



# Bish E-Zine Summer

## WELCOME TO OUR E-ZINE

As we bid farewell to another school year, it is with great pride and joy that I reflect on the achievements and moments we have shared together. As the exams for our graduating class are underway, I want to extend my best wishes for their success and remind them of the incredible potential they possess.

To our Junior cycle students, I want to express my confidence in their abilities. I know they have worked diligently throughout the year, and I have no doubt that their hard work and dedication will yield excellent results. Embrace this opportunity to showcase your knowledge and skills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all our stakeholders:

To our students, you have been the heart and soul of our school community, consistently demonstrating resilience, creativity, and a thirst for knowledge.

Your achievements in academics, extracurricular activities and various other pursuits have been truly exceptional.

To our dedicated teachers, I extend my deepest appreciation for your unwavering commitment to our students. Your tireless efforts, going above and beyond, have played a significant role in shaping their educational journey. Your passion for teaching and nurturing our students is truly commendable.

To the families of our students, thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support. Your partnership with us has been invaluable, and together we have created an environment where our students can thrive and achieve their full potential.



John Madden - Principal.

Looking back on this busy year, it is evident that our school is a vibrant hub of activity. From basketball to hurling, rugby to debating, Gaisce to Home Economics, and Science to languages, our students have embraced a wide range of interests and excelled in them. They have demonstrated their talents not only within the school but also in various external competitions and events. We are immensely proud of each and every one of you. This ezine gives a small flavour of the activities that happened in St Joseph's Patrician College over the last school year.

Furthermore, this year was historic for us as we submitted our long-awaited planning application for the construction of our new school building in Dangan. This significant milestone marks a new chapter in the history of the Bish, and we eagerly anticipate the realization of this vision.

Lastly, we bid a fond farewell and express our gratitude to Ms. Isbeal Nic Aoidh, Ms. Caroline Joyce, and Mr. Brendan Doheny, who have retired after collectively dedicating over 60 years of service to our school. Their impact and contributions will always be cherished, and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

As we conclude this school year, I encourage each and every one of you to embrace the summer break as a time for rejuvenation, rest and adventure. Take pride in your accomplishments and approach the future with confidence and determination.

To our graduating class: You are destined for greatness. Your time at the Bish has prepared you well, and I have no doubt that you will go on to achieve remarkable things. Remember that the journey does not end here but rather, it is the beginning of new adventures and possibilities.

Thank you, Bish community, for making this year special. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. May it be filled with laughter, relaxation, and moments of joy.

Regards,

John Madden.



Leaving Certificate Class 2023



# A YEAR IN REVIEW







Our Transition Year students hosted their Christmas Fair in December. Fans in blue at the U14 Soccer Final and the TY Gaisce group on a city cleanup as part of their Community Involvement.



Our Head and Deputy Head Prefects meeting with some of our 1st Year students in An Tobar Nua.



Our Student Council Representatives and our Headstrong Committee in attendance at the Cycle Against Suicide Congress.

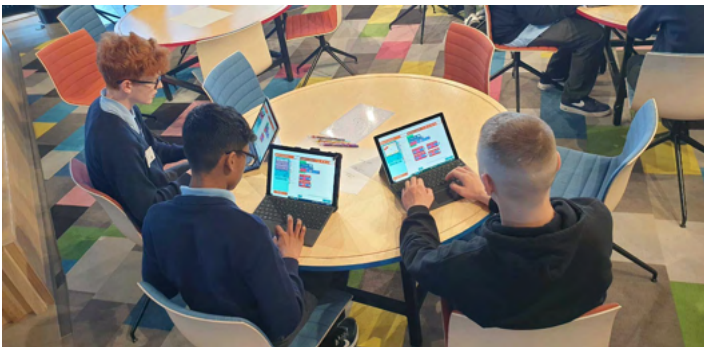
Deputy Head Prefects Felix Johnson and Eoin Killeen with Head Prefect Daniel Philpott.



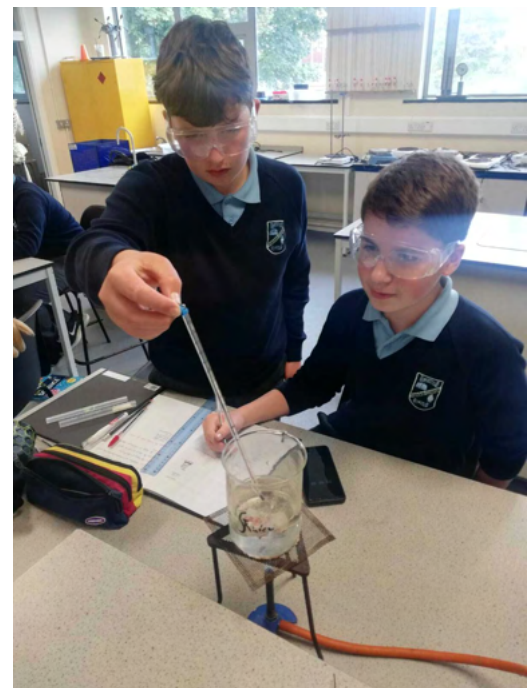












There was great excitement on the Rugby pitch as The Bish won the Senior Cup. Debating was active throughout the year with competitions in nearby schools as well as in the University of Galway. Lots of activity in our Science Labs as students got to grips with new subjects and our Transition Year students enjoyed hiking in the fine weather.





Our U15 Soccer Team won the All Ireland Final, TY students learned about car maintenance, LGBTQ+ Week was a great success with a cookery competition to celebrate, Spanish Classes demonstrated peer and group learning and our Prefects went to Tullow to walk in the footsteps of the Patrician Brothers and to explore their history.





A wonderful start to the year with two All Ireland Championship titles in soccer. Our U14 and our U15 teams put on incredible displays of skill. Congratulations to the coaches and players.





Fantastic trips this year for our students - TY and 5th Year Students went to Paris and our annual Ski Trip went to Italy this year (twice!)





Transition Year students went surfing, karting, paintballing and did some Team Bonding sessions in Cuckoo Hill. Ag Science students attended the Ploughing Championships. Our 2nd Year students engaged in retreats and Class Masses and our 6th Years learned some Tai Chi as part of their PE classes.





Our First Open Evening was a brilliant success this year, one to be repeated again. LCVF classes engaged with work experience and social outreach and we welcomed home our past Bish boy Damian Browne who rowed the Atlantic.





Our Creative Engagement project was a great success this year thanks to Mr. Revill and Kate McSharry. The Headstrong team engaged with many events throughout the year including the Tree of Remembrance in November. Our 1st Years settled in well thanks to the support of An Tobar Nua and a few hot chocolates along the way.



Our Colour Run was a great success with nearly 250 students running on the day. Huge thanks to our Parents Council, GAA Future Leaders and Headstrong Team for organising a great event.



The RNLI visited The Bish and gave our Junior students a really informative talk about Water Safety. It was really engaging.

We were proud to award our students with their Bronze Gaisce awards following their successful completion of activities. One student, Eoin Killeen, secured his Silver Gaisce award following a full year of activities.





# GRADUATION

As always, Graduation is a bittersweet time because we must say goodbye to our Leaving Certs. The Class of 2023 were a great group and we wish them the very best of luck, wherever life may take them. Pictured below are our Award winners Abraham Sehe (Spirit), Luka Chinchaladze (Personal Achievement received by Daniel Philpott on his behalf), Joseph Cunningham (Academic Endeavour), Cathal Joyce and Dillon Kitt (Arts and Culture Engagement), Shaune Ong (Academic Excellence) and Oliver Kelly (STEM).













# SOCIAL MEDIA

We are currently working on building our social media platforms to connect with current and past students more. Please follow our pages, like them and share them to keep up to date with latest news and events in The Bish. Past Pupils are welcome to join the Alumni Association by emailing [alumni@bish.ie](mailto:alumni@bish.ie). Thank you to all our contributors for this edition of the Ezine. Have a fantastic summer. Stay safe and happy!

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Love God, work hard and take care of one another.

