

# Coláiste Bríde



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A Chairde,

It is a very busy time in Coláiste Bríde. No sooner are the mock exams over than we are looking forward to several important events. On the academic front our students will soon start their Leaving Cert oral exams and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of these students the best of luck. Our TY students are looking forward to the Junk Kouture finals and we are once again very well represented by designers and models. As the Lenten season continues Mass is being held on Wednesdays for our students and teachers. We are very grateful to Fr. Banville for making himself available to us and to all those students and teachers who have gathered in the prayer room to celebrate the Eucharist. Best wishes to the Minor Soccer team and their coaches, Mrs Sinnott and Mrs Murphy, in the Leinster Final. Also, best wishes to our students and teachers who fly to Iceland on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April for a geography field trip.

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal

## Latest News

### Junk Kouture

It is an extremely busy period for our TY Junk Kouture students and teachers. An amazing 22 dresses from Coláiste Bríde were selected for the regional finals in the Helix. This number was more than any other school in the country. On the night of the regional finals five of these dresses were selected to compete in the grand final. All of this was preceded by our own fashion show in January. The students' choice winner was Princesa Guevera, the best performance award went to Rhythm and Shoes and the jury's award went to The Edge of Elegance. All of the Junk Kouture teams can be immensely proud of all that they have achieved over the last few months. A mention must also go to their teachers Miss Kervick and Miss McEvoy for all their hard work, support and encouragement. The very best of luck to our five dresses in the grand final in the 3 Arena on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.



## Upcoming Events

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day School Closed

**March 20**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year PT Meetings

**April 10**

Easter Holidays School Closed

**April 24**

School reopens

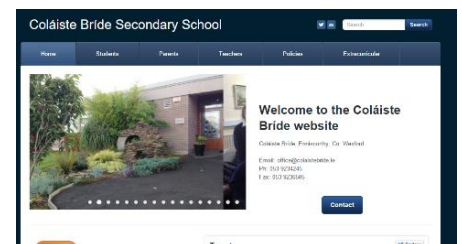
**April 26**

School Walk



Our TY dresses & designers with Miss Kervick and Miss McEvoy.

## Coláiste Bríde Website



All past issues of our newsletter are available on

[www.colaiastebride.ie](http://www.colaiastebride.ie)

## Catholic Schools Week 2017



Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in Coláiste Bríde from January 30th to February 3rd. A great variety of activities were held throughout the week to highlight all that is great about Catholic schools. On Monday guided meditation was held in the prayer room. The students left refreshed to face the rest of the day. On Tuesday friendship bracelets were made at lunchtime and were given to the students' friends. On Wednesday was the highlight of the week, our St. Brigid's Day Mass. On Thursday students designed leaves with what was important in their world and we made the 'My World' tree which stood proudly in the school corridor. The week ended with staff and students getting their throats blessed to celebrate the feast day of St. Blaise. The week was a great success thanks to the great participation of the students and their willingness to get involved. We would also like to thank our chaplain Fr. Banville for helping us to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and all of the other events in the school over the last few months.

### St. Brigid's Day Mass

On February 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the feast day of our patroness St. Brigid. Over 150 students ranging from first to sixth year were involved in the ceremony itself and it really was a wonderful mass. The occasion, which was illuminated by music, dancing and drama, was one of the most memorable liturgical events we have had in recent years. Well done to all teachers and students involved in making this such a special event.



### Well Read

A new initiative has been launched in the school this term. It is designed to encourage reading for enjoyment throughout the school community and if this is achieved the school will be awarded a Wellread flag.

There are many events taking place in which students can get involved. We recently launched the 2017 Reading Challenge which is a competition between all year groups to see who can read the most books between now and Easter. Anyone who reads a book can get a sticker from their English teacher and add it to the Readometer on the

## School Walk

Our annual School Walk will take place on Wednesday 26th of April. All students are encouraged to participate and help raise much needed funds for the school. Sponsorship cards will be handed out before the Easter break.

## U14 Football



Leah Scallan, captain of our victorious U14 team having been presented with the cup.

## Art Trip



Our Sixth Year Art students on an Art trip to Dublin.

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first year corridor. You can keep up to date with all our Well Read initiatives on our [Well Read Instagram account](#).

## Junior Book Club

As part of our Well-Read initiative our Junior Book Club had their first meeting and the book for discussion was *Out of Nowhere* by local author Gerard Whelan. Next month's book is *The Ghosts of Magnificent Children* by another local author, Caroline Busher. Copies of the book are available from Miss Kehoe or from the school library. Ms Busher is also coming in to officially open our new school library after Easter. Any student who has read her book is invited to come along to the launch and meet her in person. Ms Busher also facilitates a Young Adult book club in the Enniscorthy library on Fridays at 4pm. All students are welcome.



## Soccer

Congratulations to our minor soccer team who have qualified for the Leinster Final. In the quarter-final they defeated Athlone Community College 1-0, with Loren Doyle scoring the winning goal.

Last year our minor team lost to the same Athlone CC team in the Leinster Final, with Athlone CC



eventually going on to win the All-Ireland Final. So this was a fantastic performance and a great result. They followed this up with a 3-0 win over Trim in the semi-final, another fantastic performance from this talented group of players. They now play Presentation Kilkenny in the upcoming weeks in the Leinster Final.

Meanwhile our first year soccer team had a dramatic penalty shootout victory over Presentation Wexford in their first Leinster cup match.

## Football

Our U14 football team recently won the Co. Wexford A Blitz. The team beat local rivals Loreto Wexford in the final. Loreto had the wind at their backs in the first half and went in leading by one point at half time. The girls never let their heads drop. The game was point for point until Loreto scored a goal with two



minutes to go. With the support of the 'B' team on the side line the team were parked in front of the Loreto goal for the rest of the game.

## Student Council

The family of Katie Murphy who died in a car accident in Waterford last year started a road safety awareness campaign called #OddSocksForKatie.

The Student Council organised our own 'Odd Socks for Katie Day' to remind our students that when driving to slow down, put away your phone and MOST of all, please, please have the courage to tell irresponsible drivers to stop and let you out of the car.



## Science Club



Our Science Club with Miss Roche meet in Lab 1 at lunchtime on Thursdays.

## Maths Club



Our Maths Club with Miss Kehoe meets in Lab 3 at lunchtime on Wednesdays.



After an inspired pass from Aoife Codd to captain Leah Scallan, Leah took a shot at goal from 20 yards out and buried it in the back of the Loreto net. The ball was kicked out and the final whistle blew, leaving Coláiste Bríde winning the match by 2 points. They recently followed this success up with a comprehensive victory over St. Mary's New Ross in their opening Leinster championship match. Well done to all players involved and to coach Miss Murphy.

## Maths Table Quiz



The Irish Maths Teachers' Association annual regional senior maths quiz was held in Colaiste Bride on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. 18 teams took part from schools all over Wexford and Wicklow. The Coláiste Bríde team did extremely well but the winning team came from Gorey Community School. Our very own Miss McGuinness, chairperson of the Wexford IMTA, organised the event.

## TY News

Our Transition Years were extremely busy with their fashion show and the Junk Kouture Regional Finals but they still managed to squeeze in a lot more activities including the BT Young Scientist Exhibition, a car safety module, the Internet Safety Talk, a mini-company trip, reflexology, Bodhrán making, book speed dating, Just Life Road Safety in Wexford cinema, kayaking, rugby skills and a week of work experience.



## German



Sixth Year German breakfast.



Second Year German copy-cover-decorating competition.



Fifth Year German breakfast.

## Internet Safety

In January Dr Maureen Griffin spoke to our students about their internet safety. We would like to thank the Parents Council for their support in bringing Dr Griffin to the school. Our website has advice for parents at <http://www.colaistebride.ie/internet-safety-parents.html> and students at <http://www.colaistebride.ie/internet-safety.html>.

