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A Chairde,

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter. It was an exceptionally busy second term and this newsletter will give you a sample of some of the many events that have occurred since January. It is this great variety of activities that take place as part of school life that makes Coláiste Bríde the fantastic place it is for both students and teachers.

As we return after the Easter holiday our Sixth Year students have started their Leaving Cert Irish Oral exams and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of these students the best of luck this week and in your upcoming modern language orals and practical exams.

Best wishes to our Junior Certs who will also be undertaking practical exams over the coming weeks.

Our TY students are looking forward to the Junk Kouture grand final and we are once again very well represented by designers and models.

Also, *buon viaggio* to our students and teachers who are in Italy this week for the Transition Year trip!

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal



Garda Youth Awards



Congratulations to Sarah O'Brien and Rebecca Moles who recently received awards at the Wexford Garda Youth Awards.

Latest News

Teacher of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Miss Whelan who was recently awarded as the national teacher of the year in the Year Head/Deputy Principal/Principal category at a ceremony in Trinity College. The Awards recognise the outstanding contribution that teachers make as role models in the school environment and are presented in partnership with The National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals. Miss Whelan is no stranger to awards, having twice been awarded as Co. Wexford Entrepreneurial teacher of the year. For all her students and colleagues this national recognition has certainly come as no surprise.



Student Council



Student Council members receiving the South East Radio Outstanding Junior Achievement Awards in the Talbot Hotel where they scooped the overall junior achievement award for their on-going work in relation to mental health.

Junk Kouture

It has been an extremely busy period for our TY Junk Kouture students and teachers. In January our TYs held their fashion show



which was a fantastic occasion. The students' choice winner was "This is Me" by Bonnie Kinnaird, Aoife Whelan and Aoife Kinsella, and the winner of our prestigious judges' choice award was "Quirke it Up" by Maria Kosanovych, Anna Burke and Alex Giran. 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 O'Connor, Miss Neville and Miss Brambley for all their hard work, support and encouragement. Seven dresses from Coláiste Bríde were selected for the regional finals in the Helix. Due to the snow our dresses did not get to attend on their scheduled night but thankfully they were able to showcase their designs at the North East Regional finals. At this stage of the competition the standard is exceptionally high and it is amazing that three of our dresses have qualified for the grand final in the 3 Arena later this month.

TY Mini-Company

Huge congratulations to all our Transition Year companies who competed in the Mini-Company School Final X-Cel Entrepreneurial Competition 2018. The standard was fantastic this year. Well done to all our Transition Years who were then selected to represent Coláiste Bríde at the annual Mini-company Awards held in the National Opera House. Our school won 3 awards!

Special congratulations to our winners Julia Dziadek, Estella Crean, Sarah Downes, Kate Maher, Alisha Grant, Aoibhe Lewis, Courtney Cleary and their teachers Ms Whelan and Ms McGinnity.



Senior Soccer Team

Our Senior Soccer Team were defeated in their All Ireland Semi-Final in January. Losing three nil at half time the girls produced a magnificent second half performance to bring the game back to 3:2 but unfortunately, they were unable to find the equaliser. Despite this defeat they can be extremely proud of themselves in becoming the first soccer team from Coláiste Bríde to win the Senior Leinster Cup.

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.

CEIST



Our representatives had a brilliant day at the CEIST Student Leadership Conference in St. Patrick's College Drumcondra.

St. Brigid's Day Mass



Earlier this term we celebrated the feast day of our patroness St. Brigid. Well done to all teachers and students involved in making this such a special event.



Well-Read

To celebrate World Book Day our First Years dressed as characters from books for their Book Quiz. There was also a competition to guess the teacher hidden behind a book which generated a lot of interest among both students and teachers.

Our Junior Book Club continued to meet, the latest book up for discussion was 'The Lie Tree' by Frances

Hardinge which the club scored an average of 8 out of 10. In March local author Caroline Busher conducted creative writing workshops with Second and Fifth Years.



Social Awareness



Transition Year students presenting a cheque for €1400 to St Partick's Junior Special School. During this term the Student Council also donated €640 to Pieta House and class 3B presented a cheque for €130 to the WSPCA.

French Exchange

In January the Irish leg of the French Exchange took place with students from France staying with their host families in Wexford. A great week was had by our visitors as they visited local attractions and experienced Irish culture. On the Wednesday before the Easter holidays our students and their teachers left Enniscorthy for the



week long trip to France for the return visit. The students had a wonderful trip in France with a visit to Paris with their host families a highlight for many.

Other News

Congratulations to Isabella Kelly, 1st year, who came 2nd in the Interscholls Showjumping. Our students who competed in the Dry Rowing at IT Carlow finished in 2nd & 3rd in the girls' open race. Last year's Third Years were presented with their Junior Cycle Profiles of Achievement. A number of our students spoke on South East Radio's Music Box about the John Paul II awards. Our U14 Football team defeated Pres Wexford in their first match. TY Information, Fifth Year subject choice & DATs talks took place for the parents of Third Year students. Zeeko conducted Internet Safety workshops with all First Years and a parent's Internet Safety talk. Seachtain na Gaeilge activities took place including a céilí, lunchtime trad session and Bingo as Gaeilge. Ag. Science students visited Cooney Furlong Grain Company and Slaney Farms. Transition Years were as usual very busy; Just One Life, the Young Persons Driver Awareness Programme, GO QUEST (cryptic adventure challenge), work experience, BT Young Scientist, Better than Bullying and Guerrilla Gardening were just some of the highlights.

CEIST Bake Off



Some of our students preparing cakes as part of the CEIST Bake Off competition. The girls really enjoyed the bake off and showed some excellent skill and creativity.

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