



CHRISTMAS E-ZINE 2025





LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

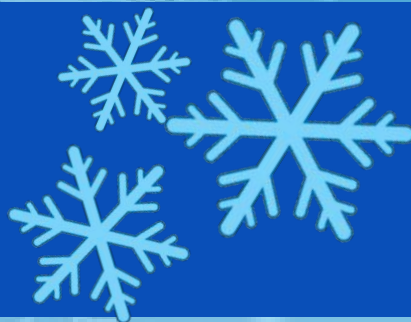
As we approach the Christmas holidays, it is a perfect time to pause, reflect, and wish every student, staff member, and family in our school community a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

This term has been an exceptionally busy one, filled with activity, energy, and school spirit. While there were many memorable moments, the undisputed highlight of the term was the Bish Bash. Entertaining us over two nights in the Blackbox, the show showcased an incredible variety of talent, with singers, musicians, pianists, and performers taking to the stage. It was a true celebration of creativity and confidence, and it brought our school community together in a very special way.

Led by our entertaining and very capable presenters Colm Davoren and Eoin Walsh, the show was a huge success, with over 100 students involved both on and off the stage. A tremendous amount of work goes into making a show of this standard possible, with rehearsals beginning as early as October. A sincere thanks to Derek Cahalan and his team of teachers – Keith O' Reilly, Stef Carr, Emma Mathews, Roisin Bruton, Darren Burke, Darragh Conneely, Grainne Cotter and Amy Considine. The dedication, commitment, and teamwork shown by everyone involved were clearly evident in the final performances.

A special congratulations must go to our Bish Bash winner Luke Kenny, whose performance of Blackbird was outstanding and captivated everyone in attendance.





Alongside the excitement and entertainment, this term also highlighted the generosity and compassion of our school community. The Shoebox Appeal for Team Hope Ireland and the SVP Food Appeal received wonderful support, reminding us of the importance of helping others, particularly at this time of year.

The final week of school always brings a great sense of celebration and tradition. This year it includes the 6th Year Breakfast, the TY Fair, and Christmas Jumper Day, which is in aid of Jigsaw and the Bring Cillian Home Appeal. These events perfectly capture the spirit of fun, gratitude, and generosity that defines our school community.

As we head into the Christmas break, we can be proud of all that has been achieved this term. While many positive initiatives took place, the Bish Bash was without doubt the standout event of the term.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support of our school especially our wonderful staff who go above and beyond, day in, day out for our students. We are blessed in so many ways.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a very well-deserved rest and extend our warmest good wishes for the Christmas break. May it be a time of relaxation, joy, and renewal for all.

With very best wishes always,

Sarah Gleeson

Principal.





EVENTS IN THE BISH



Our TY's had a fantastic day out at the Pathways Career Fair in Galmont Hotel!



B.O.I School Bank opened to a roaring success, fair play to the lads!



The Young SVP Society held their food appeal this term!



A huge congrats to Paidí Heffernan, Devin Casey, Conor O'Domhnail and Conor McDonagh on their Junior Cert Art projects being on exhibition at ATU!



EVENTS IN THE BISH



Our students from M6 visited the Tulca Visual Art Festival and had a great time looking at all the spectacular artwork!

Shoe boxes were collected for the Team Hope shoebox appeal this term! Well done to everyone involved!



Table Tennis has become very popular here at lunch time! Between both students and staff alike!



SPORTS

Our 1st and 2nd Year oarsmen preformed amazingly in UL, bringing home a set of podium finishes across Gold, Silver, and Bronze!



Junior 18s Rowers went to Philadelphia this term to take part in Head of the Schuylkill. Congrats to them!



The Bish first years won the Plate in the GAA Handball competition. Well done to the lads!



Well done to our U19A Basketball Team who defeated Salesians College. They now proceed onto the All-Ireland Schools Cup Semis!





ERASMUS



Our Erasmus students enjoyed a fabulous week in Cádiz, Spain, filled with sunshine, soccer tournaments, learning, surfing, beach trips and historic walks through the town!





TRICK OR TREAT FOR TEMPLE STREET



Halloween at the Bish had some fabulous outfits on display! We celebrated Trick or Treat for Temple Street as we collected for the cause!





BISH BASH



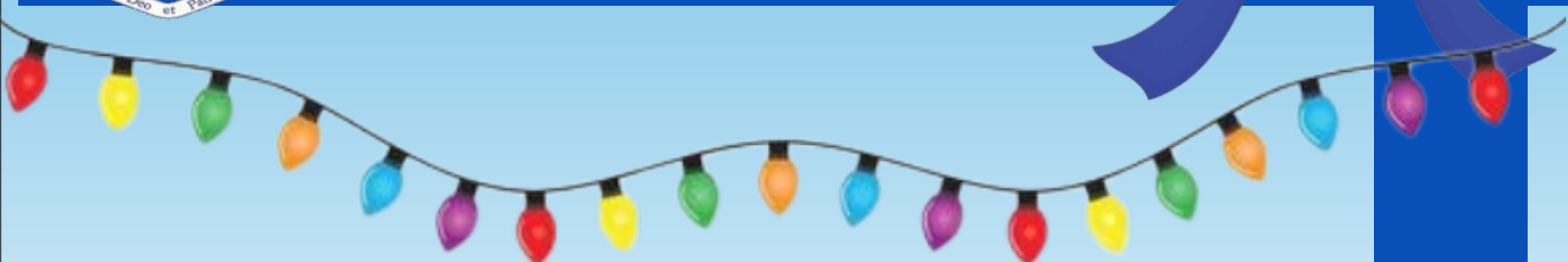
Bish Bash returned this year with amazing acts, from song to comedy, some great talent was shown across both nights

A huge congratulations to our winner Luke Kenny!





LEAVING CERT BREAKFAST



Our leaving cert students enjoyed a well deserved breakfast cooked for them on Wednesday morning, organised by their year head Mr McGinn.

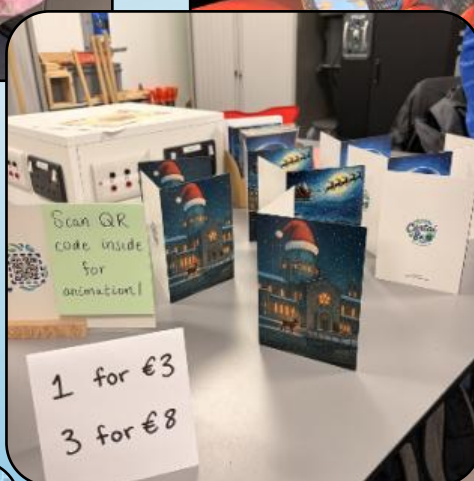




TY CHRISTMAS MARKET



Our TY students were spent a lot of time preparing for the Christmas markets in school this Thursday



Well done to everyone involved!





TRANSITION YEAR MINI COMPANIES



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Cártaí Beo is a TY Mini Company that creates high-quality, eco-friendly greeting cards featuring unique Galway-themed designs.

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E-ZINE RIDDLE



Win a **Handsome Burger** Gift-card
by answering this riddle!

The Riddle: What is there one of in
every corner and two of in every
room?

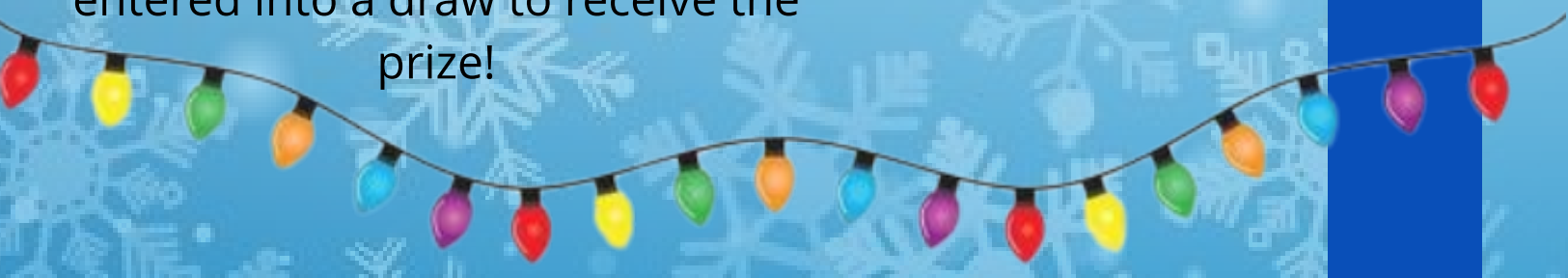
Email us with the answer at
L.DUGGAN22@BISH.IE

Anyone is free to enter, but if you
have a student in the Bish, please
include their *Name* and *Year Group*
in your email so you can get the
voucher!

The **first five** to answer will be
entered into a draw to receive the
prize!



Well done to the
Autumn E-Zine
winner Jack Cleary
in 3rd year!

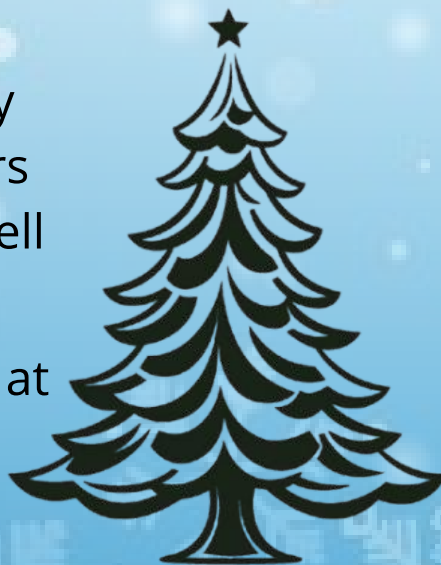


HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from us at the E-Zine team as well as the Bish staff.

We cannot wait to see everyone at the start of next term!



By Gunasheel Rettagunta, Conor McDonagh & Loric Ferriere