



# Bush Post Primary School Newsletter

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Enjoy this month's newsletter! Lots of exciting clubs, sports and activities happening daily, alongside our teaching & learning. Careers Fair, in school workshops, end of year tours, visits out, visits in and sport events, it has been a busy month!



Young people from all over Ireland gathered at Dublin City University (DCU) for the largest Relove Fashion Final in the competition's history, celebrating creativity, innovation, and sustainability in fashion. TY Art students Aislinn Mac Clancy and Lara Du Plessis were one of two schools to represent LOUTH at the awards.

Many congratulations on reaching the final! Details for next year's competition 2026/2027 [www.relorefashion.ie](http://www.relorefashion.ie)

The competition, for students aged 12-19, focuses on sustainability and requires participants to create wearable, upcycled outfits from second-hand materials.



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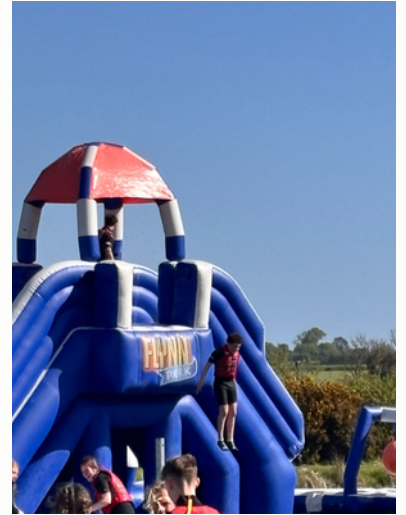




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## Fifth Year Reward trip to Lets Go Hydro

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### 5th Year Trip to Let's Go Hydro

Our 5th Year students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Let's Go Hydro on Thursday, 23rd April. The weather played its part, with fine sunshine throughout the day, adding to the overall experience. Students fully embraced the activities, and while there were a few tired and sore bodies on the journey home, it was clear that everyone had a brilliant time. A big thank you to Ms. Fee, Mr. Feehan, Ms. Page, Ms. Walsh, and Mr. Brennan, who accompanied the trip and also thoroughly enjoyed the day.



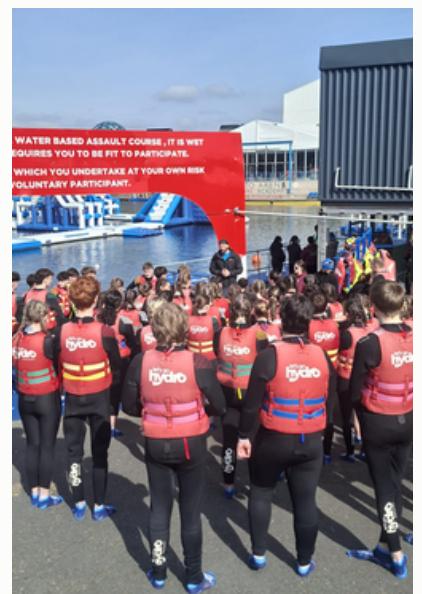


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## TY Engineering

Well done to our TY Engineering students who presented their initial 3D printing concepts and ideas to the AMTCE judging staff on Friday before Easter. All students worked well and made a great impression with their communication and presentations. They now move to the next stage in the competition where the best product design will take part in the regional finals.



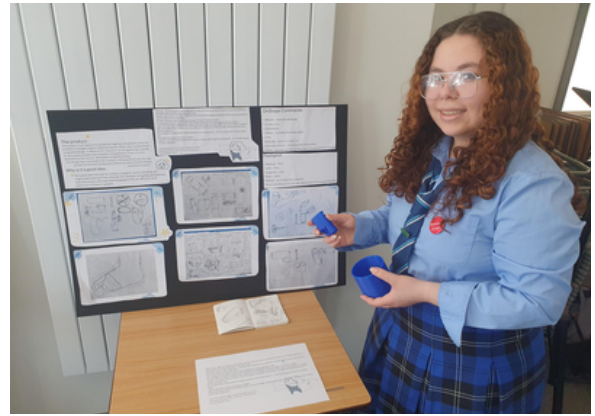
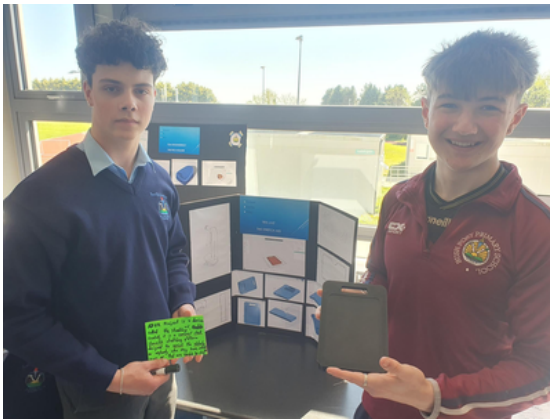
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## Engineering

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Congratulations to all our TY Engineering students who took part in the AMTCE 3D printing competition in school on Wednesday 29th April. We had 12 teams who had prepared their design ideas and presented to the judges. All students have worked hard to come up with designs which "Improve people's lives." The judges were extremely impressed and chose 2 of our groups to go through the AMTCE Pathways Awards Ceremony on 14th May in DIFE. Well done to everyone involved!





## Second Year Wood Technology

Well done to all our 2nd Year Wood Technology students on completing their latest project! Various versions of tea-pot and plant pot holders were created to a very high standard.



**A big thank you to all staff for their dedication, patience and positive encouragement of our students over the last few weeks, especially with practicals, orals and project deadlines.**



## TY Music

TY Music students attended the TY Trax Festival of Music in DKIT and The Spirit Store, in conjunction with Music Generation, at the end of April. Students performed pieces in the theatre and developed their skills in music photography and videography. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their skills and creativity

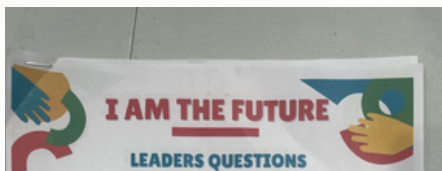


Representatives from our Student Council recently attended an engaging and insightful day alongside Fine Gael TDs, councillors, and the Tánaiste. Joined by over 200 students from across Louth, the event provided a valuable platform to raise and discuss issues affecting young people at both local and national levels.

The day began with an interactive question-and-answer session with Simon Harris, where students had the opportunity to voice their perspectives directly. This was followed by collaborative discussions with other student councils, allowing participants to share ideas and best practices.

Students then worked together to identify key issues affecting the Cooley Peninsula, presenting these concerns to local councillors for consideration. The day concluded with a further Q&A session with Paula Butterly, giving students another opportunity to engage with public representatives and deepen their understanding of civic participation.

Overall, the experience was both empowering and informative, highlighting the importance of student voice in shaping the future of our communities.

**David McMahon - Bush Post Student Council**  
Tánaiste, as a school from a rural area along the Cooley peninsula, where beef farming is an essential part of the community, there has been growing fears surrounding the EU-Mercosur trade deal, specifically the reduction of tariffs on beef products. Whilst acknowledging the government's work to ensure the inclusion of safeguards for farmers, if the deal passes, what assurances can the government give to Irish beef farmers that the imported beef will not negatively impact their bottom-line, and to ensure Mercosur's beef matches up to the stringent quality standards of European beef?

**Abi Murry - Ballymakenny College Student Council**  
Tánaiste, Thank you for joining us again this year and to Deputy Buttery for facilitating this Youth Forum. Last year, when I raised endometriosis, you said you could not pronounce it, never mind outline supports. This is a chronic inflammatory condition affecting an estimated 150,000 women in Ireland, many of whom face long delays in diagnosis and limited access to treatment. What concrete programs has your Government made in improving awareness, diagnosis times, and specialist care for those living with this condition?

**Lee Watters - De La Salle College Dundalk Student Council**  
Tánaiste, We have one very important question for you today. I wish to raise a serious concern affecting the stress levels and wellbeing of the majority of Leaving Certificate students across the country: the scheduling of Oral Exams during the Easter Holidays. Easter represents the best opportunity for students to take a proper break before the final preparations for the Leaving Certificate exams. Denying this break affects not only students' mental health but also their capacity to perform academically at their best. I respectfully ask, why will the government not listen to teachers, unions and students by returning the oral exams to term time?

**St Mary's Diocesan School Student Council**  
Tánaiste, The housing shortage remains the defining issue for our generation with other schools today submitting questions which we have grouped together so please bare with us. Many developments prioritise high-cost private housing, often maximising profit while leaving those most at risk of homelessness behind. What targeted measures will your Government take to ensure the delivery of genuinely affordable housing at scale, rather than developments that primarily benefit those already on the property ladder?  
Additionally, the new Senior Cycle is introducing Additional Assessment Components across subjects, many of which require consistent access to laptops. However, this area remains critically underfunded, widening the existing wealth gap between students. How does the Government plan to ensure equitable access to technology so that these reforms do not deepen educational inequality?




**Adam Brady - Bush Post Primary**  
Go raibín maith againn Cathóirleach agus Tánaiste. As students with a genuine interest in politics we've been afforded a great opportunity from Deputy Buttery to engage directly with the Government. However, unfortunately these opportunities for young people interested in politics are few and far between. In Ireland, political internships are almost non-existent. Young people are reliant on having connections with TDs or Councillors in order to gain work experience, and even these opportunities are informal and lack structure. In other European countries such as the Netherlands, Germany and the UK, there are structured internship programmes, which are application-based, in many cases paid, and open to all, not just those with connections. My question is, what opportunities are the Government providing for young people to gain experience in politics, and would the Tánaiste consider a more structured internship programme like that of our European neighbours?

**Leann MacArthur - St. Mary's College, Dundalk**  
Tánaiste, as many of our student council representatives are from Dundalk, the recent news of the partnership between Queen's University and Deft raises important but hopeful questions about the future of cross-border opportunities for young people. We understand the complexities of organising inter-governmental projects, but the idea that young people could greatly benefit from the wide range of educational, recreational and employment opportunities associated with a more interconnected future is certainly exciting. Tánaiste, are you aware of any actions that the Government is taking to strengthen north-south relations that could benefit young people in our future? Perhaps through investment in infrastructure or culture that would make our communities more accessible for all.

**Brian McCabe - De La Salle College Dundalk**  
Tánaiste, In early 2022, global oil prices rose sharply, causing petrol and diesel prices in Ireland to increase to some of the highest levels ever recorded. By May 2022, average prices reached approximately 33¢ per litre for petrol and 34.6¢ per litre for diesel. In response, the Irish Government introduced temporary excise duty cuts in March 2022 to reduce the cost burden on households. These cuts reduced petrol prices by around 20¢ per litre and diesel by around 15¢ per litre. This was a significant intervention designed to protect consumers from extreme price increases. This demonstrates a clear and measurable reduction in fuel costs as a direct result of Government policy. I respectfully ask: 1. Given the clear success of the 2022 fuel tax reductions, will similar supports be used again during future cost-of-living crises? 2. How will the Government ensure that essential costs like fuel remain affordable for students, families, and workers?

**Ballymakenny College Student Council**  
Tánaiste there is need for development of an additional train station in the northern region of Drogheda to address increasing transport demand. Drogheda MacBride railway station is currently under significant pressure due to high passenger numbers, and with the population of north Drogheda projected to increase by approximately 20,000, this demand will continue to grow. A new station, with an estimated cost of upwards of €4.6 million, would improve accessibility, reduce congestion, and support sustainable transport development in the area. Can the government deliver this?

## First Year Positive Note Award Winners



Well done to 1Táin, who were treated to a celebratory pizza party as a result of the positive notes they received. All first-year students were encouraged to work towards earning positive notes for acts of kindness, good behaviour, and being prepared for learning, and the competition between the classes remained intense right up to the final day.



## Staff Training: Senior Cycle Redevelopment

'A big thank you to OIDE for delivering Thursday's Senior Cycle Redevelopment: Planning for Change training. We're especially grateful to Seamus and Maeve for their excellent facilitation and for guiding us through such valuable discussions.

Well done to all our staff for their engagement, collaboration, and thoughtful participation throughout the session. Your commitment to ongoing development continues to strengthen teaching and learning in our school.'

## 3rd Year Music

Ms Lynch's 3rd yr Music classes enjoyed a trip to the National Concert Hall, Dublin this month. The National Symphony Orchestra performed music by Mendelssohn, Rimsky-Korsakov and their favourite John Williams.



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## 25-Day Attendance Drive – Let's Finish Strong!

As we enter the final month of the school year, we are encouraging all students to take part in our 25-Day Attendance Drive. Students who achieve 100% attendance over the 25 days will be entered into a special prize draw for both student and parent prizes. In addition, classes will be competing against each other for best attendance, with the winning class in each year group enjoying a well-deserved pizza party!

Strong attendance in these final weeks is extremely important. This is a key time for finishing units of work, completing assessments, and preparing for the next stage. Every day counts, and being present helps students stay on track, build confidence, and finish the year positively. Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.



**25 DAYS PRESENT  
ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE**

Starting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

All students who are present for the 25 days will be entered into a prize draw

Best class attendance prize for each year group

Prizes:

- ❖ Mystery Star Prize
- ❖ €100 family restaurant voucher
- ❖ €20 student shopping vouchers
- ❖ Class Prize - Pizza Party for best class attendance in each year group

**LUCKY DRAW**

*If you're not in you can't win!*

## Parents'/Guardians' Talk - Supporting Teens Through Exams

We were delighted to host a very successful "Supporting Your Child Through Exams" talk in partnership with LMETB Adult Education. This informative session provided parents with practical strategies to help their children manage exam stress, establish effective study routines and methods, and maintain a healthy balance during this demanding time. It also explored ways to support motivation, build confidence, and manage anxiety. Thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed to such an engaging and supportive evening.

## Parents'/Guardians' Talk - Supporting Your Child with Transition to Secondary School

On 19th May, from 6pm-8.30pm, we will be offering a 'Supporting Your Child with Transition to Secondary School' workshop for parents of students entering First Year in September 2026. If you have a child starting secondary school next year and feel some additional support would be beneficial, please contact Ciara Harkin (charkin.bpp@lmetb.ie) for further details on the event.

This workshop will provide guidance on helping children adjust to a new school environment, including managing increased independence, organising schoolwork, building positive routines, and supporting social and emotional wellbeing. It will also offer practical tips on easing anxieties, encouraging resilience, and maintaining open communication during this important transition period.

## Parents' Association Fundraising Update – Multi-Use Games Area

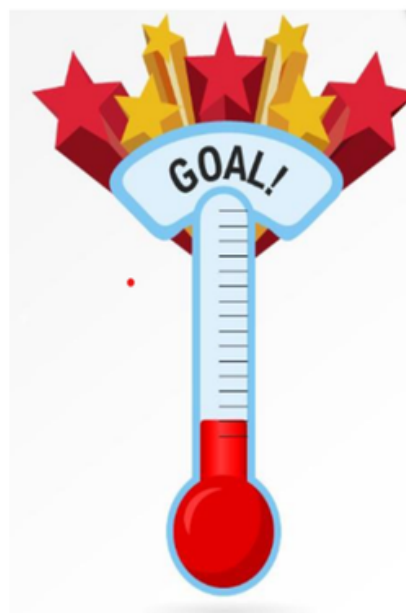
We would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors and local organisations who have supported our fundraising efforts so far. Thanks to this generosity, we have raised €5,500 towards building the new multi-purpose games area.

We would greatly appreciate your continued support in helping us reach our remaining target. If you, or any local businesses you know, are in a position to contribute, we kindly ask that donations be made before 18th May to allow us to finalise building plans in time for summer.

Thanks to parents and students for supporting us with are whole school sponsored walk. If any remaining sponsorship cards can be returned to the school by Tuesday 5th May for counting! With thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support.

€18,730

€7500





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## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

### TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

- Don't give in! Follow through.
- Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.
- Treat it like a military operation in the morning!
- Don't give them a choice to stay at home.
- Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.
- No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.
- Keep talking about the importance of school.
- Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.
- Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.
- Know how many days your child has missed in school.

**TÚSLA**  
An Ghnómháireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency

**CYPSC**  
DUBLIN & NORTH DUBLIN EDUCATED COMMITTEE  
Dublin City North

Thank you to the parents who gave their time to help with this leaflet.



## Transition Year Key Dates 2026

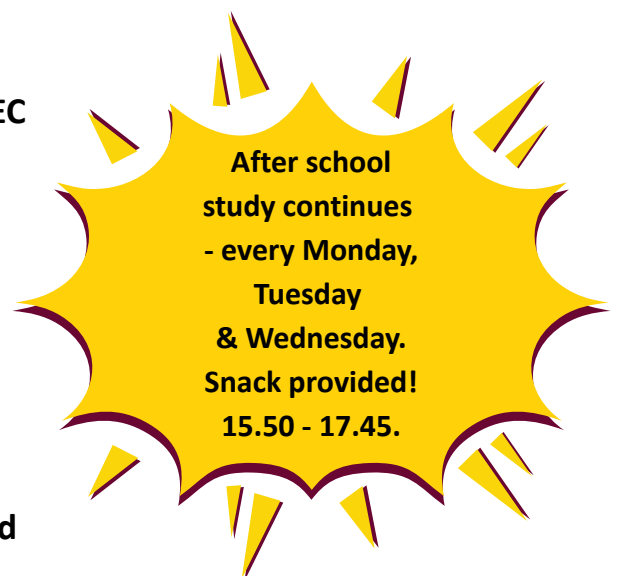
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (1:00 - 3:30) - TY Visit to KTF.  
 Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - TY DKIT Biology event  
 Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - TY Grandparents coffee morning  
 Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - TY end of year trip to Cavan Adventure Centre  
 May - Summer Exams

### Important Dates Coming Up.....

- **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - Wellbeing Week**
- **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - PA Meeting**
- **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (1:00 - 3:30) - TY Visit to KTF**
- **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year school tour to Flynn Park**
- **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Sponsored Walk**
- **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday**
- **Monday, Week beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> - LC Engineering practicals**
- **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - TY DKIT Biology event**
- **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 6 Riverstown English Orals with SEC Examiner**
- **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - TY Grandparents coffee morning**
- **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - LCA6 HCT Cookery Exam**
- **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Staff Meeting**
- **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Green School's awarded Biodiversity Flag**
- **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sports Day**
- **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Year end of year trip to Emerald Park**
- **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year end of year trip to Emerald Park**
- **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - TY end of year trip to Cavan Adventure Centre**



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!





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**BUSH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SPONSORED**

**WALK/RUN**

**6KM**

**Prizes to win on the day!**

**Friday 1st May | 6km**

Please sponsor a student or teacher!

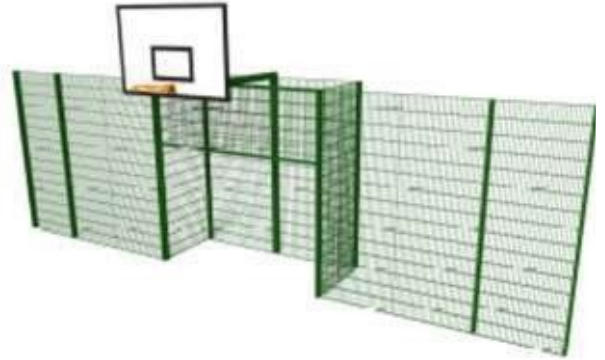
Help us raise €18,730 for a new Multi-Use Games Area for the school.

**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](mailto: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

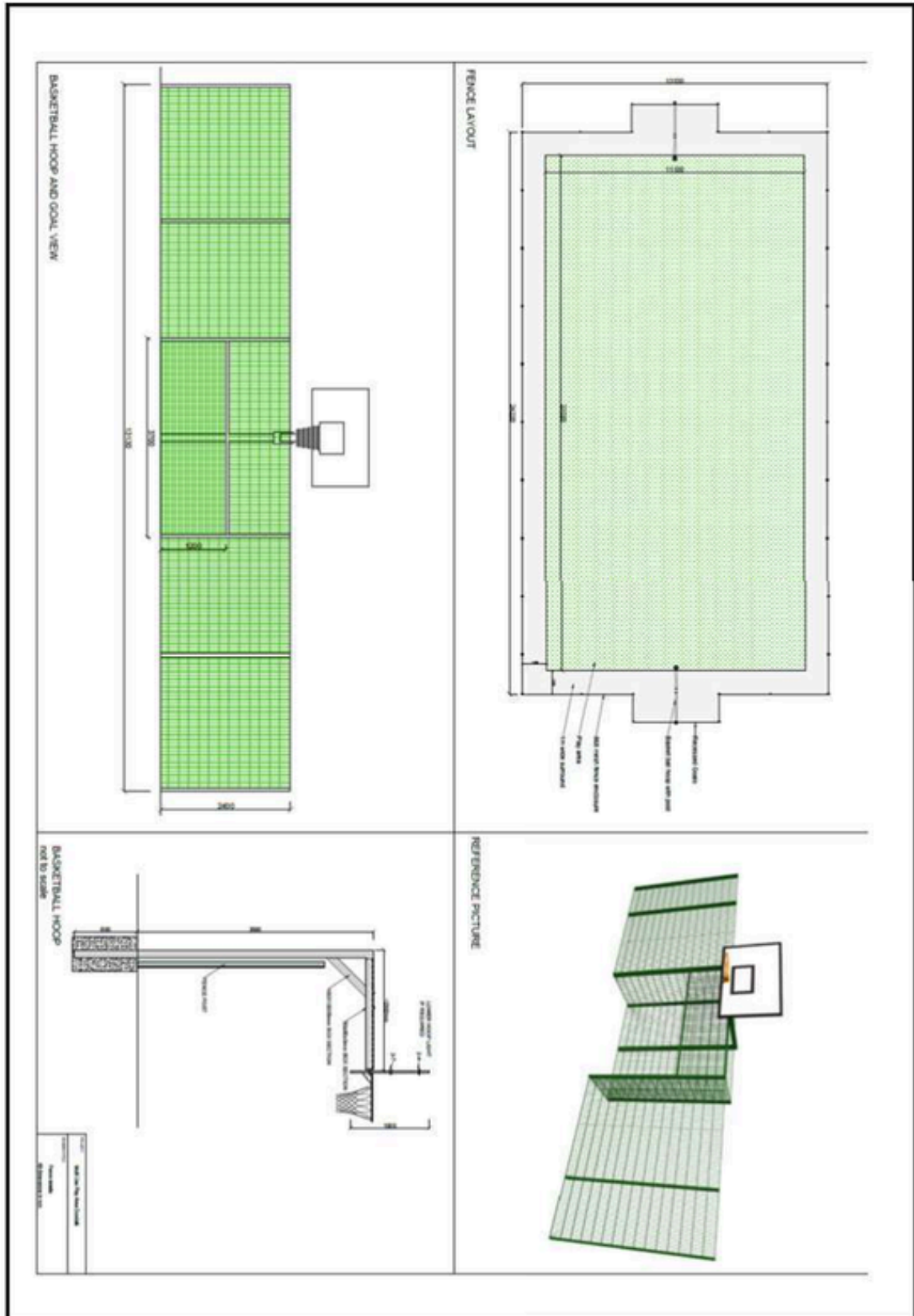


Our Fundraising Goal |

**€18,730**

# CONCEPT BLUPRINT

Below is a simple layout concept:





Well done to our sixth years who completed their oral exams during the Easter break.

Well attended First Year Parent Teacher Meeting.

Thank you to our staff, parents/guardians, 1st 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.



# Bush Post Primary School Career's Fair 2026

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## U16 Girl's Leinster Final

### A Brave Battle until the end:

The U16 girls competed in the Leinster Final on the 17th of April in the National Games Development Centre. Although the result did not go their way on the day, the girls displayed a full spirited and determined performance. Facing a tough opposition, the girls showed excellent teamwork and resilience from the first whistle to the very last.

Reaching a Leinster Final is an incredible achievement in itself, and this team has proven they belong at that level, a day they will look fondly back on. Well done to all the players for an outstanding campaign and coaches Ms.McCarragher and Ms.Donnely.



Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year girls who won the bronze Leinster final on Saturday!  
Well done Aoibheann, Sarah, Daisy, Bella, Ava, Lexie & Aisling - Absolute superstars!



Congratulations to Elliot Nichols, Liam Griffen, Katie McDonald & Aoibheann Reilly on collecting All Stars for Rugby. A big congratulations to Mr Guerin and Ms Mulholland for their amazing commitment to their Rugby teams this year.

## Winner's of the U16 Boy's Leinster Final!



## Congratulations to the camogie girls on their win last Wednesday (29th April) against St Louis CBS.



Youth rugby players from across County Louth have had a busy April and celebrated much success following their participation in the Prague Youth Rugby Festival. The combined squads, featuring players from Ardee RFC, Boyne RFC and Carlingford RFC, delivered strong performances on the international stage, with the U18 team securing first place in their category.

The travelling delegation included 29 players from the U16 and U18 age groups. Departing for Prague on Sunday of last week, the teams competed against various European clubs, demonstrating the benefits of the ongoing collaboration between Louth's local rugby programmes.

The initiative highlights a joint commitment to grassroots development in the county and a notable addition to the coaching set-up this year was former Leinster U18 captain and Ardee native Ellie Meade, whose experience helped guide the squads through the competitive tournament.

The teams were managed by Ian Stewart and Kieran Govern, following months of joint training sessions and preparation, and their results reflect the steady growth of the girls' game within the county.

Well done to our girls Sara Behan and Leah White!

