

2023 Bish Christmas E-Zine



Letter From The Principal



Welcome to our Christmas Ezine!

As we approach the end of Advent, the start of our Christmas holidays and come to the end of the first full term in the 2023 school year, it's a fitting time to reflect on the busy place that is the Bish. The conclusion of this year marks a myriad of positive moments that shape our school community. This e-zine outlines some of the fantastic work that goes on in and around the school.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to the dedicated teachers, support staff, students, and parents who have contributed their time, effort, and enthusiasm, making our school an exceptional place to learn and grow. It is the collaborative spirit of our community that truly defines us.



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A special acknowledgment is reserved for our Board of Management, whose voluntary efforts have played a vital role in steering our school toward continued success. Their commitment is a testament to the strength of our community.

As we celebrate the joys of the season, let us not forget that Christmas can also be a challenging time for many families. Bereavements throughout the year, financial pressures, and the hustle and bustle of busy households can create unique stresses. We encourage our students to be mindful of these realities and to extend their support and kindness to their families during this time.

May the festive season bring joy, peace, and an abundance of shared moments that strengthen the ties that bind us together.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year!

*Warm regards,
John Madden*

Headstrong Committee



At the end of October the Headstrong Committee, along with Ms Bruton, organised a spinathon in support of Cycle Against Suicide and spreading their message to young people. "Be brave, reach out and speak up!"



A huge thanks to The Headstrong Committee and all the teachers involved for organising this brilliant event. Also a thanks to Trainstation Galway for loaning us the many spinning bikes needed to run this event.

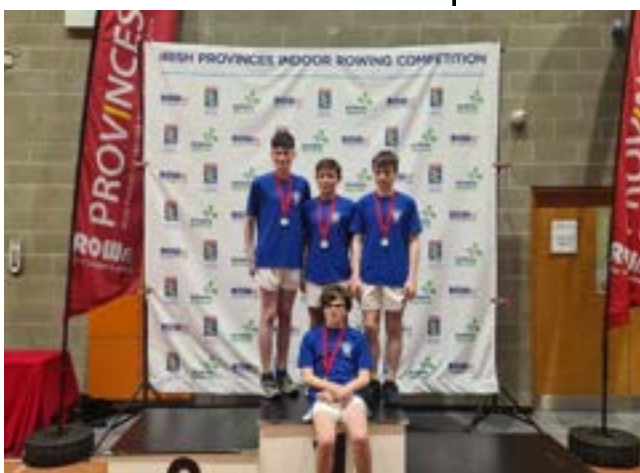


Sporting Events



Our senior rugby team here at The Bish played the "Rovers" touring side from a mix of schools in South Africa. A highly skilled and competitive game saw the "Rovers" edge the game 50-39. Many thanks to Mr Murray and Mr Conboy for organising this event .

Our J14, J15 and J16 rowers recently competed in the Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championship. Some great talent was showcased on the day and wins were brought back to Galway in the J14 and J16 categories. Well done to the athletes that competed and made the school proud.



Sporting Events



Congratulations to both U16 and U19 basketball teams who became West Region A Champions this past month. Both teams fought hard to earn their respective titles and made everyone at the school very proud!



Well done to Eoin Connery and Luka Sablic who were selected to play Waterpolo on the U14 National Irish team at the start of the month. Eoin captained the team and Luka was awarded Most Valuable Player.

Student Achievements



Congratulations to Bish senior rugby captain Paul Sharkey on earning his first cap for Ireland u18 clubs against Italy at the beginning of November.

Well done to past Bish students Patrick Tarnowetzki and Oliver Kelly who recieved their Excellence Scholarships from University of Galway.



Erasmus Programme



We were thrilled to host our first Erasmus programme from Ostrava, Czech Republic. We worked with their students on a combined Computer Science project in October and we will continue that work again when we visit them in February.

TY Report

Reflecting on Transition Year so far:



Whats your favourite memory of TY so far this year?

Rory Boyle- *"There was a TY football tournament, 5 a side that we played in October. It was memorable for me because my team won the whole thing and topping it all off, I scored in the final. We lost the first two games, all hope was lost but we won the final then."*

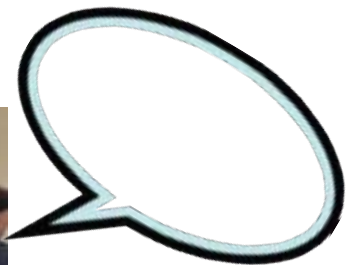
Eoin Walsh- *"Going to Cuckoo hill was so much fun. We were all covered in muck, it was raining and we had to bathe in a pond to clean ourselves. There were a few bad tumbles but that made it so much more enjoyable."*

Thomas Burke- *"I really enjoyed my work experience in Elverys. I secured a winter job from this, I Gained a good bit of confidence from doing it as well 'cause it's my first job and met a lot of new people."*

What are you looking forward to in the New Year?

Rory Boyle- *"We have a fundraiser Charity match in January against St. Endas. It'll be a bit of banter, there are teachers playing in goals and we get to play against a few lads that we know who go to Endas"*

Thomas Burke- *"I'm really looking forward to going on more trips in the New Year and excited to do the driving lessons."*



TY Mini Companies



Seasonal
Crafts



TY Christmas Market



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TY Christmas Market



TY's have been working hard over the last few weeks in preparation for the Christmas markets. Big thanks to TY coordinators who guided the TY's and helped the smooth running of the day!

Leaving Cert Breakfast



Our Leaving Cert students were invited into the Home Ec room early Thursday morning to help themselves to a Christmas breakfast. Thank you to Mr Grealish, management and staff who made this festive morning all possible!