

# Bish E-Zine Halloween

WELCOME TO OUR E-ZINE

## **The Bish: Reflecting on a Successful First Term**

As we approach the end of our first half term at St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Bish, it is with great pleasure that we look back at the wonderful moments and achievements that have defined these past few months. In this special edition of our magazine, brought to you by our Transition Year volunteers, under the guidance of Ms Mathews, we're excited to share some of the highlights that have made the term memorable.



First and foremost, we extend a warm and hearty welcome to our new first years, all 150 of them! They've stepped through our doors with enthusiasm and quickly embraced the spirit of The Bish. Their involvement in school life, from sports to the arts, has been truly inspiring. We've witnessed them taking their first steps in a new educational journey, and it's been heartening to see them settling in so well.

A significant milestone this term was the graduation of our Leaving Certificate class of 2023. These students were nothing short of exceptional, achieving impressive results that reflect their hard work and dedication. As they set off on their new adventures, we have no doubt they will carry the values and wisdom imparted by The Bish with them into the wider world.

October 18th was a day filled with excitement as we celebrated the achievements of our Junior Cycle students of 2023. Their results were a testament to their commitment to learning and growth, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

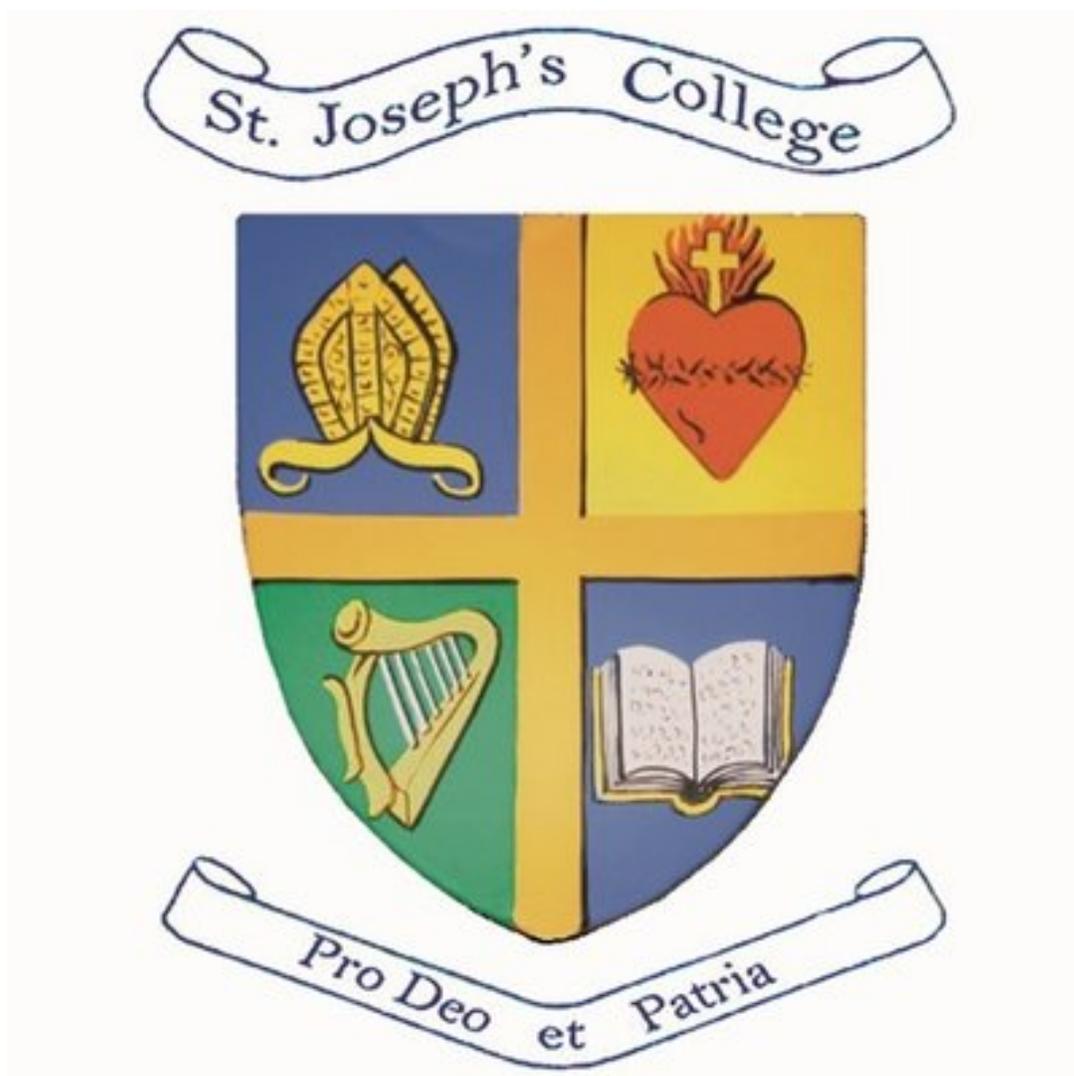
In the midst of all these transitions and milestones, we also said farewell to a beloved member of our school community. October 1st marked the retirement of Ms. Johnson, who dedicated an incredible 38 years to The Bish. Her contributions and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on our institution, and we wish her all the best in her new adventures.

This term has been marked by a whirlwind of activities, events, and highlights, all of which have added vibrancy to our school life. The ezine you are about to explore is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Transition Year class, who have assembled this collection of stories and memories.

As we look ahead to the next term, we remain excited about the opportunities and challenges that await. The unity defines our school community continue to shine brightly, ensuring that St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Bish, remains a place of growth, achievement, and connections.

Thank you for joining us on this journey, and we hope you enjoy this ezine as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you.

Le dea ghuí,  
John Madden



# Ríona Johnson's Retirement



The Bish would like to thank Ríona Johnson for her 38 years of amazing service to the students of the Bish. Everyone will greatly miss her presence around the school every day. She was a great friend and colleague to the staff of The Bish and a fantastic role model to all the students from 1st to 6th Year.



# Charity Events

## Go Red For Croí

On Friday the 29th of September, The Bish held a charity fundraiser for Croí organised by Ms. Holden and Transition Year Group 1. The charities goal is to spread awareness to promote good heart health.



In support of Croí staff and students wore red clothing and donated to the organisation. The event spread Croí's message around the school and the generous donations from The Bish students helped Croí push their campaign further to continue their mission.



Fundraising for the Galway Hospice Foundation in memory of Dave Cox.



6th year LCVP class collecting for HOPE foundation

Staff coffee morning ran by the PMEs in aid of the Galway Hospice Foundation



# Prefects

## 2023-2024



### 6<sup>th</sup> Year Prefects 2023-2024



John Denny



Michael Salmon



Bernardo Flynn



Joseph O' Leary



David Schirliu



Ewan McCaffrey



Conor Jordan



Ewan Hynes



William Duggan



Eoin Griffin



Samir Hassan



Ryan Joyce



Pictured on the left is the Head Prefect and both Deputy Head Prefects

.From left to right : Samir Hassan, Ewan Hynes , John Denney (Head Prefect).

# 5th Year Prefects



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Bertalan Jager



Billy Regan



Eoin Cleary



John Gibbs



Paul Sharkey



Ed O'Reilly



Noel Diarra



Andrew Finnerty



Oisín Berthoz



Oisín Hoban



Peadar Delaney



Arvin Khan

# Student Council 2023-2024



Dara Fuller



Abrar Hassan



Karl Shaughnessy



Senan Devane



Charlie Ward



Imadey Osayimwen



Tom Fagan



Daragh Naughton



Seán Óg Heffernan



Gabriel Sieradzki



Daniel Ojehonmon



Samir Hassan

# Headstrong Committee 2023-2024



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Luke Herrick



John Gibbs



David Cleary



Eoin Cleary



Peadar Delaney



Sean Flynn



Nathan Lee



Seán Butler



Robert Bradley



David Kilraine

# TY Trips



Our Transition Year students partook in many enjoyable trips over the last two months. In September our TY's went to Cuckoo Hill and competed in many team based challenges against each other. Mr. Glynn and The Future Leaders organised a soccer blitz for the whole year.



# TY Trips



Since then, our TYs have gone on many other trips including golfing at Cregboy, surfing at Lahinch, go-karting and paintballing at Palas, and hiking at Moylussa.



# Sports awards 2023



# The Bish Cup



The annual Bish Cup was held in The Prairie on the 29th of September. It was a tough set of very competitive matches led to Scoil Mhuire Moycullen coming out victorious, winning both the cup and shield finals.

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# Sporting Events

Congratulations to our 32 1st year hurlers who took part in a blitz held in the Connacht Centre Of Excellence in Began. Great skills were put on display in a tough series of games.



Our GAA Future Leaders class organised a Gaelic Football blitz for our new 1st Years held in South Park. Thanks to Mr Glynn for helping to organise this amazing event along with the Future Leaders.

The Bish hosted their annual Bish Parents Council Golf AM AM 2023. The sponsors played in the prestigious Galway Golf Club in Salthill. Many groups participated in the competition and had a superb day. Thank you to all the sponsors.



# An Tobar Nua Retreats



All Bish classes recently enjoyed a trip to An Tobar Nua where they took part in one of An Tobar Nua's staple retreats. .



# Student Achievements



Bish senior rugby captain Paul Sharkley who was selected by the IRFU to play for Ireland during the midterm. He will be travelling to Rome with the squad.

David Schlirliu who won 1st place in the cruiser race of the Cong to Galway Sailing race as part of a Port of Galway



Darragh, Alex, Sean, Jamie and Mikey who won silver medals with the Western Regional Schools team at the BIPPS Inter Regionals in Limerick.

# Past Student Achievements



Congratulations to past pupil Michael Brosnan, winner of the GAA 2022 National Media Award-"The All Ireland Football Semi Final between Kerry and Dublin on Sean O' Shea's winning score".

Past Bish student Liam Nolan (pictured on the left) was selected to play in The Walker Cup. Liam played for team GB and Ireland who lost a hard fought battle against USA. Liam won his match paired with Mark Power.



Past Bish Pupil Rifat Abubakar attended the All Ireland Scholarship Awards held in the University of Limerick. Rifat received his scholarship at this event and is currently studying medicine in Trinity College Dublin. Congratulations to Rifat for his achievement.

# Leaving Cert 2023

We were so proud of the Class of 2023 and delighted to see them after after their results were released. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 .



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This edition of the Bish E-Zine was brought to you by the TY Yearbook class.



Pictured are Oisín Costello, Jude Burke, Calum Forde and Oisín Forde