

# Bish February E-Zine 2026



# Letter from the Principal



As we approach the February mid-term break, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our students and staff over the past number of weeks.

Firstly, I want to congratulate our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students on the successful completion of their Pre-Examinations. These exams represent an important milestone in your exam journey and reflect many months of commitment, resilience, and hard work. I also wish to commend our Fifth-Year students on the completion of their Week 20 examinations. Well done to all involved for the focus and maturity shown during this busy assessment period.

We are very proud of the ten students who recently travelled to Finland as part of our Erasmus+ Mobility project, accompanied by Mr. Herrick and Mr. O'Reilly. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with another education system, experience a different culture, and represent our school with distinction. We thank the staff involved for their dedication in making this valuable experience possible.



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I would also like to wish all staff and students heading off on the upcoming ski trip the very best of luck. We hope you have a wonderful experience and, most importantly, safe and enjoyable travels.



It would be remiss of me not to address the disappointing news received recently regarding our school being omitted from the Department of Education's Construction List for 2026–2027. This outcome is deeply frustrating for our entire school community, given the clear and ongoing need for improved facilities. I would strongly encourage parents, guardians, staff, and members of the wider community to make their voices heard by contacting local Councillors and emailing the Minister for Education to express their disappointment and support for our school's case. Advocacy and collective action do make a difference.

Despite this setback, the spirit, determination, and sense of community within our school remain as strong as ever. The achievements of our students, the commitment of our staff, and the continued support of parents and guardians give us much to be proud of and optimistic about.

I wish everyone a restful and well-deserved mid-term break and look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the next chapter of the school year.

With best wishes,

**Sarah Gleeson**

**Principal.**



# Events in the Bish

Our TY's and Leaving Certs had a talk with visitors from both ATU and Shannon College of Hotel Management.



6th Year LCVP students visited DPD Ireland Athlone Headquarters with Mr Loughnane and Mr Murphy!

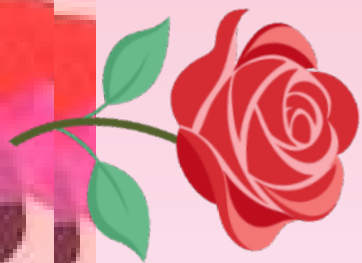
Our dedicated TY's are still hard at work teaching the years all about CPR through the Irish Heart Foundation!



# Events in the Bish



The Bish Staff Book Club had an enjoyable discussion about Hamnet while enjoying goodies baked by Ms Considine and Ms Dobbyn



Michael Okocha, a Bish past pupil spoke to our 5th year careers class about Resilience, future Studies, Business, Soccer careers and Belief.



The Headstrong Committee being rewarded for all their work so far this year. They were busy working on a new project for RE department



# Sports



Well done to our rowers, we had 65 lads competing across all events at the National Indoor Rowing Championships in UL!



Well to Aaron Madigan who represented the Bish in the All Ireland Judo Championships



Bish Rugby Captain, Robert Bradley with the Jes Captain after the Bish retained the Frank Berry



First Year soccer team photographed after their 2:0 win against Seamount Kinvarra



# Leaving Cert Hackathon



Our Leaving Cert Computer Science cohort had a great time at the Porter Shed Hackathon! Well done to Christian Ratariou and Ethan Cullina, who were apart of the winning team, 'TreeRoute'!



# Finland Erasmus Trip



Our 5th year Science students had a great time in Finland on Erasmus.

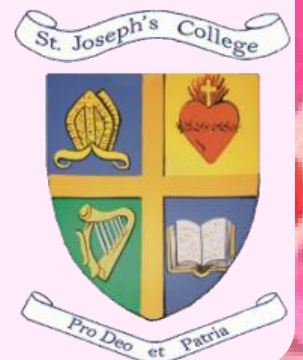
With museum trips, snowshoeing across a frozen lake and making presentations!

A great trip to remember!

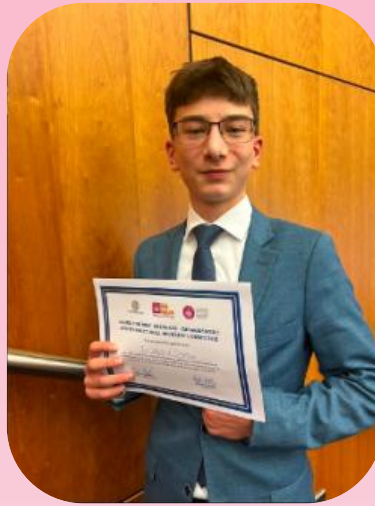


# Ty Paddle

The Transition Years enjoyed a day out to Project Paddle where they learned and played paddle. A great day out for all involved!



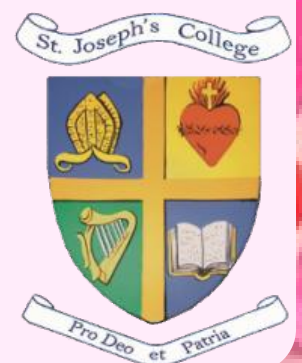
# Model United Nations



Well done to Ms Dobbyn and her lads with their performance representing the Bish at the University of Galway's Model United Nations! Winning the Two Best Delegates, a Best Position Paper and an Honorable Mention awards!



## United Nations



# E-Zine Riddle

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

The Riddle: I have cities with no houses, rivers with no water, and forests with no trees. What am I?

Email us with the answer at [L.duggan22@bish.ie](mailto: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 our previous E-zine Riddle winner, Samir Coyne! Fair play to him!



# Have A Good Mid-Term!



We hope everyone has a great  
week off!

From everybody here at the  
E-zine Team as well as Bish  
Staff!

By Gunasheel Rettagunta, Conor McDonagh & Loric Ferriere

