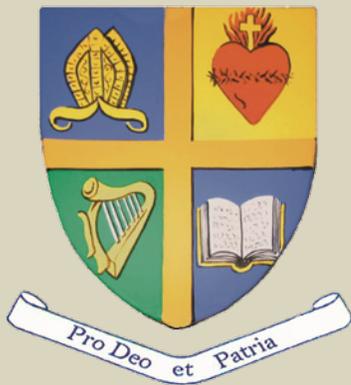
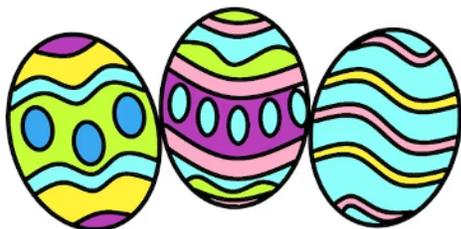
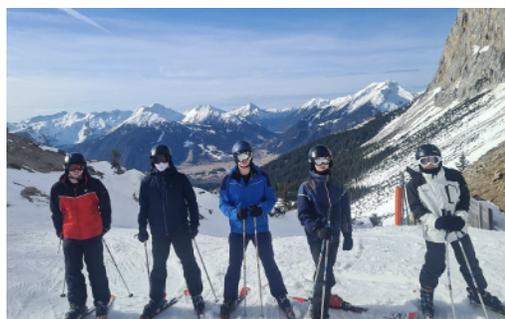
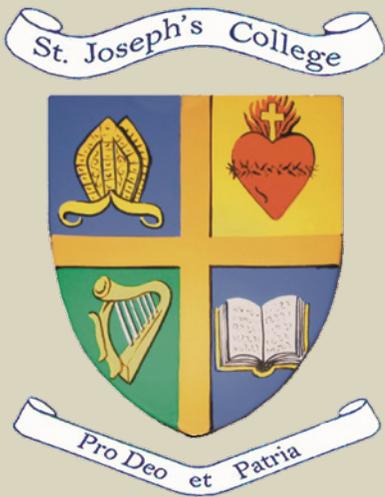


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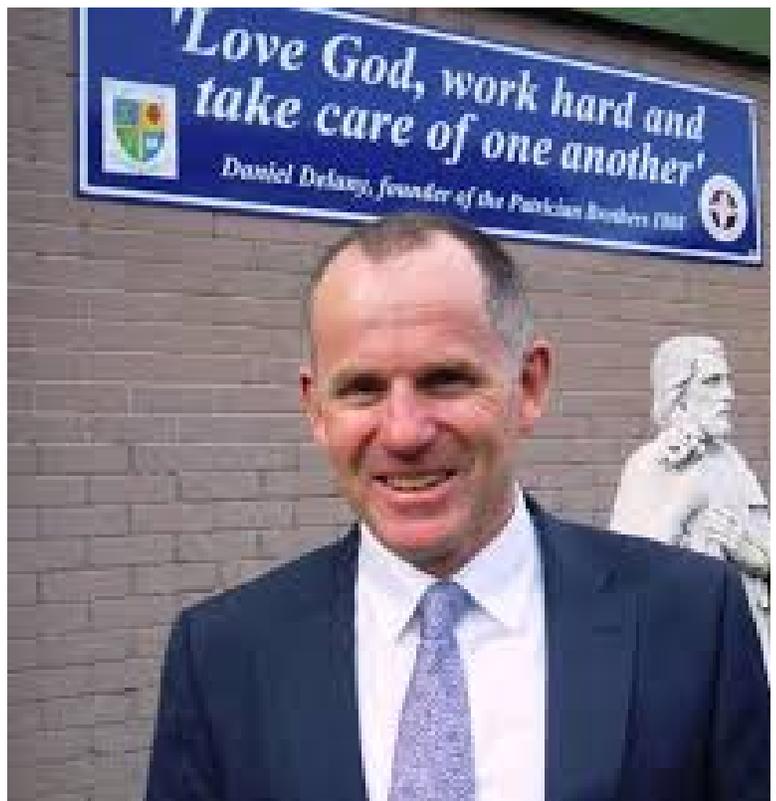
Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

As we approach the warmth that Easter brings, I extend good wishes to each of you for a joyous and restful holiday. May this time of celebration be filled with reflection, gratitude, and happiness with loved ones.

As we look back on the term gone by, it's clear that our school community has been bustling with activity and achievement since our last E-zine at Christmas. These are highlighted in this e-zine.

I am immensely proud to highlight the remarkable accomplishments and achievements of our students and staff during this term. We had a Bish Pupil represent us with distinction in the BT Young Scientist competition—an achievement that reflects our commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in education.





Principal's Report

Our Le Chéile Day celebration was a testament to the power of gratitude and kindness. Through heartfelt expressions of appreciation, our students beautifully exemplified the spirit of unity and appreciation for school staff. I extend my deepest thanks to Ms. Bruton and the Headstrong Committee for orchestrating such a meaningful event.

Our extracurricular activities, such as skiing trips, Erasmus Plus Mobility projects, and cultural celebrations, enrich the learning experience and foster a sense of camaraderie among our students.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, let us also recognise the support and dedication of our teachers and parents. Their generosity and commitment to our school community are truly the bedrock of our success.

As we embark on the remainder of the academic year, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration, resilience, and gratitude that defines us as a school community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Warm regards,



Ski Trip

A journal style account of our trip from the students perspective!



Ski Trip 2024

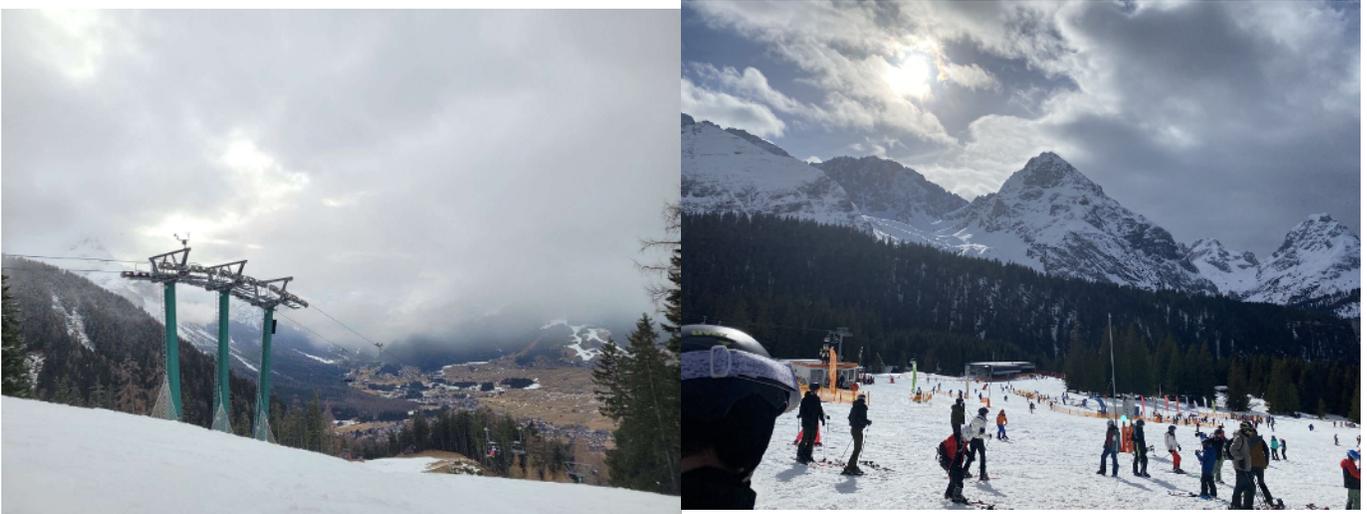
The first day consisted mostly of travelling. We took the bus from the Cathedral to Dublin in the early hours of Saturday. The flight was smooth, however the bus journey from Munich to the Ski resort was anything but smooth. Traffic was bad enough that morning already but there must have been a crash up the road as we were stuck in the same spot by a gorgeous Austrian church for almost 1 hour 30. The remainder of the day was enjoyable as we unpacked and got fitted into our ski gear.

Day 1: This was the first official day of the trip as it was the first time we went skiing. We were put into groups based on previous experiences with skiing. This year's beginner group was the biggest out of any year the Bish has gone skiing. The Intermediate and Advanced groups spent the day brushing off the dust from the break off the slopes. The beginner groups learnt quickly and got to do a few proper slopes in the afternoon of the first day. Spirits were running high, however fatigue started to show, and it was only the first day! Dinner rounded off the day nicely, spaghetti bolognese made by the hotel staff.

Ski Trip

Day: 2

On the second day we stayed in the Sonnenhang for the day as the beginners mostly stuck to the green slopes lower down the mountain, as the advanced and intermediate groups made their way up the mountain and tackled the much harder red and black slopes. The afternoon was more of the same for the beginners as they tried to find their feet on the green slopes so they could progress to more difficult slopes. One group even attempting a blue slope at the end of day two.



Day 3: This was our last day on the slopes by the hotel as we were venturing over to the Ehwalder Alm the following day. We started the day off early again and hit the slopes at 9 to do some free skiing. After free skiing and the lessons, we ate a nice lunch and headed back out for more skiing. We headed to the village that evening to go to the shop to stock up on food for the next few days. Dinner that night was a wonderful way to round off the evening.

Ski Trip

Day: 4

On day 4 the now experienced beginners, intermediate and advanced groups made their way over to The Alm for another day of skiing in the beautiful Austrian Mountains. After a quick bus ride over, it was a 10-minute gondola ride up to the slopes where they met with their instructors and began to explore the busy slopes the Alm had to offer. Soon enough it was time for lunch and the students ate at the various restaurants situated at the foot of the slopes. At the end of our day at The Alm, we got the bus back to the hotel for some much-needed rest and some food after a busy day skiing.



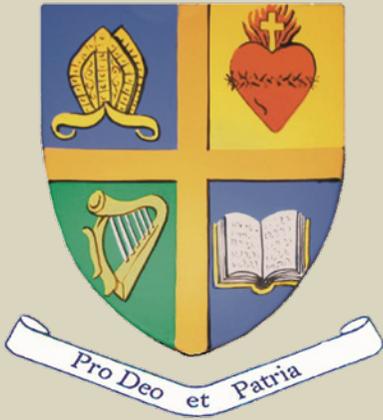
Day 5: This was our second and last day in the Alm resort. We started the morning heading out to the bus stop to head up to the mountains for the day. As we had previously been up on these slopes it was easier to navigate everything. We spent the morning with our ski instructors and the evening with teachers. The trip back to the hotel is always hectic with all the groups arriving at separate times.



Ski Trip

Day 6: It was our last day of this amazing trip, and we were headed to the highest point in all of Germany, The Zugspitze, for another day another day on the slopes. After a quick bus ride to the foot of the mountain, each group eventually got on the gondola after a long wait and made it to the top. Another gondola was necessary to get down to the glacier where we would ski for the day. Soon enough it was lunch, and the students ate in the restaurant at the Zugspitze before embarking on their last runs of the trip. We eventually got down from the highest point in Germany and got on the bus back to the hotel to get some rest and prepare for the long journey home the next day.





Sports

Well done to the oarsmen who competed in the Irish Indoor Rowing Championships in UL. The boys had great races with lots of PBs and podium finishes. Well done to all involved!



The Bish basketball team qualified for the u15 All Ireland final (which they later won). The boys had a great game and deserved the win!



Sports

The Bish played Colaiste Eanna in The U16 All Ireland Final. It was a close game but The Bish edged them in the final moments of the game. The final score of the game was Colaiste Eanna 49, The Bish 52.



The MVP of the match was Ferdinand Osabuohien. He finished the match with a total of 17 points in a very impressive performance against a very strong opposition.



Sports

Well done to Killian Murphy, Michael Hayden and Karl McLoughlin who competed in the U19 championships. The event took place in Galway Lawn Tennis Club with all 4 of them qualifying for the All Irelands.



First year students Dara Fuller, Luka Sablic, Luke Kenny, John Carr and Eoin Connery who represented The Bish in the Connaught Senior Schools Swimming Championship in Longford.



Charity Events

The YSVP Society climbed Croagh Patrick to raise awareness about Saint Vincent de Paul. Ms Holden, Ms Tighe, Sandra and the lads climbed it to show how people face challenges in life. SVP are there to help people in life who need support with their own challenges. In the end everyone made it down safely and made a huge accomplishment to be proud of.

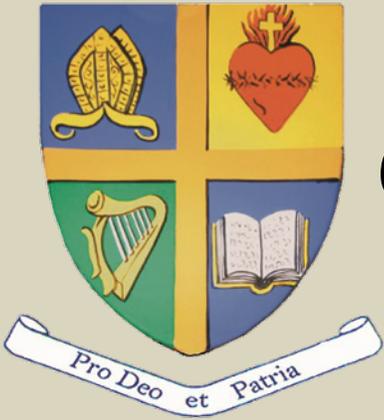




6th Year Hackathon

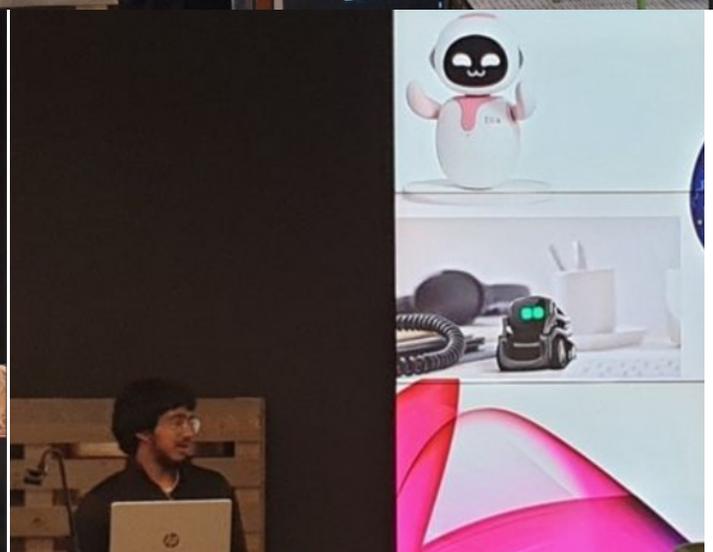
A group of Computer Science students in 5th year and 6th year took place in Ireland's first ever 6th year Hackathon in the PortShed in January. Students from the Bish, Dominican College Taylor's Hill, Clarin College and Tullamore College attended.

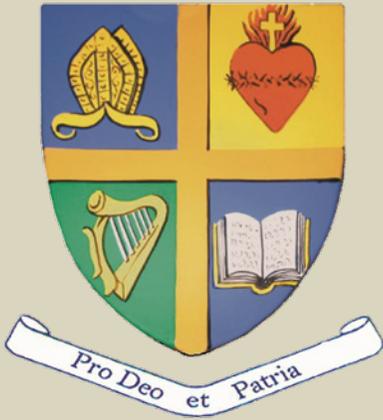
Students from the different schools worked in teams to create a novel idea under the theme of "Computer Science and Wellbeing", and then throughout the day were liaising with mentors from Genesys, IBM and Fidelity to help bring their idea from inspiration to creation.



6th Year Hackathon

The day ended with all groups presenting & pitching their ideas to a panel of 3 expert judges. Well, done all!





Erasmus Plus

A group of Bish students attended the school's first Erasmus+ Mobility Programme in the Czech Republic. The students were accompanied by Mr. Conboy, Mr. Spellacy and Ms. Gleeson. They ventured to many different amenities and took part in many activities, some of these include an activity day in the mountains, coding workshop and a trip to the Planetarium. Both the students and the teachers had a wonderful time full of great experiences and memories.





Erasmus Plus





Career Fair

A group of TYs organised a careers fair with the help of college lecturers and parents of the students.

Representatives from ATU, GTI and NUIG were present too. The TYs got the opportunity to learn about many college courses and some of the professions that may follow.





TY Workshop and Activities

Reptile Haven

A huge thanks to the people at Reptile Haven for an informative, hands-on experience where the students got the unique opportunity to hold and learn about the reptiles brought to the workshop. The highlight of the workshop was at the end where a 12ft python was displayed in front of the students who got to hold it.

