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Open Evening at Bush Post Primary







Awards Ceremony

Huge congratulations to our 2025 Leaving Certificate Student of the year JP Mc Keown, seen here with Mr Paul Malone, Year Head and Mr James Mc Coy, Deputy Principal.



Best Young Citizen Award Winners



Junior Cycle Results





Portuguese Ambassador visit



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Our school community came together on September 30th for a wonderful morning of celebration at the annual School Awards Ceremony, held in the school gym. The entire school body attended as over 150 awards were presented to students from second to sixth year, recognising their achievements, efforts and contributions to school life.

The ceremony welcomed special guest speaker Gavin Devlin, Louth football manager, who shared an inspiring message about the importance of resilience, determination and effort. His words encouraged students to recognise that success is not simply about results, but also about perseverance and the willingness to keep trying when faced with challenges.

The occasion also marked an important milestone for our new principal, Seamus Meehan, who delivered his first address to the student body. He spoke warmly of his pride in taking over the helm of the school and his enthusiasm for the future.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ruairí Holland and Katie Jo McBride, also addressed the gathering. Both spoke of their pride in representing the student body throughout the year and their appreciation for the opportunity to take on these important leadership roles.

Awards were presented across a range of categories, including Top Result, High Performer, Best Young Citizen and Star Participant. These awards celebrated not only academic success but also positive citizenship, participation and the many qualities that make our students valued members of the school community.

The ceremony also provided an opportunity to celebrate the many sporting achievements of the 2025/2026 school year. Our boys and girls teams enjoyed success across Gaelic, rugby and athletics, demonstrating outstanding commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship. Sport plays a central role in the development of many students in Bush, helping them to build confidence, resilience, discipline and lasting friendships, while fostering a strong sense of school pride and belonging.

The morning was a tremendous success, enjoyed by students and staff alike. It was a fitting celebration of the achievements, talents and dedication of our students, both inside and outside the classroom, and highlighted the strength and spirit of our school community.





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We were delighted to welcome prospective students and their families to our school Open Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for visitors to explore our school, meet our dedicated teachers and students, learn about the wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities on offer, and experience the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that makes our school special. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all our staff and students who helped make the evening such a success!













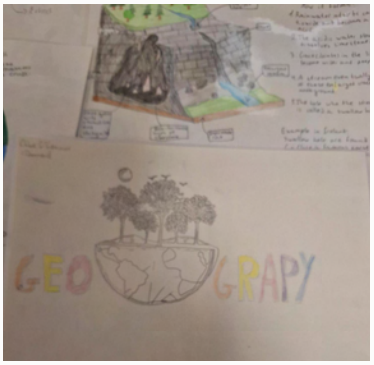












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A huge congratulations to all our Junior Cycle students who received their results on October 7th! This is a wonderful milestone and a reflection of the hard work, dedication and perseverance they have shown throughout their studies. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they continue their educational journey. Well done to all!













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TY Students Attend Powerful Road Safety Presentation

Our Transition Year students recently attended a powerful and thought-provoking road safety presentation delivered by Garda David Buckley. The presentation highlighted the devastating impact that road traffic accidents can have on individuals, families and communities, while emphasising the importance of making safe and responsible choices on the road.

During the session, Garda Buckley spoke about a range of important road safety issues affecting young people today, including the dangers associated with e-scooter use, the need for greater awareness and respect for cyclists on our roads, and the serious risks of using mobile phones while driving. Through real-life examples, students gained a deeper understanding of how a moment's distraction or poor decision can have life-changing consequences.

The talk served as a valuable reminder that road safety is everyone's responsibility and that making sensible choices can save lives.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Garda Buckley for taking the time to speak with our students. We greatly appreciate his honesty, professionalism and commitment to educating young people about road safety and helping them become responsible road users.



















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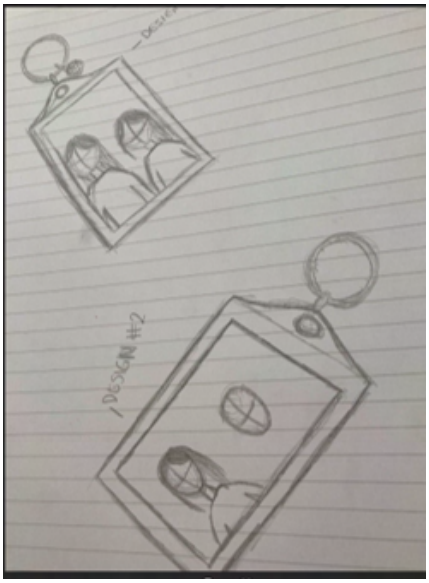
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TY Business Studies students recently participated in the second of a series of workshops facilitated by Francis Verling from the Local Enterprise Office (LEO). This engaging session focused on the importance of market research and how businesses use customer feedback and data to make informed decisions. As part of the workshop, students worked collaboratively in their mini-company teams to explore their target markets, refine their product ideas, and begin developing effective marketing strategies. They also had the opportunity to start designing their company logos, allowing them to build their brand identity and bring their business concepts to life. The workshop provided valuable insights into the world of entrepreneurship and marketing, while helping students make significant progress with their promotional campaigns. It was a highly worthwhile experience that enhanced students' creativity, teamwork, and business skills as they continue their mini-company journey.













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TY Barista Training

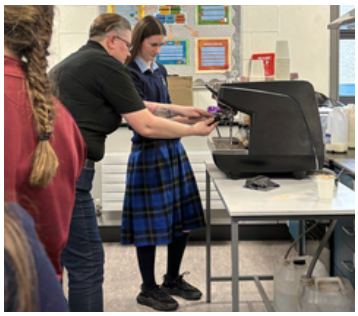
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Our TY students recently took part in an engaging Barista Training workshop with the Dublin Barista School. During the session, students learned about the history and origins of coffee, explored different coffee varieties, and gained valuable insight into one of the world's most popular beverages. They also enjoyed hands-on training, learning how to operate professional coffee machines and prepare a range of coffee drinks. At the end of the experience, students had the opportunity to sample the coffees they had created themselves. With barista skills in high demand and the coffee industry continuing to grow, this was an excellent opportunity for students to explore a potential career pathway while developing practical workplace skills.

















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6th year Othello trip

Thursday the 1st and Saturday the 3rd of October saw two 6th year Higher level English groups attend a production of Shakespeare's Othello in the Mill Theatre Dundrum. Students will write on the play Othello for their Leaving Cert exam, so this was a great opportunity for the students to see the play in action. The performance proved extremely popular for both groups.







Rotary Youth Leadership Competition





5th Year Students Excel in Rotary Youth Leadership Competition

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our 5th-year students in the recent Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition.

Four of our students—Evan Hearty, Jessica Cromie, Lara Du Plesis, and Aoife Savage—were selected to progress to the interview stage of the competition. The students met with Rotarian Stephen Gunne for their interviews, where they all performed brilliantly. The interviewer noted that our students represented the school excellently and provided them with highly commendable feedback on their interview skills and techniques.

Following a very competitive process, Lara Du Plesis was chosen to move forward to the next stage of the competition, where she will compete against students from other local schools.

We want to congratulate Evan, Jessica, Lara, and Aoife on their hard work and superb representation of our school community, and we wish Lara the very best of luck in the next round!

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Portuguese Ambassador Visit

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A Visit from the Portuguese Ambassador to Bush Post Primary

Bush Post Primary School was delighted to welcome the Portuguese Ambassador to Ireland on Friday, 2nd October. Our Student Council warmly welcomed the Ambassador to the school and took the opportunity to engage with him on Ireland's place within the European Union.

As part of the visit, Jennifer Holland, Muireann Finnegan and Kasi Finnegan delivered a thoughtful presentation on the importance of the EU to Ireland, with a particular focus on the opportunities and relevance of the EU for young people today.

The Ambassador then spoke to our Student Council about his role as Ambassador and discussed the significance of Ireland holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for six months this year. This was followed by an insightful and engaging question-and-answer session, with our students putting a range of thoughtful questions to the Ambassador.

To conclude the visit, our Head Boy, Ruairí Holland, and Head Girl, Katie Jo McBride, presented the Ambassador with a special token from the Bush Post Primary School community, kindly provided by our local business, Shell's Driftwood.

We would like to thank the Ambassador for taking the time to visit our school and, most importantly, our Student Council for representing our school community so positively and engaging so enthusiastically in this memorable visit.











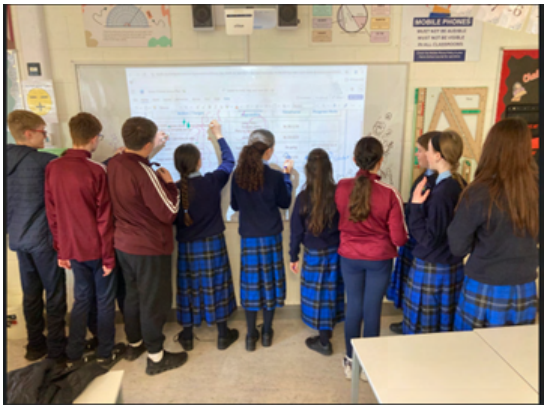
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The Junior Green Schools Committee has made an excellent start to this year's Green Schools theme of Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste. Students are currently working on designing a logo and creating a motto that will represent this important theme throughout the year. As part of their work, students have been exploring what it means to be a global citizen. A global citizen is someone who understands that they are part of a wider world, respects people from different backgrounds, and takes action to help make the world a better place.

Working collaboratively, the committee designed a questionnaire which has been distributed to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year students. The survey aims to gather students' views and understanding of global citizenship and will help guide future information sessions.



The committee has also continued its practical work around the school by carrying out regular litter picks and promoting a cleaner school environment. Over the coming weeks, students will conduct litter audits throughout the school to identify areas where waste can be reduced and recycling improved. Congratulations to all members for their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment to making a positive difference in our school and beyond.



Are you interested in joining our Green Schools & Sustainability Committee?

We are always looking for enthusiastic students who want to make a positive difference to our school and environment.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Ms. McMahon or Ms. McAleenan for more details.

Get involved. Make a difference. Be part of the change!



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Louth Libraries Photography Trip

On Friday, October 2nd eight second and third year students took part in a photography project in conjunction with Louth Libraries.
Louth libraries have recently purchased a postcard collection from Noel Ross with photos from a century ago. Noel Ross was a noted Co. Louth historian. The photos are of different places across Co. Louth. Eight students from Bush Post Primary school were asked to take photos of various locations in Carlingford with a phone. The places that were chosen were the exact same places where the photos had been taken a hundred years previously. Louth Libraries provided a photographer who helped the students with composition and perspective.
A huge thanks to James Matthews, the photographer, Sarah Mc Allister, Librarian with Louth Libraries and Celia Mc Parland, Librarian in Carlingford for inviting the students to be a part of this project and for all their help and assistance on the day.











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Hot & cold lunch menu



Hot and cold lunches served from our kitchen every morning and lunch break by our wonderful team.



After school study takes place every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
Snack provided!
15.45 - 17.45.
3 Euro per evening
6th Years Free

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!

Congratulations to our 6 Riverstown students on their exceptional results

Bobby, Eanán and Oisín in Hub 2 have been learning about typical French food and enjoyed a French breakfast this week. Merci to Sinéad for her help with the decorations.





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Student of the Month Initiative

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A reminder of our exciting new positive behaviour initiative: **Student of the Month**. Designed to recognise and celebrate the many positive contributions our students make every day, this initiative will further strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of respect, kindness, effort and achievement across our school community.

The initiative which commenced on Thursday, October 1st aims to encourage and celebrate the behaviours and values we want to see throughout our school community.

Each month will have a different theme and set of criteria, giving us the opportunity to recognise a wide range of positive student behaviours and achievements. Details of the November theme and criteria can be found below.

How the Initiative Will Work

Staff are invited to nominate students who they feel meet the criteria for the month.

At the end of each month, Ms McCartney will collate all nominations and provide each Year Head with a list of nominated students in their year group, along with the reasons for their nominations.

Each Year Head will then select their Student of the Month winner. The successful student will receive a certificate and reward, which will be presented at the next Year Group Assembly. We also hope to celebrate our winners through photographs displayed on the school TV screens, in newsletters and on the school's social media platforms.

Together, we can ensure that the positive behaviours we value are recognised, celebrated and encouraged throughout our school community.



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Term One Attendance Drive Prize Draw Update

We would really like to celebrate and acknowledge the efforts of everyone who has been making the effort to attend school every day and try their very best. Thank you to all the parents and guardians for all your support, effort and hard work. There will be lots more competitions and prizes and celebrations of determination and commitment throughout the year. Keep up the good work!



1st Place – Ella Rose McMahon 6th Year won an Apple Watch



2nd Prize – Ellie May Carolan 2nd Year won a €100 family voucher for the Four Seasons Carlingford



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3rd Prize Winners – €20 Shop Local Vouchers





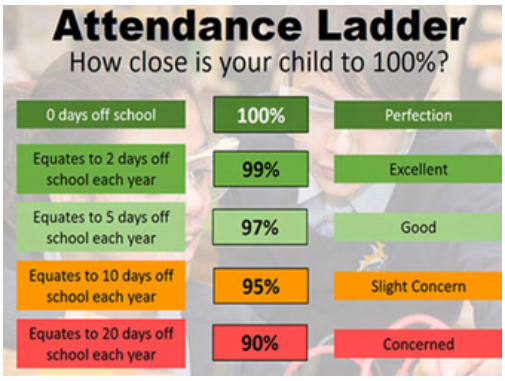
Well done to all our prize draw winners. Keep up the excellent work.

6th Year – Aidan Malone, Aine Brennan, Kaelan O'Brien Dyas
5th Year – Naomh Fearon, Ciaran Bellew
TY – Shay McIntyre
3rd Year – James Clarke
1st Year – Saoirse White

Compass Kiosk Now in Operation

Our new Compass Kiosk is now operational in the front reception area. Students who arrive late to school or need to leave early are required to sign in or out using the kiosk, replacing the previous paper-based system.
The kiosk is simple to use, requiring students to enter their name and date of birth. Guidance on using the system has been provided during school assemblies.
This new procedure will help us maintain accurate attendance records and ensure student safety by keeping an up-to-date record of who is on the school premises throughout the school day.





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Maynooth Visit In



A huge thank you to Ruth from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, who captivated our Sixth Year students with an engaging talk on October 1st.

Our students listened attentively with a number of students asking questions following the talk.

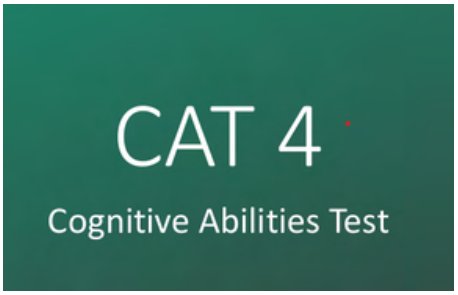
This event marks the beginning of our series of talks for Sixth Year students, designed to inform, inspire and support them as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

Thank you, Ruth, for such a wonderful start to the series!
@stpatrickspontificaluniversity

North East Careers Fair a Resounding Success







Well done to all first year students who sat their CAT 4 exams on Monday September 14th.

These assessments provide valuable insight into students' individual learning profiles by exploring their abilities across four key areas: verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and spatial reasoning. The results will help us to develop a better understanding of each student's strengths and areas for development, allowing us to support their learning needs and identify ways to help them reach their full potential. It is important to remember that the CAT4 is not a test of knowledge or academic achievement, but rather an assessment of how students think, reason and approach different types of problems.

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North East Careers Fair a Resounding Success

On Tuesday, 13th October, students from across the North East had the opportunity to attend a highly successful Careers Fair at the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk. The event was organised by the Guidance Counsellors of the North East Branch with the aim of providing students with access to a wide range of career and educational opportunities closer to home, while significantly reducing the financial and logistical burden associated with travelling to the annual Careers Fair in the RDS, Dublin.

The fair attracted an impressive range of exhibitors, offering students valuable information and guidance on their future educational and career pathways. There was excellent representation from Institutes of Further Education, Technological Universities, and Universities from both sides of the border, as well as several institutions from the United Kingdom. This ensured that students were exposed to a diverse range of options and opportunities, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future studies and careers.

Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to engage directly with representatives from the various institutions, ask questions, gather prospectuses, and explore the many courses and supports available to them. The accessibility of the event allowed more students to attend and benefit from the experience, reinforcing the importance of regional collaboration in career education.

The overwhelming success of the Careers Fair highlights the dedication and commitment of the North East Branch Guidance Counsellors in supporting students and their families. By bringing such a comprehensive range of educational providers to Dundalk, they created an invaluable resource for young people as they begin planning their next steps after secondary school.

Feedback from students, teachers and exhibitors was extremely positive, with many noting the convenience of the location and the high calibre of institutions represented. The event demonstrated that high-quality career guidance opportunities can be successfully delivered at a local level, making them more accessible and affordable for all.

The North East Careers Fair has set a strong precedent for future events and stands as an excellent example of how collaboration between schools and educational institutions can benefit students throughout the region.







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Something for everyone at Bush Post Primary!

Theres lots happening at Bush this year, with a fantastic range of extra curricular clubs on offer. Whether you enjoy sport, music, art, cooking, languages, film, chess or getting involved in environmental projects, there's something for everyone to enjoy.
Our clubs are a great opportunity to try something new, make new friends and discover new interests outside the classroom. From First Year French and Spanish to our Film clubs, Choir, Fitness, Farming Club, Green Schools and much more, students are encouraged to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available.
A big thank you to all the teachers who give their time and enthusiasm to make these activities possible. We look forward to seeing our studnets getting involved, having fun and making great memories throughout the year!







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U - 14 Team Medal Presentation



Last year's U-14 Team who were presented with their Leinster U-14 medals on Wednesday, October 21st. The Down captain, Ms Mulvena presented each of the girls with their medals. Huge thanks to Catherine Boyle who took all the photos.





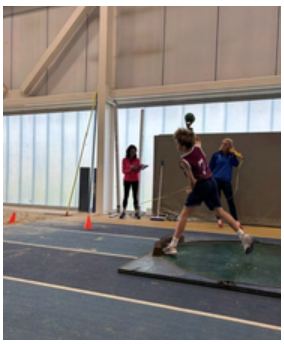
Cross Country and Athletics Club

The first year students competed in the Leinster Schools Multi Event in the National Indoor Sports Arena, Dublin. Students competed in shot put, long jump, 60m hurdles and 800m sprint.

See top student rankings below for 1st year category:

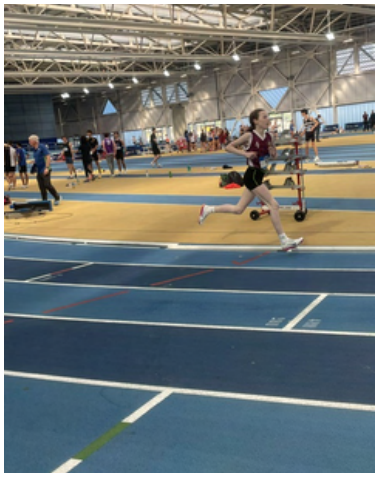
Caoimhe Galligan - 7th in Leinster Girls
Nikita Zabelin - 10th in Leinster Boys
Owen McGrath - 20th in Leinster Boys











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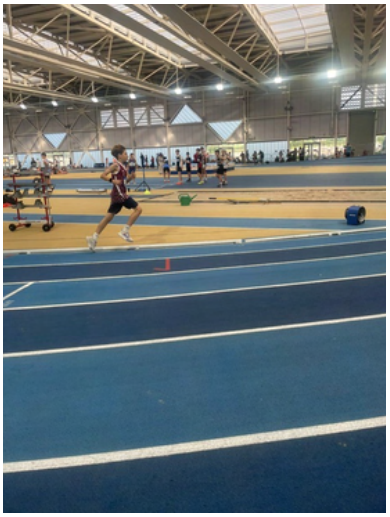
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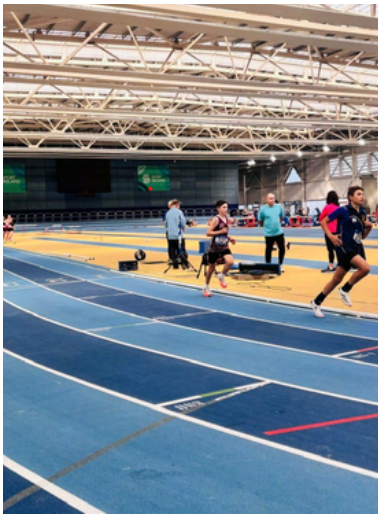
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Bush Post Primary GAA Blitz Report

On Tuesday October 20th, Bush Post Primary proudly brought three teams to Darver to participate in a GAA blitz attended by all secondary schools across County Louth.
The boys represented the school brilliantly throughout the morning, displaying excellent skill, teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm in all of their matches. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to compete against schools from across the county and to enjoy a morning of Gaelic games.
A special word of thanks goes to the six Transition Year students, Jade, Gillian, Aoibhe, Ruby, Aoife and Katie, who assisted with coaching and refereeing duties. Their support, commitment and leadership helped ensure the event ran smoothly and was enjoyable for all involved.
Overall, everyone had a great morning participating in GAA, making it a very successful and enjoyable occasion for Bush Post Primary.













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Girl's Rugby

The girls had a fantastic day out playing lots of rugby and it is clear that the future of rugby in Bush is very bright. Our Junior team started with a tough 2—15 loss to Ashbourne but they showed great spirit by fighting back from 15 points down in the second half with tries m Hannah Grills, Daisy Caldwell and Aisling Mc Garrity. They bounced back immediately with a convincing win ove CNHL Navy. Their final match against St. Louis was an absolute battle that finishe in a massive 45- 30 win with tries from Ellie Joe Behan, Aisling Mc Garrity, Hannah Grills, Tara Mc Nulty, Olivia Daly, Daisy Caldwell and Poppy Mulligan.
To top off a great day, our Senior girls also had a great day out, winning one game and drawing the other. A huge congratulations to all our players.









Written by Eimear Boyle



Girls Senior Soccer

For the first time in many years, our Senior Girls have a soccer team. They started the year off strong with a 7-1 win away to Santa Sabina College Sutton, in the Leinster Cup. A fantastic show of skill and hard work from the entire squad. We look forward to plenty more success as the year progresses.

Well done girls!







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Boys U14 Team Victory













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Important dates to remember.....

- **Tuesday, November 3rd - 3rd and 6th year Christmas Assessments begin.**
- **Monday, November 9th - TY Work Experience Week**
- **Monday, November 16th - 3rd Year Reports due**
- **Thursday, November 19th - 3rd year PTM.**
- **Thursday, November 19th - TY Tour to Croke Park Museum.**
- **Friday, November 20th - 6th Year reports due.**
- **Thursday, November 26th - 6th Year PTM.**

Attendance Reminder

A reminder that classes begin at 9:00 a.m. each day and finish at 3:43 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 2:45 p.m. on Fridays. We encourage all students to arrive on time and remain in school for the full day whenever possible. Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to student progress and help ensure that valuable teaching and learning time is not missed.

If your child is absent from school, please add a note on Compass. If a child is to leave school early, example for a hospital appointment, please also add to Compass and fill in in diary for the Year Head or relevant Deputy Principal to sign.
If any parent/guardian is struggling logging in to Compass, please contact Lauren in the office for new login details.

REPORTS

October Progress Reports

October reports for 1st and 5th years were published on Friday, October. As per Mr. McCoy's email, your child's report can be downloaded by logging in to Compass, selecting the 'Reports' tab and clicking on your child's October Progress Report.

