

## Coláiste Bríde



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### Upcoming Events

**June 24**

End of Leaving & Junior Certificate Exams.

**June 30**

Office closed at 4:30 pm for the summer.

**August 15**

Office reopens at 8:30 am for the 2016/2017 school year.

Dear All,

As the academic year comes to a close I take this opportunity to wish everyone a pleasant Summer and let's hope that the weather is good for all. I thank students, parents and teachers for their support during the year in so many ways and wish all our students, especially the L.C. class of 2016 every success now and in the future.

I encourage our girls to use their free time to help their parents in any way they can and look forward to seeing everyone in September rested and ready for another busy year.

Best Wishes,

**Thomas Sheridan**

**Principal**

### Wellbeing & Mental Health Booklet

Chloe Wilson in TY won the competition to name our Mental Health Booklet - "WORTH - Wexford Offers Reliable Teenage Help". The booklet is currently going to press and will be launched in September with a copy going to every Secondary school student in the county. The Student Council are very grateful to the Enniscorthy Credit Union for their sponsorship of the printing.



### Latest News

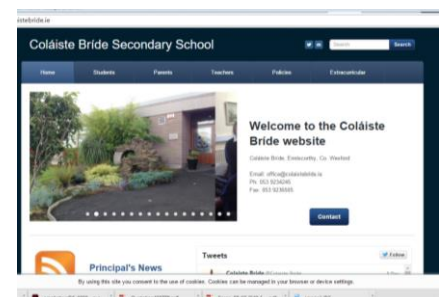
#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Maths Project

The 1st year students actively engaging in Project Maths!

Here they can be seen making Equilateral triangles, scalene triangles and isosceles triangles.



### Coláiste Bríde Website



Click on pictures and links throughout this newsletter to find more information or pictures on our website.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Geography Trip



2<sup>nd</sup> years went on a Geography trip recently to Rosslare, Kilmore Quay and Edenvale Waterfall as part of their Junior Cert Geography course. The girls had to complete a worksheet and submit it as part of their Summer exam. The day was a mixture of fun and work.

## Gaisce: The President's Award

This year we had another successful group of Gaisce participants take part in and complete the President's Award. 17 Transition Year and 5<sup>th</sup> Year students took part in completing their challenge. The Bronze Award participants



(Transition Year students) had to complete 13 hours (1 hour a week) of learning a new Skill, 13 hours of learning a new Sport and 13 hours of Community Involvement. One of these sections had to be doubled – meaning one of these activities took 26 weeks to complete.

complete.

Silver Award participants, the 5<sup>th</sup> Years, had to complete 26 hours of each of the above mentioned sections. In addition to this, all participants had to complete a 30km (Bronze Award) or 50 km (Silver Award) hike in the Wicklow Mountains. As part of the challenge, we stayed overnight in the Knockree Youth Hostel and cooked our own meals.

While challenging and tough at times, all participants completed their task and



will receive an award next year from the President in recognition of their achievement. We had a thoroughly enjoyable few days out hiking in the sunshine, making new friends, helping one another and taking many, many selfies along the way!

If any 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year students are interested in taking part in Gaisce next year, please check out the website [Gaisce.ie](http://Gaisce.ie), or contact Ms. Duggan with any queries on [niamh.duggan@colaistebride.ie](mailto:niamh.duggan@colaistebride.ie)

## Head Girls

As the year is coming to an end, the Head Girls were treated to a delicious lunch by Mr. Sheridan in the Riverside Hotel to thank them for their enthusiasm, dedication and leadership during their tenure.

### Head Girls 2016-2017

The new head girls have been elected. Our congratulations go to:

Polly Maher  
Aoife Kehoe  
Kelley Doyle  
Aideen Morris Farrell  
Niamh Crowhurst  
Emily Boyne &  
Tricia Doyle

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## London Trip 2016

The Transition Years had a very successful trip to London again this year. 48 students and their teachers headed off very early on a Tuesday morning for Dublin airport. They flew to Gatwick, where their coach collected them and brought them on a guided tour of the city. They saw Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the West End Theatre District, the Museum District, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and much more. They chatted with guests of the Prince of Wales and nearly talked their way into the Prince's Trust Annual Garden Party on the grounds of the



Palace! On the second day, they visited the Imperial War Museum, the London Eye and a West End Show – The Lion King. On day three, they spent time pondering life in the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum and took an hour to relax over lunch before heading back home again. It was another late night for the TYs returning home at 2am Thursday night but all agreed that while their whistle stop tour of London was short, it was busy, fun and a great way to finish off their TY journey. Check out their page on the school website for more information on what the TYs have been doing this year.

## Turas Eachtraíochta go dtí an Ghaeltacht!

Chuaigh daltaí na hidirbhliana ar thuras eachtraíochta go dtí Acaill, Co Mhaigh Eo le déanaí. Ghlac siad páirt i ngníomhaíochtaí éagsúla agus bhain gach duine sult agus taitneamh as. Táimid go léir ag súil le dul ar ais an bhliain seo chugainn.



## Science

It has been a great year in the science department. We had a lot of activities going on in the school during science week. Our Transition Years went to Dublin for the BT Young Scientist Exhibition, and our senior students went to Kilmore Quay for their ecology field trip as part of the Leaving Cert Biology course.

## CSPE

Here at Coláiste Bríde we always encourage our students to be active citizens and this year they were particularly busy.

The WSPCA visited 1<sup>st</sup> years as part of our CSPE course. The students learned how to responsibly care for animals.

120 CSPE students also took part in the An Taisce National Spring Clean and helped make Enniscorthy more beautiful. CSPE Students also willingly gave up their lunch time to continue the recycling effort at Coláiste Bríde.

3<sup>rd</sup> year CSPE students visited Dáil Éireann as part of their Junior Certificate Action Project. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting TD's and witnessing the Dáil debates. They also visited Wells House to learn more about the invaluable voluntary work that takes place at the Wildlife Sanctuary.



## Student Council

On behalf of the Student council I would like to thank the outgoing Head Girls: Claire Stacey, Aideen Kane, Noelene Shanahan, Megan Mitten, Shauna Walsh, Rachel Cahill and Laoise Rogers. We thank them for representing the school in such a professional, enthusiastic and organised manner and wish them best of luck in their Leaving Certificate and indeed all future endeavours. We would also like to take this



opportunity to congratulate our new **Head Girls of 2016-17:**

Polly Maher, Aoife Kehoe, Tricia Doyle, Emily Boyne, Aideen Morris-Farrell, Kelley Doyle and Niamh Crowhurst.

Each year the Student Council holds a fundraiser for a deserving cause. This year it is really exciting as the Coláiste Bríde student council have taken it upon themselves to produce and publish a go-to Mental Health



Guide for teenagers. This booklet provides information and support on how to improve their emotional and physical wellbeing. Not only will all our students benefit from this but also ALL secondary level students in county Wexford, as it will be distributed to all other schools in the county in September, a total of 13,000 students!

The fundraiser itself involved throwing wet sponges at staff members and also a bad



head day, where both students and staff were required to have bad hair and bad make up on the day! This echoes the message of the booklet that it's ok not to be ok.

The student council started a lunchtime Rounders club in April, open to all students. This turned out to be a great success and also encouraged students to mix with other year groups and gave exam students a change of focus for a short time each day..... and we had lots of fun!

### Parents' Council

The Parents' Council organize the book rental in the school. All 1<sup>st</sup> years books are included in the scheme. This year, for the first time, all 2<sup>nd</sup> year books are included.

If you would like to get involved with the covering and organisation of the books during the months of June we would love to hear from you. Contact: [office@colaistebride.ie](mailto:office@colaistebride.ie)

### Sports Extra



Well done to Charlotte Bruce and her gymnastics partners Tara and Sadhbh from Gymstars Gymnastics Club in Barntown Wexford, who won the overall Gold medal in the Granada Cup Acrobatic Gymnastics competition in Spain. Representing Ireland, the girls had to perform 3 routines over the three days with acrobatic balances and dynamic moves. The girls made the Irish team



earlier on in the year by going for a trial for the national Irish squad.

Congratulations also to Bobbie Hendrick in third year who was recently crowned All Ireland Boxing Champion, a wonderful achievement by the boxer from the Sacre Coeur Boxing club in Enniscorthy.

### Basketball

Basketball was back at Coláiste Bríde this year for both 1st and 2nd years. The 2nd year team did great coming runners up in their final. Basketball will continue next year. New players always welcome!



## Sports Personality of the Year Awards

Congratulations to all our sports awards winners. The first year award was won by **Eabha Farrell** who represented the school in basketball, camogie and football. **Laura Butler**, who played soccer for the school, was presented with the second year award. The third year recipient was **Anais Curran** who represented the school in camogie, football and soccer. The fourth year award went to **Emma Byrne** who represented the school in dry rowing and football. The fifth year award winner was **Brid Byrne** who played football for the school. **Aoife McCrea**, who represented the school in camogie, football and soccer, was the sixth year award winner. The overall winner was **Noelene Shanahan** in sixth year who represented the school with distinction in camogie, football and soccer throughout her six years in Coláiste Bríde.



### Football

Although we did not win any silverware this year, our footballers acquitted themselves very well at Senior, U16 and U14. There is a very talented group of footballers in the school so we are hopeful that next year will be a very successful year at all grades. At schools' interprovincial Noelene Shanahan and Leinster captain, Bríd Byrne, won the All-Ireland shield. Good luck to all the local clubs and teams in your respective competitions over the summer and we must especially mention the girls from Crossabeg Ballymurn who will compete in the Féile in Kerry later this month.



### Awards Night

The Coláiste Bríde Awards Ceremony is one of the most important events in our school calendar. Each year students from all year groups are awarded for extra-curricular and academic excellence. We also present people of the year awards to many of the students who have helped to make our school the wonderful place that it is. This year we were honoured by the presence of Dr Kay Nolan, a past pupil of Coláiste Bríde and a senior lecturer in the UCD School of Biology & Environmental Science. Dr Nolan spoke to the students about her time in Coláiste Bríde and offered the girls some advice for their future studies. Congratulations to all our award recipients.



## TY Graduation



The Transition Year Graduation Ceremony was held in the Sports Hall at 7pm on Wednesday May 25th. The ceremony began with a slideshow of pictures detailing the many, many events, activities and fun in which the TYs were involved in this past year.

This was followed by a welcoming message from students in 9 different languages. A number of students gave a summary of the year, month by month, highlighting the busy but fun life of a Coláiste

Bride Transition Year Student. Stories of first days, team building opportunities, mini-companies, fashion shows, kayaking, plays, trips, bus journeys and deadlines reminded us of just how busy these girls have been this past year!

Mr. Sheridan presented the girls with their awards and certificates of achievement for all activities throughout the year. A draw was held for the special prize of an iPad and Nicole Kavanagh from 4A was the lucky girl whose name was called out. We're sure Nicole will enjoy that over the summer months!

Beautiful music, singing, dance and crafts were proudly on display and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. They really are a talented group of girls and have set the bar fairly high for next year's TYs.

After a beautiful ceremony, the Transition Years went outside to the playing field to release their hopes and dreams into the air. They went soaring high into the sky and off on their merry way!

## Senior Geography

In May our fifth years went to Rosslare Strand for their Leaving Cert geography fieldwork.

The school seismometer recorded almost fifty earthquakes from all over the world this school year, including the recent tragic event in Ecuador.

Finally next year's fourth and fifth year students are looking forward to the first international geography trip from the school which is going to Iceland.



## Sixth Year Tour & Graduation

Our sixth years had a very enjoyable end of school tour to an adventure centre in Kilkenny. Thankfully all students made it home in one piece, unfortunately we cannot say the same for the teachers!

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May our Sixth Year Graduation took place. This was an occasion of mixed emotions, a sadness as we said goodbye to a wonderful group of students but also a night of great joy as we celebrated their time in Coláiste Bríde. A new chapter in their lives is opening and we wish them the very best in everything they do.

