



Bish Autumn 2024 E-Zine



Letter From The Principal



As we approach the end of our first half term at St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Bish, we are delighted to have an opportunity to look back at the wonderful moments and achievements that have defined the past few months. Sincere thanks to our Transition Year students under the guidance of Ms. Mathews for making this E-Zine happen.



We extend a warm welcome to our first years who have started their Bish journey, all 125 of them! We hope that the next few years will be happy ones. They have immersed themselves wholeheartedly in their studies, sports and other extracurricular activities which is great to see.

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The Class of 2024 received their Leaving Certificate results which were outstanding this year. Over 31% of the cohort received over 500 points with 10% specifically receiving over 600 points which is remarkable. Their hard work and dedication truly paid off.

On October 9th, last year's Junior Cycle students received their results and again, we were so proud of their efforts. Well done to them all.

We had our incredible Bish Golf AM AM which was a great success. We are indebted to our sponsors, alumni and friends of the Bish who supported the event. Sincere thanks to all.

Our 6th Year Head and Deputy Head Prefect (Noel Diarra and Oisin Hoban) were elected for 2024-2025. The Senior Leadership Team look forward to working with them and the entire Prefect Team throughout the year.

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We also had our Open Evening where approximately 1200 people toured our school and met staff and students alike. Many people commented on the relationships between staff and students which showed the caring culture I genuinely believe we have here in The Bish. I was incredibly proud and appreciative of all the hard work that went into making the night such a great success.

The school is a busy place and day in day out I am in awe of the hard work and dedication of all our staff, their high level of volunteerism and their dedication to teaching and learning. Since we reopened on August 21st, there have been blitzes, competitions, elections for Student Council, nomination of prefects, retreats...the list goes on. The Bish is a busy place but a happy one. Please God it continues this way.

To all our readers, enjoy this snapshot of our school.

To our staff and students, I truly hope you get a good rest over midterm break.

With best wishes,

Sarah Gleeson.

Principal.

Around The School



Our new Head Prefect Noel Diarra (right) and Deputy Head Prefect Oisín Hoban (left).



Christian Rotariu of our debating club in action.



Bish students of the 60's reunite.



The art room on display during the open night for potential Bish students.

Prefects 2024-25



6th year Prefects



Noel Diarra



Oisín Hoban



Bertalan Jager



Andrew Finnerty



Arvin Khan



Peader Delany



Oisín Berthoz



Billy Regan



Paul Sharkey



Ed O'Reilly



Eoin Cleary



John Gibbs

Prefects 2024-25

5th year Prefects



Michael Monaghan



Louis Gannon



Alastair Morton



Tom Fagan



Nathan Lee



Colm Davoren



Adam Hayat



Sean Flynn



Killian Wall



Jude Burke



Finn Plotner



Joseph Hedges

Sports



It has been a busy start to the year for all bish teams. Students from 2nd year took part in a Gaelic football blitz hosted by Mr. Glynn's TY future leaders class. it was a great day out for all involved.



Above- students who took part in the football blitz.



Our u17 soccer team had joy abroad as they won the Football Cup Barcelona. Bish faced teams from Sweden, England and Northern Ireland. They faced academy side Champion Sports in the final and it finished 3-3 , with Bish winning 5-4 on penalties.

We wish success to all Bish teams throughout the year!

Events



Left- TY students have been lucky enough to attend the archway sessions, a series of sports talks with experienced professionals in UG. Here they are pictured at the inaugural talk with Des Ryan, Head of sport at NUIG and formerly of the Arsenal academy staff.

Below- The Bish crew of 1984 had a nostalgic reunion in late September. here they are pictured after racing the current J18 crew.



Above- the open night underway

TY Activities



The TYs have kicked off the school year with a ton of new activities. In their very first week of the school year, they went surfing in Lahinch! The TYs reported that this was a 'good opening to the year!'.



In addition to the surfing, the TYs also enjoyed a trip to Pallas Karting and Paintball. The place boasted a 1.5km track, which the TYs more than took advantage of. Later on in the day the TYs enjoyed the Pallas Paint-balling Experience, where great fun was had as they went from 2-team games to all-out warfare! A great day was had by all involved.



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In the following weeks the TYs also enjoyed a trip to Cuckoo Hill bootcamp, where they took part in activities ranging from team building exercises to the infamous bog run. Later that week Mr. Glynn and Mr. Murphy organised a soccer blitz in the Kingfisher UOG. Students from 4A, 4B & 4C took part in dramatic tournament. Big thanks to the TY committee and all those involved in making this start to TY so fun-packed!



An Tobar Nua Retreats



Bish students
enjoyed retreats at
An Tobar Nua.



Headstrong committee



Michael Dempsey



Eoin Conway



James Siva



Seán Fitzsimons



James Morahan



Dara McGauran

Our headstrong committee attended the headstrong summit in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. They learned about three headstrong topics: bullying, body image and gambling. They also received an award for the previous year's achievements.



Our Headstrong Committee receiving their award.



LC 2024



We are very proud of our Leaving Cert class of 2024.
Congratulations to all!