

Bish Spring 2025 E-Zine



Letter From The Principal



Christmas feels like a long time ago and yet in reality it has only been a few weeks.

In December, you may remember Storm Darragh hit and we had to cancel one of our Bish Bash performances. Then in January we were hit with Storm Éowyn.

This was a storm unlike any other and a red weather warning was issued for the whole country. As happened with many homes and businesses, the roof of the Monastery building was badly damaged, and, as a result, under health and safety, had to be closed. We have had to be resourceful over the last few weeks, moving classes and students around as much as possible and relying on our friends in An Tobar Nua, the Education Centre and Aras na nGael for support. A sincere and heartfelt thanks to them all.



When faced with a difficult situation like the shutting of classrooms, we have had to do a lot of rejigging of the timetable. Mr. McDermott has done trojan work over the past few weeks trying to accommodate all our students and teachers with room changes and Mr. Cahalan made sure that our Leaving Certs were able to have the use of lockers in the main building. Sincere thanks to them both.

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The last few weeks have been busy as we have seen our Leaving Cert students commence their Mock Exams and our 5th years completed their second set of Week 10 exams. After midterm break, 3rd Years will be starting their exams (Wednesday 26th). The best of luck to them all. On top of the Teaching and Learning we have also had many sporting activities – Rugby, Soccer, Gaelic and so many more! Sometimes it is difficult to keep track of them all. The time and effort of all our coaches is never something to be trivialised though. All these coaches are so giving of their time and our students are the better for it. A sincere thanks to each and every one of them.

Mid Term break is on the horizon and we are all looking forward to some downtime. I hope it is an enjoyable and restful one for you all.

Best of luck to our students and teachers going on the ski trip – we are looking forward to the updates and photos.

Stay Safe,

Sarah Gleeson.

Around the school



Many thanks to Amy Nolan from ATU for taking the time to chat to our 5th Years and TY students today. Students got to learn about the wide variety of courses offered by ATU.



3B & 3D visited the Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre in Limerick and spoke with Imam Khalid. It was a great opportunity for students to ask their questions about the Islamic faith. A wonderful day out for all.

Leaving cert students taking a tour of the ATU Civil engineering facilities. Many thanks to Dr. Wayne Gibbons for taking the time to show them around.



Sports



The cross country team coached by Ms. Holden travelled to Loughrea Athletics Club to compete in South Connaught Cross Country. Well done to everyone who took part, such as Justin McCarthy who competed in the Intermediate Race & Harry Keaney who ran in the Senior Race.



The St. Joseph's College U16 Basketball team qualified for the All Ireland U16A semi-final in NBA Tallaght with wins over both St. Gerald's Castlebar and CBS The Green, Tralee. The school is very proud of them and wishes them the best of luck for the game!

Sports



Well done to Jacob Carroll, MacDarragh Scanlon, James Morahan, Billy Regan and coach Mr. Alan Murphy who recorded a fantastic win for the Irish schools team.

Thanks to University of Galway and to Des Ryan (Director of Sport) for facilitating the Senior Cup Game between the Bish and Marist. Best of luck to Marist in the semi final.



Sports



TY student Patrick Wood attended a rowing camp in Seville for the Special Olympics. Here he is pictured with Olympic gold medallist Fintan McCarthy.



The J16 and J18 rowing crews travelled to St. Michaels HOR in Limerick. J16s came away with a win in the 4s and 8s, and J18s came 3rd in 8s.



Events



Leaving cert LCVP students visited DPD headquarters in Athlone. It was a great insight into how one of Ireland's biggest delivery companies work. Huge thanks to Kevin Murphy.

The date for TYs and 3rd years to make their subject choice is coming up soon. Both years have had sessions with the guidance counsellors and TYs were lucky enough to attend a career fair earlier in the year. we are lucky to have a wide variety of subjects here in the Bish for students to pick from.



Events



Well done to our fantastic GAA Future Leaders students who completed their latest block of primary school coaching. The lads have displayed excellent leadership and coaching skills over the last number of weeks as they complete their ITCGG.

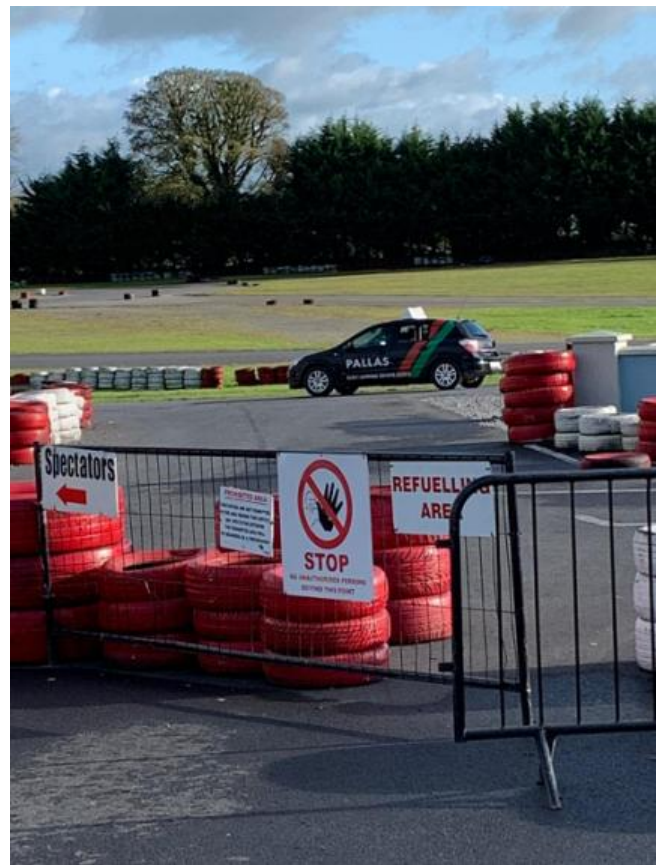
Members of our Bish GAA squads pictured with team sponsors An Tobar Nua. We are very grateful for the generous sponsorship. Hopefully it bring us luck!



TY Activities



The TYs also took a driving school in the Pallas driving school. In that workshop, the students got to learn about signs and rules of the road, and drive an actual car! The students learned all about how to stay safe on the road, and the basics of how to drive a car. They all reported that they had a good time, and kept crashes to a minimum!



Pallas
Early Learning
Driving School

TY Activities



The TYs visited Pure Skill during the last couple weeks of the term. Along with this, they visited the Escape Room at Silent Cinema Galway, where they finished off the day competing with classmates to escape!



Storm Éowyn



As we all know, Storm Éowyn took over the entire lives of people in the country for a good few weeks. People were affected throughout the country, with many losing their power or receiving damage to their property.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who are still without power and who have have serious damage to their homes.



Work underway to get the monastery back up and running

As you probably already know, we have had some serious damage to the roof of the Monastery, we hope to be able to use it again soon.



6th Year Hackathon



The Hackathon in Portershed took place again this term, for the second time ever. A group of senior cycle students was chosen to go and represent the school. During this, they got to learn from computer experts and pitch ideas to a panel of judges.

Congratulations to all who took part!



Have A Good Spring!



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