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A Chairde,

The 2016/17 academic year has come to an end and our thoughts and prayers are now with our Junior and Leaving Cert students who are sitting their exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their commitment to the academic programme and their full engagement in the many opportunities available at Coláiste Bríde this year. This would not be possible without the constant support of parents and unstinting commitment of the staff to ensuring that all students achieve their potential and beyond. The experience of school community was very evident in our traditional end-of-year events including the school tours & Sports' Day and continued in a more formal manner at our Awards Ceremony, our TY Graduation and the Graduation Mass for the Class of 2017. I would like to thank Mrs Ann Doran for her valuable contribution to the education of our students and wish her and her family every happiness in her retirement. She will be much missed by us all. I wish all our staff, students and their families a safe and happy summer.

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal

News

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 extracurricular 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 Fiona Darcy, a past pupil of Coláiste Bríde and a Board member of Cork's Red FM, where she holds the role of Finance and Operations Director. Fiona 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.



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Upcoming Events

June 30

Office closed at 4:30 pm for the summer.

August 8

Office reopens at 8:30 am for the 2017/2018 school year.

August 16

Expected date for Leaving Cert Results

August 25

Start of school year: 1st & 4th Years only.

August 29

Start of school year: 2nd & 3rd Years only.

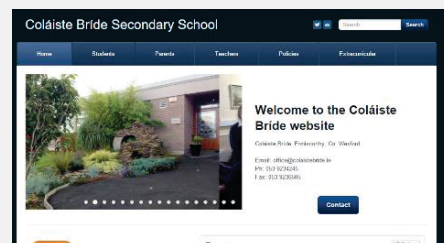
August 30

Start of school year: 5th & 6th Years only.

August 31

All year groups in school.

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www.colaiстеbride.ie

Iceland

In April sixty one students from fourth and fifth year went on a trip of a lifetime to the land of ice and fire, Iceland. On the first day of the trip the tour group went to the South Shore of Iceland where they saw a geothermal power plant, waterfalls, a glacier and a volcanic beach with volcanic columns. On the second day the students toured the famous Golden Circle which included attractions such as Gullfoss waterfall, the Kerid volcanic crater and the famous Geyser. The final day's activities included the capital city Reykjavik and, many people's highlight, the volcanic heated bathing waters of the Blue Lagoon. [You can view more pictures and read a full account of the trip written by Ashley Bolger on our website.](#)



School Walk



Some of students taking a well-deserved rest on Vinegar Hill at the half way point of our annual School Walk. This year the walk raised €2620. Well done to Miss Nolan for organising the walk and to all students who fundraised and participated.

Awards Night



Recipient of the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music Kelley Doyle with Ms. Lyng.

Library Launch

The new library was officially opened this term by local author Caroline Busher. Ms Busher gave a very engaging talk and answered questions from members of the Colaiste Bride Book Club who had read her book, The Ghosts of Magnificent Children. Ms Busher then presented prizes to some of the winners of our 2017 Reading Challenge. The overall winner was Emma Louise Doran who read 53 books in one term. The Reading Challenge was part of the Wellread initiative that began this year and will continue next year. It aims to promote a reading culture throughout the school and we look forward to kicking off the next academic year with One Book One School.



German

The Cultural Attaché to the German Embassy, Peter Adams, visited the school on Monday, 22nd May. The German Embassy requested this visit to recognise the brilliant work of the German language department here in Coláiste Bríde. Peter Adams also wanted to visit our school following the awarding of German Language Teacher of the Year 2016 to Miss Whitty. Since Miss Whitty



Recipient of the 2017 CEIST Award Katie Colclough with Ms. O'Sullivan.

received that award from the German Language Teachers Association earlier in the school year she has also won an award from Leargas in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the teaching of German. On a sadder note we have had to bid farewell to Birgit Landman, our German language assistant. Birgit certainly enhanced our school in the short time that she was with us and we wish her all the best as she returns to her studies in Austria.

Gaisce: The President's Award

This year we had another successful group of Gaisce participants take part in and complete the President's Award. A large number of



Transition Year and 5th Year students completed their challenge which for the Bronze Award participants (Transition Year students) was 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.

Silver Award participants, the 5th 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. While challenging and tough at times, all participants completed their task and received awards at our

Awards Ceremony from the President in recognition of their achievement.

If any 4th, 5th or 6th year students are interested in taking part in Gaisce next year, please check out the website Gaisce.ie, or contact Ms. Duggan with any queries on niamh.duggan@colaistebride.ie

Achill Trip

In May some of our Transition Years went to Achill Island to improve their Irish. The following account of the trip is by student Hannah Leacy. Our journey to Achill began at 6 am Monday morning. Everyone was excited to see a new place, meet new people and learn new things, both educational and practical. The six hour bus journey to Achill Island was gruelling, however we soon found out it was more than worth it. The first thing we noticed when we arrived were the spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Croaghnaun and the Slievemore



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Head Girls



As the year is coming to an end, the Head Girls were treated to lunch by Ms. O'Sullivan in the Riverside Hotel to thank them for their enthusiasm, dedication and leadership during their tenure.

The new head girls have been elected for 2017/2018. Our congratulations go to Chloe Davis, Sarah Doyle, Queva Flynn, Sinead Kinsella, Emma Moorehouse & Ruth Lambert. We wish them the very best of luck in their new roles in September.

Spring Clean



In May all first years took part in the An Taisce National Spring Clean. A big thank you to Ms. Wheeler who organised the big clean up and to all students for the enthusiasm they brought to the job.

mountains. The trip was packed with once in a lifetime opportunities. Our activities included kayaking in the Atlantic Ocean, cliff jumping, hiking, orienteering, surfing, rock climbing, a bog run, team building exercises and a Céilí which we had every night.

The activities were challenging but enjoyable and everyone tried everything. I think overall the favourite activity was the bog run. It involved teamwork and participation. As the week went on everyone became a lot closer as a group. We learned a lot. We learned how to surf, how to work together in a big group, how to share a room with 5 people and we even learned some new Irish words. We grew closer, we learned, we participated, we improved our Irish, but most importantly we had fun. It was an incredible experience that will never be forgotten.



First Year Camogie



Our First Year Camogie team who competed at a recent blitz in Ferns.

Meitheal



The final activity of our Meitheal leaders was to organise the First Year end of year tour to Dublin Zoo.

Athletics

Congratulations to our athletics team who competed in the schools South Leinster track and field competition. This was one of the most successful athletics teams who competed for the school. Amongst the successes on the day included Lystus Ebosele finishing 1st in the shot putt with a regional best distance & 2nd place in the discus, Eadaoin Stafford coming 3rd in shot putt & 5th in discus, Karyn Murphy 3rd in the 80m hurdles and Aoife Cloke Rochford 1st in the 100m. Aoife followed this up with another gold in the Leinster Senior 100 metres,



Sports Personality of the Year Awards

Congratulations to all our sports awards winners. The 1st year award was won by Donna Delahunty who represented the school in soccer, camogie & football. Loren Doyle, who also played soccer, camogie & football for the school, was presented with the 2nd year award. The 3rd year recipient was Jade Power who represented the school in camogie & football. The 4th year award went to Lystus Ebosele who represented the school in athletics. The 5th year award



winner was Grainne McCabe who played soccer & football for the school. Derbhla Doyle, sister of Loren, who represented the school in camogie, football & soccer, was the 6th year award winner. The overall winner was Aoife Cloke Rochford from fifth year who represented the school with distinction in football and athletics.



Our Meitheal leaders provide an invaluable service to the school in helping make the transition to secondary to secondary school as smooth as possible for our first years. Thank you to our Meitheal leaders of 2016/2017 and to Miss Furlong for all of your hard work throughout the year. Congratulations and best wishes to the students who have been selected as Meitheal leaders for next year.

TY Graduation

The Transition Year Graduation Ceremony was held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday May 24th. The ceremony was compeered by Shantel Waruinge & Lystus Ebosele. The night began with a welcoming message from students in multiple languages. A number of students gave a summary of the year, month by month,

highlighting the busy but fun life of a Coláiste Bríde 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! Beautiful music, singing, dance and crafts were proudly on display and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The great success of our Transition Year is testament to the hard work of Miss Whelan, Miss Duggan and Miss McConville.

Senior Geography



In May our fifth years went to Rosslare Strand for their Leaving Cert geography fieldwork. Not quite as exciting as the geography trip to Iceland but an enjoyable & productive day was had by all. The school seismometer recorded a large number of earthquakes from all over the world this school year, including the recent event in Greece.

Sixth Year Tour & Graduation



Our sixth years had a very enjoyable end of school tour to an adventure centre in Athlone. Thankfully this year all students & teachers made it home in one piece!

On the 25th of May our Sixth Year Graduation took place. The theme of the night was "Your time as a caterpillar has expired, your wings are ready" and much credit must go to the art department for the beautiful display. 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.

Internet Safety

Our website has Internet Safety advice for parents at <http://www.colaistebride.ie/internet-safety-parents.html> and students at <http://www.colaistebride.ie/internet-safety.html>.



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