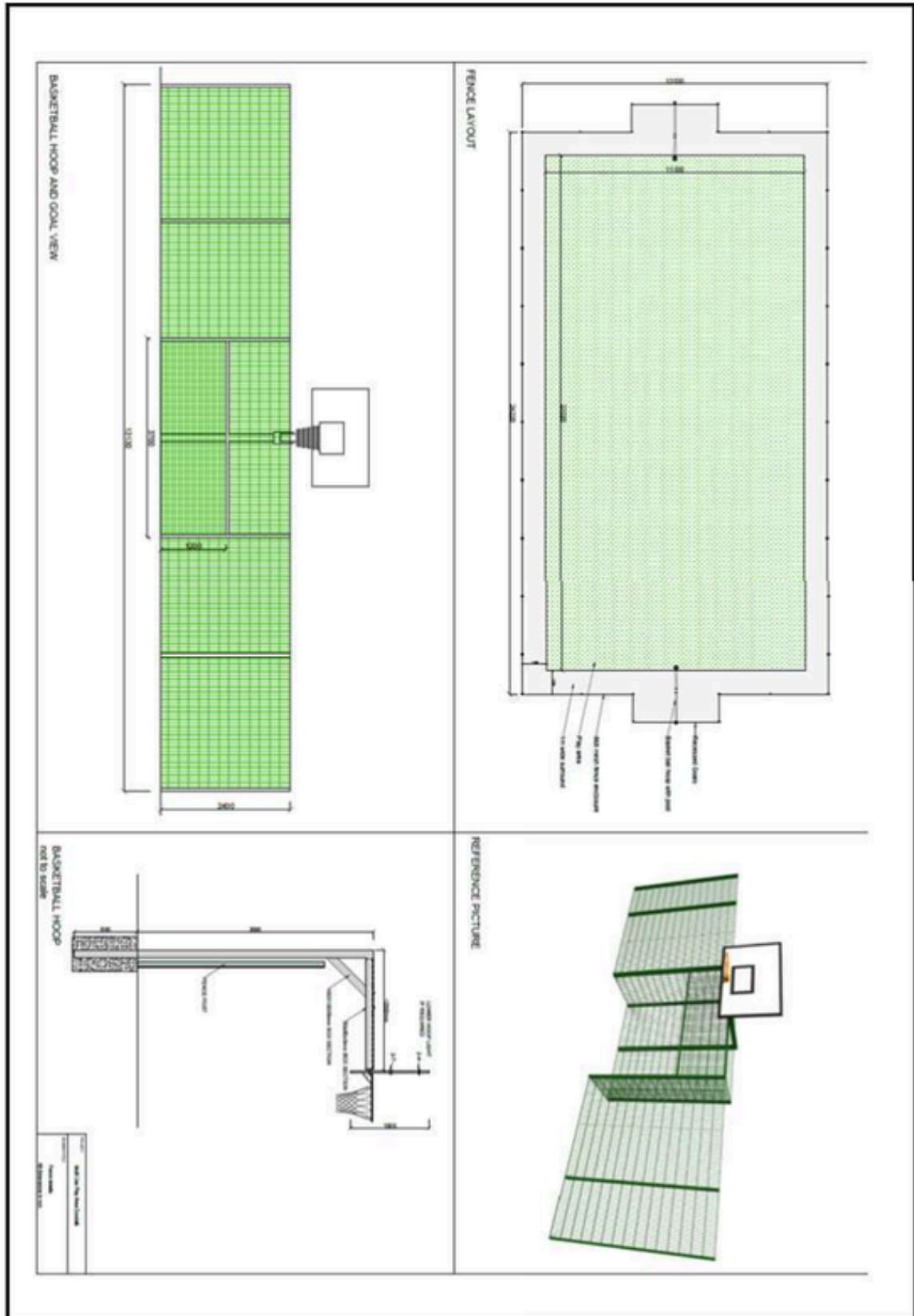


Our Fundraising Goal |

€18,730

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CV Building Workshop

A huge thank you to our past pupil, Ms. Kerry Morgan who returned to the school on Monday 9th March, to deliver a workshop on CV building to some of our TY students. Kerry is currently studying Business, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology in Trinity College, Dublin.

This workshop forms part of Kerry's capstone project, which examines the impact that social class can have on obtaining and retaining employment, particularly in relation to job security. As part of this project, Kerry is working to reduce this issue by helping to bridge the information gap that can exist for job applicants.

The class responded extremely well to Kerry's workshop and were very appreciative of her sharing of knowledge.



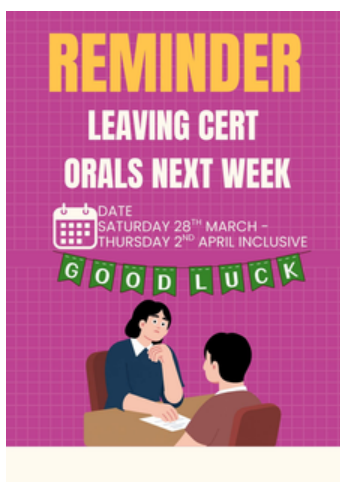
Careers Fair

Bush PP Careers' Fair will take place on Thursday 26th March from 5.30 - 7.30 pm. Among those who have confirmed attendance are NUI Maynooth, ESB apprenticeships, Cooley Credit Union, Teagasc, DkIT and DCU

Good luck to all our sixth years in their preparation for oral exams.

Well attended Fifth Year Year Parent Teacher Meeting.

Thank you to our staff, parents/guardians, 5th year students and student volunteers on the night. Your support, collaboration, and commitment make all the difference as we guide our students through this school year. We truly value your insights, questions, and encouragement, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you throughout the year.



U16 Girl's Rugby

Well done to our under 16's girls rugby team on winning a very competitive match against Gorey Community school on Tuesday the 3rd of March. They now advance to the quarter finals of the Leinster Schools Junior Cup.



DKIT GAA All Stars Nominations

Bush Post Primary School is delighted to congratulate Oran McAnerney, Craig Tuohy, Jack Long, Joseph Hanlon, Tiernan Hanniffy, Joseph Holland and Sean Holland on their recent nominations for the DKIT GAA All Stars.

These nominations are a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the students' dedication, skill and commitment to Gaelic games throughout the season. Each of these students has represented Bush Post Primary with great pride and sportsmanship and they continue to be excellent ambassadors and role models for our school community.

A special congratulations also goes to Jack Long and Joseph Hanlon, who were honoured with DKIT GAA All Star Awards. This is a significant achievement and highlights the exceptional standard of their performances during the season.

All of the students were selected by an independent panel of judges in recognition of their outstanding performances while representing Bush Post Primary School. Their success is a testament not only to their own hard work and commitment, but also to the strong tradition of Gaelic games within the school.

Well done to all the players involved. Bush Post Primary is extremely proud of your achievements and we look forward to following your continued success both on and off the field.





Bush Post Primary School Sport News U16 Girl's Win

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Bush Post Primary U16 Girls delivered a superb performance on Monday the 23rd of March in Cooley Kickhams, securing a well-earned victory over Ashbourne Community School in a thrilling Leinster Final and Semi - Final clash. The opening half was incredibly tense, with both sides matching each other point for point. Neither team could gain a decisive edge, and the scoreboard reflected the intensity of the battle, with the sides level at half-time.

However, Bush emerged for the second half with renewed determination and purpose. Their teamwork and composure became increasingly evident as they began to take control of the game. Strong defensive efforts combined with sharp attacking play allowed them to build momentum and push ahead.

The team's resilience and unity were key, as every player contributed to a dominant second-half display. Their ability to work together and take their scoring chances proved successful, ultimately securing an impressive 6-18 to 6-6 victory.

This outstanding win earns Bush Post Primary a deserved place in the North Leinster final. Congratulations to all the players and management, Maeve McCarragher and Ciara Donnelly, on a fantastic achievement—best of luck in the final!



Athletics



Well done to all the 1st, 3rd and TY girls who took part in the Dublin City girls relays in Blancharstown on Tuesday.

The 2nd yrs and TY teams came 2nd over all, and the girls were delighted to be presented their medals by Irish Olympi



Many thanks to coaches Dara and Theresa from Glenmore Athletics for helping coach the athletics after school on Friday.

The training is open to anyone who would like to attend the Athletics in Santry Stadium in May.

It is on every Friday after school.

