

## Coláiste Bríde



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### Upcoming Events

April 27

Senior Retreat, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Dear All,

All our teachers and students are welcome back to Coláiste Bríde after a lovely Easter break. Our third and sixth years are now fully focused on the upcoming exams and preparations for oral and practical exams are well advanced. Those students who travelled to France had a wonderful trip and enjoyed the opportunity to experience the culture and lifestyle of France.

This is a very busy term with many annual events taking place- TY graduation, prize giving, 6th yr. graduation, sports day and many others. I take this opportunity to congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> year Soccer team on their Leinster Semi Final victory and I wish them well in the Final next Tuesday.

I wish everyone a successful term.

Best Wishes,

Thomas Sheridan

Principal

### Wellbeing & Mental Health Booklet

Coláiste Bríde Student Council are spearheading the publication of a Mental Health Booklet for teenagers to be distributed to every secondary student in Co. Wexford. The *Enniscorthy Credit Union* have very kindly offered to sponsor the printing of this booklet. The publication aims to promote an understanding of positive mental health for young people and families. A competition is underway to choose a suitable title for the booklet with a prize of a beautiful "Pamper and Feel Good" hamper for the winner. Deadline for entries is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. It is hoped to launch the booklet in May.

### Latest News

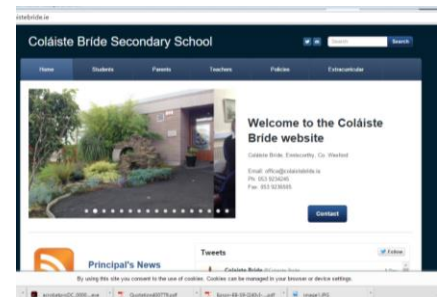
#### Junk Kouture Regional Finals



Best of luck to Queen Zalika and Bale Me Out who will be representing Coláiste Bríde next Thursday in the 3Arena in Dublin in the Junk Kouture National Finals. Please vote for them on the "Bank of Ireland Students" facebook page to help them along!! We wish them the best of luck in the final.



### Coláiste Bríde Website



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## Mini-Company Awards

Well done to all the Transition Year Mini-Company teams who entered the Student Enterprise Awards this year. Special congratulations are due to Cúpla Focal (Ruth Lambert, Gina Murphy, Chloe Redmond and Katie Lafferty) who received 3rd prize in the senior category Wednesday night at the awards ceremony in White's Hotel, Wexford.



Other nominees include, Peg Effect, Dog Tyr'd, and Lighten Up. The competition was immense this year but Coláiste Bríde were well represented on the night.

## **Transition Year Talent Show 2016**

Well done to all Transition Year Students who took part in the Talent Show on the 16th March. There were a variety of acts performed, such as dancing, singing, acting and stand-up comedy!! Everyone had a great day! They put on two shows in the Library, one for 1st Years and one for 2nd Years.



## **Other News**

### **Debate**



Students from all four first year classes took part in a debating competition throughout the last term. The motion for the first debate was “Reality T.V. does more harm than good.” Initial preparation took place in English classes in the form of lively discussion and internet research. This was a useful starting point for the students chosen to represent their class on the debate team, who put in much

individual effort in their own time. Classes 1A and 1D won this stage of the debate and faced each other in the final. The motion for the final debate was “History should remain a compulsory subject for the Junior Cert.” All first year students, as well as a fifth year history class, attended the debate. Passions ran high in what was a most entertaining and well-researched debate on both sides. An animated discussion took place in the subsequent open question and answer session before which 1D were declared the winners. The motion was defeated. Below is a picture of the winning team members from 1D: (captain) Abigail Eccleston, Ailbhe Harrington and Ciara O’Connor.

## **An Taisce National Spring Clean**

All 1st years took part in the annual An Taisce National Spring Clean on Thursday, April 7th as part of their CSPE course. They had a great time and helped make Enniscorthy beautiful!



## **School Walk**

To date the walk has raised €3,609.10. A huge thank you to all who contributed so generously and to all our students for the wonderful effort they put in to make it such a great success. Those who have yet to return sponsorship cards, please do so before Friday next.

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## Comóradh 1916 - Coláiste Bríde

With Coláiste Bríde situated at the foot of Vinegar Hill it was fitting that we had a meaningful ceremony for Comóradh 1916 on 15 March 2016. The spirit of 1798 was re-awakened during Easter Week 1916 when Enniscorthy was one of only a couple of places outside of Dublin to take part in the Rising. Our ceremony included stories, poetry and music. We were joined by local historian, Cathal Burke O'Leary, who recounted the events that happened in Enniscorthy during 1916. One of the most significant parts of our celebration was when students and teachers told of the parts played by their own relatives in the Rising. At the end we moved outside where a junior and senior student read their Proclamation for 2016. Ava Kelly and Nayla Bolger then raised the tricolour. This was particularly symbolic as both students are related to Una Brennan who raised the flag over the Athenaeum 100 years ago. We closed the ceremony with Amhrán na bhFiann.



## Sports

### SOCCER

Congratulations to the first year soccer team who won their Leinster Semi Final against Alexandra College of Dublin 2-1 after extra-time. The goals were scored by Faye Larkin and Miria O' Dowd. They now look forward to a Leinster Final in the next few weeks.



## Paris Trip

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March a small group of 21 second years travelled to the town of Anthony on the outskirts of Paris on a student visit for a week. Each Coláiste Bríde student stayed with her French partner's family and got to experience the everyday life of people in France and also discover the local area.

We spent a day with our partners in their school, College la Fontaine. We attended classes, ate lunch in the canteen, met other French students and played Ultimate Frisbee. We got firsthand information on school life in France and found that it was, in ways, quite different to school in Ireland.



*Excerpt from Ellen O' Gorman 2B report.*

## Senior Cycle Guidance Programme

As part of the **Senior Cycle Guidance Programme**, (Wednesday 16th March 2016) past pupil Grainne Byrne (Class of 2015) addresses a group of 6th Year students (6B) about the course she is studying for at present, Marketing Innovation & Technology, in Dublin City University (DCU).



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