

Bish Christmas 2024 E-Zine



Letter From The Principal



It's hard to believe it's Christmas already but we've reached more than a third of our way through the school year.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to reflect on the past few weeks here in St. Joseph's Patrician College, The Bish, thanks to our TY students.



Lots has occurred since our last ezine – we had our wonderful 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street' raising €880 for a great cause. This was a fantastic event which saw inflatable dinosaurs, the Milky-Bar Kid, a Referee, Lady Macbeth, Salerno girls and of course staff dressed up as students among many others. There was a great sense of involvement and participation and it's sure to build momentum for next year. I am already planning ahead! Our 6th Years sat their Christmas exams and registered for their State Exams. We had our beautiful Mass of Remembrance in the Augustinian Church in November and our Christmas Mass in the Cathedral on the 18th December.

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The big highlight of the past few weeks has undoubtedly been Bish Bash. While it was incredibly disappointing to cancel Friday's show due to the red weather warning, it was fantastic to see the return of this incredible show and it really was bigger and better than ever. Sincere thanks to our dedicated staff who, as always, go above and beyond. A special word of thanks to Derek Cahalan and the production crew for their organisation. Our students were incredible. The talent, the camaraderie, the banter - it's such a huge part of what we are all about and if ever there was evidence of our school motto, it showed at the event where the students encouraged, applauded and celebrated one another. Massive congratulations to our Bish Bash Winner 2024, Cian Powell, who entertained us with his outstanding piano proficiency. Incredible talent!

This week, our last of 2024, will see lots of activity in the school. We had our Whole School Mass as I mentioned earlier, our Carol Service with Salerno and Taylors on Shop Street, our TY Fair and our Christmas Jumper Day for the Simon Community. There's so much activity in The Bish. Please take a look at our social media pages for these updates.

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As we inch closer to Christmas, I am reminded that this can be a difficult time for some. I hope all within our Bish Community are able to rest and relax over the break, spend time with family and friends and take joy and blessings from the holidays.

With best wishes for a very happy and peaceful Christmas,
Sarah Gleeson.
Principal.



Around the School



Ms. Holden and the TYs have organized a food appeal for Saint Vincent de Paul. Students were asked to bring non-perishable foods for the charity.



School masses have resumed. Pictured here is the classes 1C, 2D, and 3B attending a sermon lead by Fr. Joe.

The headstrong committee with their tree of remembrance for November the month of holy souls.



Sports



A hurling blitz took place for the 1st and 2nd years on the 12th and 14th of November. The lads faced off against St Enda's and Colaiste na Coiribe over the two days. Great day out for all involved.

Our Bish Junior Rugby Team had an excellent win at Summerhill on the 6th of November. They are now through to the Junior A Rugby League Final. We wish them the best of luck!



Sports



Teacher at the school, Mr. Shane Cusack, competed in the AIB All-Ireland Club Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final with Loughrea against Na Fianna on December 15th.

Our Bish Junior Rugby Team had an excellent win at Summerhill on the 6th of November. Because of this, they have qualified for the Junior A Rugby League Final. Looks like all that training paid off!

It looks like its been a busy winter for the lads!





Events



Olympic Champion, Fintan McCarthy, who won gold in the lightweight mens' double sculls event with Paul O'Donovan, visited the Bish Rowing Club on 9th of November.

We had a wonderful school mass on Wednesday 18th December. lovely sermon from .Fr Joe and music from Ms. Cotter's first year choir and soloists Mr. Cahalan, Ethan Collina and Ben Fegan.



Our 1st & 2nd years had a visit from Dr. Michel Dugon on the 15th of November. Dr. Dugon works in the Galway Zoology department. He came as a part of the Galway Science and Technology Festival

Leaving Cert Breakfast



Our Leaving Cert students were treated to a delicious Christmas breakfast in the home ec room this Thursday to celebrate their hard work this far this year.



Thanks to yearhead, Mr Cusack for organising and staff who lent a helping hand cooking and cleaning.

TY Christmas Market



The TY's were working hard the last few weeks along with Mr Loughnane in preparing for the TY Christmas market which took place on Thursday 19th December.





There were a wide variety of sweet treats, games and activities for the whole school to enjoy.

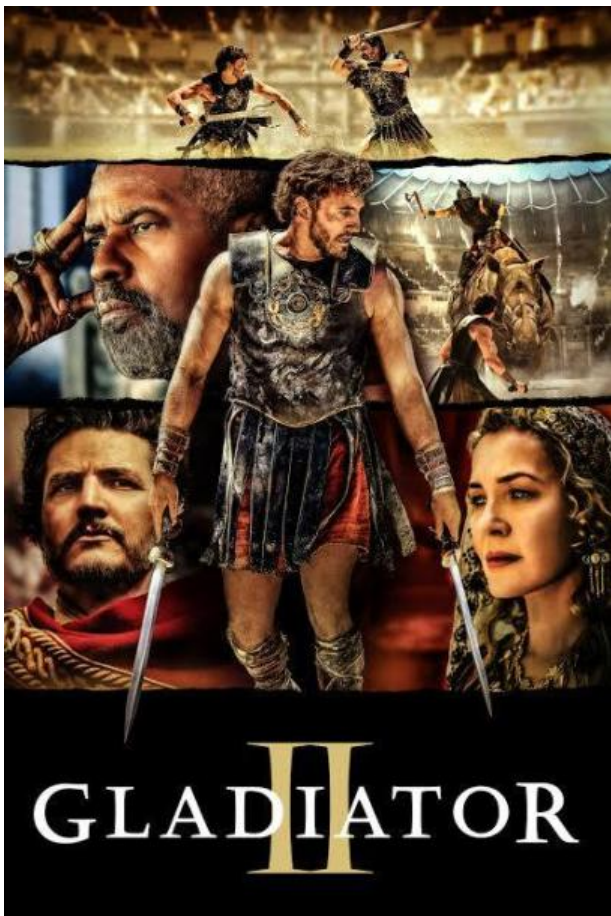


Well done to all involved!



TY Activities

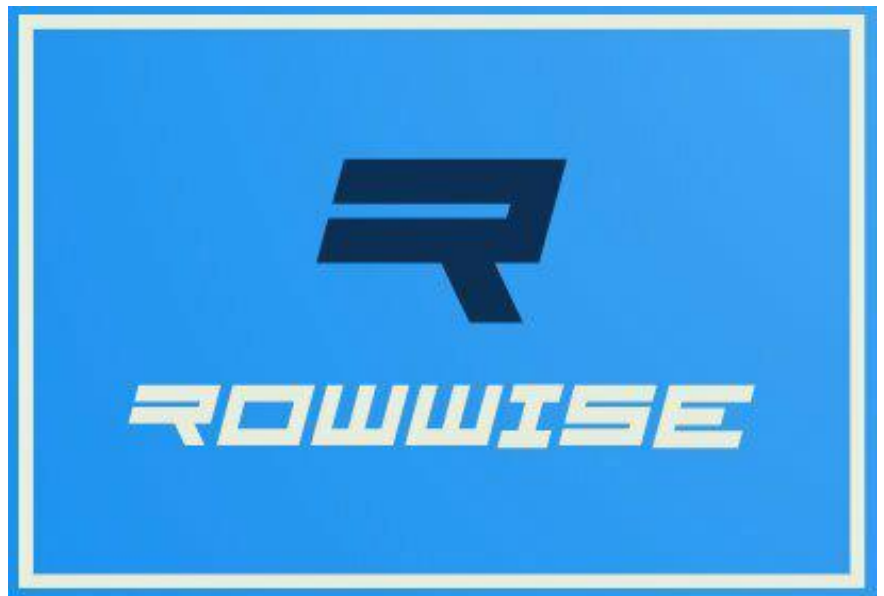
The TYs enjoyed a Samba Drumming workshop. In this workshop they learned the basics of Samba Drumming, rhythm, and at the end got to play together, which was heard by every teacher around the school!



The TYs enjoyed a trip to the cinema on Monday the 16th, where they saw Gladiator 2 in the IMC. Lovely day out for everyone! A big thanks to Mr. Mason for organizing this whole event.



TY Mini Companies



The TY Mini Company Market was the first of its kind, and was a huge success. Students were given the chance to see the array of goods available from this year's Ty Mini Companies.

Some of the many Mini Companies set up this year.

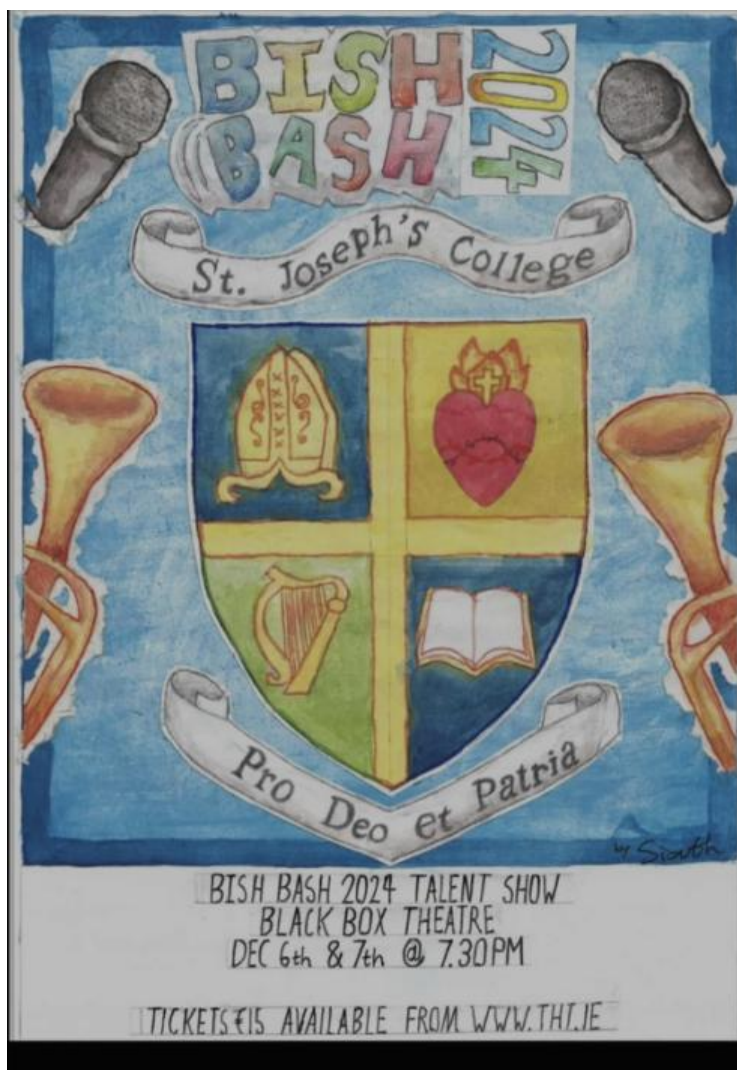
Student Council



The 2025 student council .

From left to right: Eoghan Dixon, Daniel Acton, Nathan Fondja, Justin McCarthy, Tomás Spellacy, Eoghan Cooke, Charlie Ward, Colm Perry, Harry Healy, Lee Woods, Eoin O'Connor, Emmet Walsh.

Bish Bash



Bish Bash 2024 winner Cian Powell

This year's Bish Bash was a roaring success. We unfortunately had to cancel the Friday night show due to Storm Darragh but Saturday went ahead and the lads put out a wonderful show. Big thanks to the participants, presenters, backstage crew and the staff involved in organising the show. Here's to many more years of this great school tradition!

Bish Bash



The Kens with Mr. O'Reilly



Behind the scenes



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Skit act The Origins of Irish Dancing warming up

Merry Christmas!



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By Chris Dimitrov, Ben Fegan & Nathaniel Moore