



Bish E-Zine February

WELCOME TO OUR E-ZINE

It is my privilege to welcome friends of the Bish to our relaunched Bish e-zine. The e-zine should work in tandem with our social media platforms, Facebook (St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Bish), twitter (@stjosephsbish) and website www.bish.ie in painting a picture of the life of the Bish since Sept 2019. The e-zine will attempt to bring together as many of our school activities as possible that have happened in the 2019-2020 school year so far. It has been a really busy year since our Leaving Cert class of 2019 received their results on Aug 13th.

We welcomed the next generation of Bish students on Aug 23rd when 140 first years passed through the doors on Nun's Island to begin their second level journey.

Each term, month and week have their highlights; the following pages will provide a snapshot of life in the Bish.

Enjoy!



John Madden - Principal.



JUNIOR PROBLEM SOLVING

A clean sweep for Bish Maths teams who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the IAMTA 2020 Junior Problem Solving Competition in NUIG. Students pictured with their coach S. Morrissey and Senior Management.



MUSIC CLUB

Under the direction of Ms. Grainne Cotter and Ms. Kathleen Divine, Music Club has been set up every Friday lunchtime and Friday after school. There has been a lot of musical activity in the school in the past few months including Radio RíRa interview and performance in Aras na Gael in November, Merlin Park Visit

and performance to unit 5 and 6 in December and singing with St. Vincent De Paul (Headford Rd Shopping Centre) for Christmas.

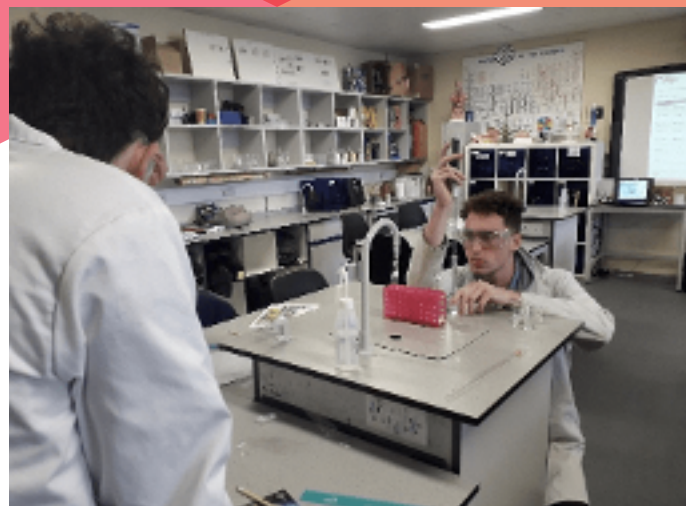
We also had a very successful flash mob in October and again in December where Music Club entertained staff and students alike during break time.

Up next is the Bish Got Talent show. Auditions

Thursday 6th of February and the show will be held on Friday March 13th in the P.E hall of the school. There will be a matinee from 11-1pm for the Junior students and the evening show will be held from 7-10pm.



Student Council Members attended training with the ISSU to discuss relevant issues to our school.



Chemistry Workshop during Science Week .



6 of the boys from The Bish were on the Corrib Waterpolo Team that won The Irish U17 national cup in Belfast .



Presentation made to Jigsaw from funds raised during our Mental Health week Spinathon.



Evan Lawless from class 1B who had the highest attendance at the PME Homework club. Pictured here receiving his prize with Bish teacher Stephen Deyarmin.



Bish Creative Engagement project Introductory session with artist Lara Luxard. The Creative schools programme puts the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives. Ms. I. Nic Aoidh is the co-ordinator.



Excellence Scholarship Nov 19 Sean O' Brien, Darragh McNulty, James Connaire, James Wall and Sean Moughan. Absent from photo Liam Nolan.



TY Shoebox Appeal December 2019



Gary Cunningham gave an insightful talk on Peer Pressure, Mental Health and Addiction to 5th and 6th Year students.



Bish intermediate team that placed second overall in the team event of South Connacht Cross country event. William McDonnell, pictured with the trophy won the race.



Handsome Burger sponsored the U17 Soccer Team with their new kit.



Bish beat Endas by 29 to 7 in the opening cup game.

JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Patrick Dillon , formerly 3E, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Conor Moran, formerly 3D, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Oisin Walsh, formerly 3A, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Fionán Conway, formerly 3B, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Billy Power, formerly 3C, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Eoin Kelly, formerly 3F, receiving a Student Award for Excellence.



Assembly in the hall with addresses from Cathal McGinn Year Head and Senior Management Team.



Van Mario Caval being congratulated on his achievements.



Mr. P.J. Folan congratulating William Adebajo.



Alan Richardson receiving his JCPA from Principal John Madden.



Lee Whyte looking at his JCPA with Deputy Principal P.J. Folan.



Odhrán Taylor receiving his JCPA from Deputy Principal P.J. Folan.

CAREERS FAIR



Thanks to our Parents' Council for this wonderful event. A lot of work went into the organisation of the day. More than 50 occupations were represented. We are very appreciative of all the people who were so generous with their time.



HEADSTRONG COMMITTEE

The Headstrong Committee was formed in October 2019 and is made up of 5 Transition Year students with Ms. Gleeson and Ms. O'Halloran on the team to help out. The objective of this committee is to help spread awareness of and address different topics that relate to mental health.

For the month of December, the committee chose the theme of "Coping With Stress As An Adolescent". We then decided to focus this on the First Years as they were just beginning to settle into the secondary school environment. As it was the Christmas season, we wanted our event to tie into the festivities. Our team came up with the idea of the "Positivitree Competition". This competition would take place between all first year classes and would involve each class decorating their classroom with decorations, lights, trees, etc. The class who had the best and most nicely decorated class would win the prize of a Christmas Movie Pizza Party.

A photo was taken with each class and they were displayed on the wonderful "Positivitree" notice board in the main foyer. In the end, class 303 were victorious with 305 coming as runner up for their Catholic spirit and beautiful homemade decorations.

The committee is currently working on the theme of Anxiety and a PowerPoint and display board are in the main foyer with helpful information for students on what to do if faced with anxiety. There are also future plans to tackle other themes linked to Mental Health including Physical Health and Addiction.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Alex Lee with staff members after receiving the Galway Sports Stars 2019 Special Achievement Award. January 2020



Ronan Mullarney Past Pupil who received the Galway Sports Stars 2019 Award for Golf. Pictured here with Deputy Principal Seamus Cahalan and Nuala O' Halloran. Jan 2020



Congratulations to Darren Burke for completion of the Droichead Programme pictured here with members of the team. December 2019

SPORT

We have had great sporting successes over the past few months. The Senior Basetball Team won the All Ireland Quarter final. In Rowing, the oarsmen did brilliantly in the National Indoor Championships and the Gaelic Footballers won the League Final against Carrick on Shannon.



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