

Coláiste Bríde



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A Chairde,

As we approach Christmas, behind the colourful lights and decorations, is the simple message of the Child of Bethlehem; that to be human is to be made in the image and likeness of God. In Coláiste Bríde that message underlines all that we do. And so, as another term draws to a close, I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of how much our students have achieved and experienced.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been bereaved or who have been dealing with illness during the past year and for whom the Christmas season may prove particularly challenging.

On behalf of the school community may I wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support and co-operation during 2016 and we look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal

Key Dates in January

January 9

School reopens

January 18

TY Fashion Show

January 19

5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting

January 25

Web Safety Talk

January 26

Start of 2nd Year Retreats

January 31

2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting

Latest News

“I am Worth it”

The launch of our mental health awareness booklet and [website](#), “I am Worth it”, took place on the 2nd of December. We were delighted to be joined by Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Helen McEntee TD, and the CEO of our trustees, CEIST, Dr Marie Griffin. At the launch the school was presented with an Amber Flag in recognition of the student council’s outstanding work in promoting positive mental health. The launch was the culmination of a year of hard work from the Coláiste Bríde student council who deserve huge praise for their devotion and determination in relation to this project.



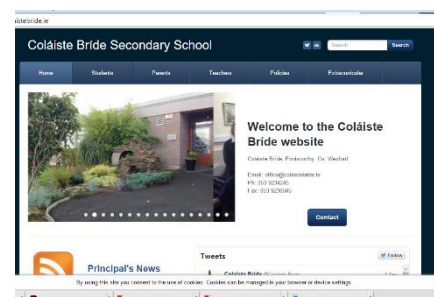
[Click here to read more about the launch or to view more images on our website](#) or [click here to read the Guardian report](#).

Coláiste Bríde on RTÉ

Click on the picture to view the RTÉ News 2 Day broadcast of our student council’s “I am Worth it” mental health initiative.



Coláiste Bríde Website



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

Well done to the all those involved in this wonderful event. [Click here for more photos.](#)

German Exchange

During the first week of December 2016, 44 of our students travelled to southern Bavaria to spend seven nights with their German host families on

the German leg of the school's German Exchange Programme. The Coláiste Bríde group, who had hosted their German partners in September, had a brilliant trip which included experiencing German family life, exploring the town of



Bruckmühl and surrounding areas, and attending classes at Coláiste Bríde's German partner school, Gymnasium Bruckmühl. [Click on this link to read an article by Eve McCormack from 3A on the German Exchange and to view more images.](#)

Christmas Carol Service



Our candle lit Christmas Carol Service got the whole school into the festive spirit. It also saw the blessing of our new crib by Fr. Banville. Congratulations to all those involved in the event but a particular mention must go to our choir and both the Religion and Music departments. As a school we would also like to thank our new chaplain, Fr. Banville, for his involvement and support in this and other events in the school year so far.

Other News

Well done to our [senior Camogie team](#) who had a comprehensive victory over FCJ Bunclody earlier this month. Our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal was extremely well supported and we



would like to thank the generosity of our parents, students & teachers. TY students were spreading some festive cheer in the last week while singing Christmas carols in St John's Hospital in Enniscorthy and in the Bullring in Wexford.

Christmas Quiz



TY students who organised this year's Christmas Quiz.



Some of our sixth year Christmas Quiz fancy dress prize winners.



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