



Coláiste Bhríde

Summer Newsletter 2017

Ambassador School

Green Schools

Coláiste Bhríde was successfully presented with its seventh green flag "Global Citizenship - Energy" on the 23rd May, in the Helix in Dublin, after two years of commitment and hard work from our dedicated Green Schools committee. Their enthusiasm and encouragement of whole school participation contributed to our recent success. In October 2016, Caoimhe Coady was successfully selected as a Green-Schools Ambassador for Coláiste Bhríde for the water theme. Her application was selected from a large number of applicants throughout Ireland. This was a huge achievement and has benefited our school greatly. In September, the Green Schools committee will begin the quest for its eighth flag 'Global Citizenship - Marine Environment'. As with the previous Global Citizenship themes this is a maintenance theme that will enable students to discover how their work on the Green Schools programme has positively influenced environments worldwide while focusing their work on our seas and oceans. The Green Schools committee is very enthusiastic and excited about this interesting theme and would be delighted to welcome new members onto our team in September.



Presentation of the seventh Green Flag

Ambassador School Award



Tara Kinsella, Gráinne Hughes and Katherine Conroy at the Launch of our Rise and Shine Walk

We endeavoured, persevered and committed to developing a comprehensive positive mental health programme in Coláiste Bhríde. Our initiatives included 'Rise and Shine' walk, attendance at the Students Congress in UL and the Zeminar in the RDS, facilitating a host of speakers on promoting positive well being including Fionnbar Walsh from the Donal Walsh Foundation. We look forward to accepting our award in Kilmainham in September, working with the Cycle Against Suicide and continuing in our quest to encourage students with promotion of their own well being. Watch this space!

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Students taking part in the waterspout fundraiser

Waterspout Fundraiser

In February, Professor Kevin McGuigan from The Royal College of Surgeons gave a presentation to all 1st years about a solar disinfection of drinking water system in Uganda called SODIS. This is where African students bring their water to school (often unclean) and it is left in the sun to kill harmful bacteria and make it safe to drink. These students may have travelled up to 10km to get this water before school. The organisation looks to build water tanks in primary schools that can collect the rain water and make it safe to drink for the students. Each student is given two water bottles, one for school and one for home. A tank for a school costs in the region of €800. This talk inspired our first year students to take action and fundraise. All six classes held a bake sale each and 1 Beech gave a shortened version of Professor McGuigan's talk to every class in the school. To raise awareness, they also asked students to walk through the courtyard carrying water drums. The school has joined forces with the parish of Carnew and two primary schools to combine our fundraising efforts. So far €1600 has been raised which will mean we are able to help out two primary schools in Uganda. This is a wonderful achievement.



Students from the three Carnew schools working together to fundraise

Young Social Innovators

This years YSI class was incredibly busy promoting their very current project “Homeless not Hopeless”. Activities included developing class plans and informing Junior Cycle students and students from

Carnew national school on the whole topic of Homelessness. They knitted scarves to represent the number of homeless people in Ireland and distributed them to those who needed them. Local businesses were contacted to join the Food Cloud initiative whereby food that is not sold is collected and distributed to the homeless. Projects included a fun run organised for junior students and an ice cream sale where money raised will be given to the Peter McVerry Trust. Students received excellent feed back at their Speak Out in Kilkenny and have worked passionately to highlight what they believe is a huge social issue in Ireland today.



YSI class promoting their project

Green Schools

The Green Schools committee have worked very hard over the past two years on their seventh green flag “Global Citizenship - Energy”. In March of this year the Green Schools committee organised an energy saving week packed with daily activities for the whole school to get involved in. They ran a competition to guess how many LED bulbs fitted in a jar which resulted in over three hundred guesses from the students and staff. The whole school participated in a “no energy class” with no lights, projectors, iPads or computers, to highlight our reliance on electricity. A 1st year Science class planted a crab apple tree at the front of our school as part of National Tree Week. Green School committee members went around to 1st and 2nd year classes to talk about energy saving, climate change and global citizenship. As part of the Green Schools Ambassador Programme, on the 13th February, Prof Kevin McGuigan from Waterspout came to speak to all first year students, the green schools committee and the development education team. He spoke about using solar energy to purify water in African communities. His team is working with Primary schools to harvest rainwater into purpose built tanks for drinking. He showed the horrors associated with unclean water in terms of ill-health. He explained of his endeavours to provide clean water to the Ugandan community and how himself and his team were aiming and carrying out establishing a clean water system and educating people about the system, it's importance and maintenance. The hard work and dedication of the Green Schools committee along with the participation and involvement of the staff and students in the school resulted in Coláiste Bhríde recently being awarded their seventh green flag in the Helix in Dublin. This is a huge achievement for our school and the committee are looking forward to starting their eighth green flag theme Global Citizenship - Marine Environment.



Green School Committee 2017/18



TY Young Scientist overall winners

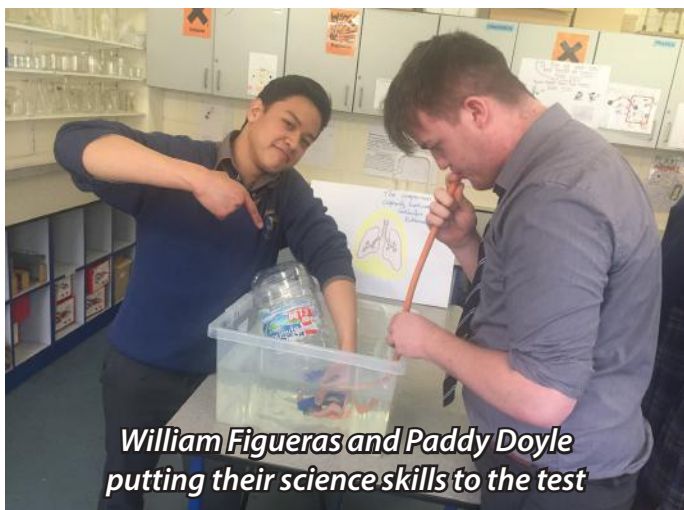
Colaiste Bhríde Carnew hosted its seventh annual Young Scientist Competition with forty four projects from Transition Year pupils competing on the 13th March 2017. This competition offers a platform for pupils to present their scientific findings on a project that they have chosen and developed independently. It encourages students to explore an idea, investigate it, develop a project and write a report to support their findings. The two judges, Siobhán Fitzgerald and Erin Murphy were amazed at how the standard of projects continues to outshine previous years. The coveted title of OVERALL WINNER was awarded to Adam Hayes, Conor Dolan, Maeve Lyons and Gavin Goodwin for their project titled *"Piezoelectric Floortiles - Kinetic Energy will power our school"*. Each class group that competed had a winner with 1st place being awarded to Rebecca Griffin for *"Lexic Text"*, Orla Kealy, Sarah Mulhall and Dervla Donlon for their project *"Are young people spending more time in the virtual world than the real world?"*, Katie Butler and Rebecca O Toole for their project *"The effect of Music on Memory"*, Fiona Boland and Roisin Byrne for their project investigating *"The influence media can have over public perception of GMO's"* and finally Ciara and Aoife Breen for their project

"To investigate how the gender of same sex twins affects the similarity of their likes and dislikes"

This year saw our examiners add a new category for the best display which was awarded to Lisa Lancaster, Cliath Rawson and Sarah O'Neill for their project titled *"The effects of refined sugar versus natural sugar while exercising"*.

SciFest 2017

SciFest 2017 took place in Carlow I.T., where seventy-five projects from the Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Wicklow area competed. Colaiste Bhríde was represented by nineteen students from Transition Year and 5th year with an impressive eight projects ranging from nutrition, renewable energy, health and other social and life sciences. Students were interviewed by judges who were lecturers of Carlow I.T. and working in the industry. Colaiste Bhríde won prizes for no less than four out of eight of their projects and taking home four out of the eleven awards on offer. The Boston Scientific Technology Medical Devices Award went to Fintan Smith and David Kemple for their project looking at how music can effect academic performance. They also qualified for the SFI Intel ISEF award next year. The Best Communicator award sponsored by NewsTalk, went to Rebecca Griffith for her project on Dyslexia called *'Lexic Text'*. The Sustainable Energy award sponsored by S.E.A.I. went to Adam Hayes, Conor Dolan, Maeve Lyons and Gavin Goodwin for their project on harnessing kinetic energy using piezoelectric crystals to power the school. Highly commended award went to Cathal Doyle and Emily Harper for their project looking at the effects of blue light from mobile phones on quality of sleep.



William Figueras and Paddy Doyle putting their science skills to the test



Best Communicator Award at SciFest winner Rebecca Griffith



Eoin Kavanagh at the National Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Croke Park

Student Enterprise Awards

Eoin Kavanagh travelled to Croke Park, Dublin on Wednesday, 3rd May to compete in the senior category of the National Final of the Student Enterprise Programme with his business "Too Good to be Shoe". Eoin's business comprises of Irish handcrafted products from old horse shoes. Minister for Employment & Small Businesses, Pat Breen, addressed the students and commented on the high standard in the competition this year. Although no award was taken home on the day, it was a huge achievement for Eoin to represent Wicklow in the National finals. Over twenty-two students entered the Student Enterprise competition in September last year and the senior category was narrowed down to just thirty two enterprises. Eoin has worked very hard throughout the year and we wish him every success in the future with his business.

Educate To Innovate Awards

Gareth Hale and Angela Redmond from Gorey Chamber of Commerce visited Coláiste Bhríde on Thursday, 4th May to judge four of our Transition Year mini-companies for the Educate to Innovate School Business Awards 2017. They were very impressed with their ideas and presentations, and all four enterprises made it



Leigh Ludgate - Winner of the Educate to Innovate School Business Awards

through to the grand final.

Clíodhna O'Connell's "Beelights", Eoin Kavanagh's "Too Good to be Shoe", Leigh Ludgate's "Mmmm..." and Ciara and Aoife Breen's "The Happy Go Lucky Fairy Door Company", were all finalists in the Educate to Innovate School Business Awards. This took place on Thursday, 11th May in Gorey library. Our students confidently and professionally gave a fifteen minute presentation about their enterprise to judges, teachers, students and members of Gorey Chamber of Commerce.

The overall winner of the Educate to Innovate School Business Awards 2017 was Leigh Ludgate with her company "Mmmm..." Huge congratulations to Leigh on winning the title and to all our T.Y. students who made it through to the final.



TY Finalists in the Educate to Innovate School Business Awards 2017

Our Transition Year Programme is going from strength to strength since its inception in 2001 with one hundred and seven students having completed the programme this year. We have a multitude of modules and extra-curricular activities which ensures a diversity of experiences for our students.



Driving Instruction

We had three separate trips to the Leinster Driving Campus this year in Maynooth. Approximately sixty of our Transition Year students took part. This is part of our Road Safety Module. Students got hands on driving instruction and completed a practice Driving Theory test on the day.

Glasnevin

All T.Y. students participated in this E.S.S. trip. Glasnevin offered a unique opportunity to bring the story of some of the most important figures in Irish History to life. They visited the graves of Michael Collins, Eamon de Valera, Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stuart Parnell and Arthur Griffith to name but a few. They also participated in a 1916 walking tour of Dublin where they focused on the key events and locations of the 1916 rising.

Work Experience

The opportunity of a young person to engage in a particular career that they hope to pursue after their third level studies is an opportunity to see first hand how the world of work

operates. February 13-17th, one hundred and seven innovative, enterprising and ambitious T.Y. students undertook work placements that reflect their career aspirations. Our students scaled many heights on their work experience placements. They audited accounts, witnessed a murder trial, taught the young, listened and cared for the needy, wrote computer programmes, designed houses, concocted medicines, assisted vets, engineered the future, beautified the vain to name but a few. Many students also availed of doing additional work experience over the mid term break.

Japanese

This was a new innovative language module for our T.Y. students this year. They entered fully into the spirit of the language and enjoyed it immensely.



Mini-Companies

Another year of creative and innovative business ideas. Our five school winners participated in the Co.Wicklow Enterprise Awards and Too good To Be Shoe by Eoin Kavanagh came home with the overall prize and represented Co Wicklow in The All Ireland Finals in Croke Park in May. 2nd Runner Up was Leigh Ludgate with Mmmmmmmmmmm. Best Product was Pebble Art Design by Jon Holmes. Our



TY students singing around the camp fire in Killary

two other participants were Clodhna O'Connell and Rebecca Griffith. Congratulations to all five entrepreneurs that made it through to the county final and to all who received on the day. Their hard work and dedication has paid off. We would like to express our gratitude to Ms Fiona Redmond of the Redmond Hotel Group and Mr James Keogh of Rathwood for mentoring our students and for adjudicating our school finals.

Killary

Over one hundred students enjoyed the great outdoors on the Atlantic Coast in Co. Galway this year. Activities included abseiling, gorge walking, archery and the infamous bog challenge to name but a few. Students also completed their Bronze Gaisce Adventure for The President's Award.



TY Drama night

Drama

Three pieces of drama were superbly cast and almost fifty five students took to the stage in January. Congratulations to all cast members who performed in : Totally Over You, Customer Service and Clueless. These were all outstanding productions this year and up there with the best. Students enjoyed every moment of their drama module.

ECDL

Our students are progressing well with the various modules of their European Computer Driving Licence at this stage. This is a great opportunity for an extra qualification.

Celebration Evening

Congratulations to our T.Y. students on their meaningful Celebration Evening in May. Students were rewarded for all the contributions which they made throughout their Transition Year. Portfolios of certificates, trophies and prizes were all very well deserved. Congratulations to all.

Trip to Krakow

Seventy students and eight teachers travelled to Krakow in June. It was a wonderful experience for all and a culmination of another very successful year for our Transition Year students.



Some TY students on their Killary trip

STUDENT COUNCIL



6th Year students who leave the Student Council this year

After a very busy first term, culminating with the Xmas factor show, the Student Council got straight to work in early January. Planning commenced straight away on the 2017 Rise and Shine Walk. The 12th of May was chosen as it would mark the end of our "Health Week" which focused on the importance of physical and mental health.

Rise and Shine Walk 2017

The Rise and Shine Walk 2016 took place on Friday, November 13th and although dry, it was bitterly cold. We had high hopes of good weather and we were not to be disappointed! After a night of heavy rainfall, the conditions were perfect as we gathered in school from 5.30am. The onerous task of signing in over 300 students, making sure each had a high-visibility vest and outlining what to do in case of an emergency was of paramount importance. Buses started shuttling students to Askamore from 5.45am and due to the high volume of students,

it took almost six bus loads before everyone was transported. At 6.25am we set off on the beautiful track up Sliabh Bhuí. All that could be heard were birds chirping and happy students. We walked for approximately thirty minutes before we gathered to listen to some uplifting short stories and readings. A minutes silence was also observed to allow everyone take in the beauty and tranquillity of our surroundings. Once finished, we started out on the eight kilometre walk back to school. Lead by the local Gardaí and in perfect weather, over 350 happy students made their way back to school. Spirits were high and even the steep hills could not dampen the mood. Breakfast was provided to all walkers on arrival. The organisers had received many generous donations of food items and it was greatly appreciated by the ravenous walkers. Everyone chipped in to help tidy up and the atmosphere in the school was great for the day. The Student Council and organising teachers are meeting this week to start planning for next years Rise and Shine event. We plan to survey students and teachers to see if they are happy for the present format to continue or if we should make changes to our walk.

Breaking News

We are delighted to announce that Colaiste Bhríde has been selected as an Ambassador School to promote positive mental health. Next year, we are hoping to take part in the Cycle Against Suicide. We will shortly be attending a presentation ceremony in Dublin. Watch this space for further updates on this important initiative!



First Year students supporting the Rise and Shine Walk



Third Year students enjoying the Rise and Shine walk

First Year Elections

Elections will take place during the last week of school to choose which 1st years will join the council at the start of second year. Online voting will be used to minimise paper waste and also to save time.



The Final Supper

Our end of year meal for this year's council took place on Tuesday, May 23rd in the school canteen. The Student Council chairperson, Emer Rose Kealy, got to choose the meal and the dessert. It is always a lovely occasion and is an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved in the year and to thank each member for their hard work and dedication.

Spelling Bee 2017

Our annual Spelling Bee was launched on April 22nd and was open to all 1st and 2nd year



students. A daily word was chosen and students did weekly tests in their English class. The tests were then corrected by the Student Council and a student was chosen to represent each class in the final. The final took place this year on Friday, May 26th. In a hotly contested affair, Isabella Ní Chonaill was crowned Spelling Bee champion 2017. It involved a number of sudden death rounds between Isabella and the 2nd year winner, Ross Bailey. It was very difficult to separate the two, but the word 'mischievous' was the difference. A special mention to Bree Greene and Sophie Bate who came second in their respective years. The Spelling Bee has been a great success over the last four years here in Coláiste Bhríde and the Student Council have big plans to roll the initiative out to all schools in KWETB.

Thank You

A special word of thanks to Ms. Finlay, Ms. Morris and Ms. Murphy for their excellent work with the Student Council.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN COLÁISTE BHRÍDE

Meitheal Awards Ceremony



Meitheal leaders 2017/18

This year's Meitheal awards ceremony took place in the new county council office building in Wexford with twenty-two schools from Wicklow and Wexford in attendance. Our celebrations began in school where we enjoyed an afternoon tea before we departed for Wexford. The students, invited guests and speakers were firstly entertained by a music group consisting of students from various year groups in Coláiste Bhríde. After this the keynote speaker Jacinta Kitt spoke about the role of positive mentors in society. The Meitheal leaders then received their certificates from our first year representatives Cian O'Tuama and Claire O'Toole.

These Meitheal leaders have made an enormous contribution to the smooth transition to secondary school. They

have given up their time during the Summer to train as leaders. At the end of August they played a key role in the induction of 1st years. At morning assemblies and at lunchtimes, when their peers are getting on with their own activities they offered help and support to the young students. This commitment is on top of their sporting and academic endeavours and these students gave their time without asking anything in return. On behalf of the 1st years we would like to thank the Meitheal leaders for their commitment and hard work this year.

Senior Prefects

Well done to the twenty-four students who acted as senior prefects for the year. Senior prefects provide an important liaison between students, teachers and school management. Their position demonstrates leadership, teamwork and responsibility. This year's senior prefects worked exceptionally well with the second year students. Their overall conduct and participation in the initiative was outstanding.



Senior Prefects 2016/17

Pope John Paul II Awards

This year we are very fortunate to be a pilot school in the Ferns Diocese for the Pope John Paul II Awards. These awards are ten years in existence with Ferns joining the scheme this year. The award is given to students who over a number of weeks take part in parish and community work. Afterwards they complete an essay reflecting on their experience. They are then awarded either a gold, silver or bronze medal or a Papal Cross Award for their efforts. Currently we have nineteen 5th year students signed up with ten aspiring for bronze, four for silver and five for gold. Next October, there will be an official launch of the award in the diocese and our successful students will be presented with their medals.

For their parish work a number of students are taking part in readings, choir and Eucharistic ministry in their local churches. For their community work their activities range from volunteering in Carnew Community Care to training underage teams. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to get more involved in

their parish and gain self confidence along the way.

As the award scheme is celebrating its tenth anniversary, there are a number of events planned. In April, four students travelled to Knock to join over one thousand other students partaking in the award for a day of celebration. In October, Cathal Doyle, Eoin Donlon and Aoife Kehoe will travel to Rome for a special pilgrimage for the award. It will culminate in a celebration of Mass with the Pope.

Ferns Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year, almost forty 5th year students interviewed for the coveted five places to act as volunteers to the pilgrims. The successful applicants were Laura Doherty, Rita Doyle, Helen Hughes, Cade Heffernan & James Tyrrell. These students travelled as part of the Ferns Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes from 17th-22nd May. Their task was to assist the elderly pilgrims each day by helping them to and from Mass, conversing with them and helping them with any task that might help them to enjoy their time in Lourdes. Before they left they had to fundraise over €3000 and would like to thank anyone who donated to their fund through their various fundraising efforts such as a coffee morning, table quiz, pancake day etc. They truly had a life changing and worthwhile experience.





The junior debaters continued to go from strength to strength this term and even made history on Tuesday 25th April as they debated against each other in the Wicklow Co. Council Environmental Debates semi-final. This was the first time that two teams from the same school reached this stage of the competition. Isabella Ni Chonaill, Lorianne O'Rourke, Caoimhe Byrne and Ciaran O'Sullivan (sub) proposed the motion that *"It is through the enforcement of litter laws and not educational campaigns that we will rid the country of our litter problems"*. The opposition team consisted of Max Moroney, Laura Ivers and Laura Gallagher. It was a difficult decision for the adjudicators who were divided on the result but eventually the chairperson deemed the motion to be defeated. Max Moroney, Laura Ivers and Laura Gallagher then went forward to meet Coláiste Craobh Abhainn in the county final on 23rd May. They were opposing the motion that *"Origin Green is greenwashing a farming industry that is unwilling to clean up and reduce its impact on the environment"* in Claremont College Wicklow. There was a huge cheer as they were announced as the winners of the debate and the overall competition for the year. They took back the trophy once again. Well done to the entire panel of young debaters on such a display of hard work and enthusiasm all year.



Baltinglass Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Our 5th & 6th year Applied students really enjoyed a few fun filled days involving themselves in a variety of activities. They participated in archery, kayaking, abseiling and orienteering. Many commented that they would return again to the centre.

Work Experience

Our 5th year students completed two work experience placements this year and each Monday also. Our 6th year students attended their work placements every Friday. Three students were lucky enough to be offered a summer job! Disciplines included, Childcare, Special Needs Assistant, Retail Management, Leisure and Recreation, Mechanics and Equine Studies to name but a few.

Student Tasks

The 5th Year students completed an Enterprise Task where they got the opportunity to set up their own business and learn new entrepreneurial skills. They also completed a task in Construction Graphics under the expert watch of the Woodwork Department. The examiners on the day were very complimentary of our students and the excellent standard of their work. Well done to all concerned.

Our Leaving Cert students had a really busy year with Tasks in ICT, Contemporary Issues and Practical Achievement.

Examinations

Well done to our 6th year Applied students on successfully completing all their recent Orals in French and English and their challenging two hour ICT examination. We wish them all the very best in their interview for Graphic Construction Task and their written exams in June.

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Seachtain na Gaeilge



Cóisir Tae eagraithe sa rang Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge eile tagtha agus réimse leathan gníomhaíochtaí eagraithe do scoláirí na scoile. Seoladh an tseachtain speisialta seo ar an Luan nuair a crochadh plean na seachtaine ar bhalla na scoile. Ar an Máirt thug an dara bliain cuairt ar Ionad Oidhreacht Loch Garman. Turas den scoth a bhí ann inar fhoghlaim na scoláirí faoi stair ársa na tíre. Lean siad eang na sinsear agus chonaic siad na lonnaíochtaí éagsúla a bhíodh in Éirinn fadó. Bhain na daltaí idir thaitneamh agus tairbhe as an lá. Faraor, bhí báisteach throm ag titim le linn an turais ach ba léir nár chuir sé sin as d'éinne a ghlac páirt. An lá dar gcionn, bhí comhrac an bhradáin ann nuair a eagraíodh comórtas iománaíochta ag am lóin sa halla spóirt. Dean Grandy, dalta ón seú bliain a bhuaigh sa deireadh. Bhain gach duine sult as an gcluiche trí mheán na Gaeilge!

I rith na seachtaine, rinne na múinteoirí Gaeilge iarracht gníomhaíochta spraoiúla agus oideachasúla a shníomh isteach sna ranganna ar mhaithe le cur chun cinn na teanga labhartha. Ina measc, tráth na gceist, agus cluichí teanga. Thapaigh múinteoirí na ranganna sinsear an deis snas a chur ar labhairt na Gaeilge trí chiorcal comhráite agus cóisirí tae a reáchtáil do na scoláirí B'é buaicphointe na seachtaine ná an bothán grianghraif a cuireadh ar fáil ag am lóin chun taifeadadh a dhéanamh ar an spraoi agus an sult a bhí le brath le



Daltaí ón dara bliain in Ionad Oidhreacht Loch Garman

linn na seachtaine. Ar an gCéadaoin, beidh cead ag pobal na scoile, idir mhúinteoirí agus daltaí fáil réidh leis an éide scoile agus éadaí glasa a chaitheamh.

TY Irish Workshop

Scéal, which is a new Irish language workshop from High Rock Productions, came to Coláiste Bhríde to work with our Transition Year students. It is designed to build students' confidence

in spoken Irish and to improve key skills of presentation and teamwork. Hopefully the students benefited from this experience. The facilitators took students in groups of up to thirty-six students. The workshop began with a comic performance based on a famous story. This was followed by a series of speaking activities to build students' confidence in spoken Irish and to get them working in groups to develop a script for the story. The workshop finished with students presenting a version of the story themselves. They provided all the props, sound effects, and special effects to ensure the students had a hilarious, creative experience working in Irish.

Irish Oral Workshop for 6th Years

High Rock Productions presented their show to the 6th year students, which was based on the twenty Picture Series, which are part of the Oral Examination. The students got the opportunity to practice when they took part in the workshops. The students enjoyed the show and benefited from the workshops.



Recipients of Gaeltacht Scholarships 2017: Ross Bailey, Rebekah Kenny, Ava Young and Aoife Mooney with Ms. Healy



Caitroin Doyle who excelled at a recent Track & Field event

Athletics

Since Christmas, the Athletics group prepared for the various track and field events. Our Wednesday afternoon sessions were focused on the javelin, shot put, high jump, 100 metres, 400 metre relays and hurdle events. A few students also joined the gym club on Thursday evenings to get an extra fitness session with Mr Callanan. Charlesland Sport & Recreational Park held its annual Track and Field event in March. Our athletes took part in the javelin, shot put, 100 meters, and tug of war disciplines. All athletes did their best and represented our school to the best of their ability. Caitroin Doyle was the student of the day on the field, with outstanding performances in both the shot put and the javelin, where she finished in 3rd and 2nd positions respectively. Last month, Caitroin Doyle took part in the Leinster Track and Field event held in Waterford, and came home with the gold medal in the shot put event. Well done to all involved.



Coláiste Bhríde Hockey team 2017/18

Ladies Hockey 2016-2017

Although the ladies did not have many matches this year due to the small number of teams in our league, they still showed commitment to training and improving their skills. The 2nd Year team played five matches in total this year against Kilkenny College, Loreto Kilkenny and St. Leo's College Carlow. Unfortunately, none of these resulted in a win. However, there was a strong fight and determination showcased in each match. The 3rd Year team disbanded early in the year due to exam commitments, but will resume as an Inter team in September 2017.

A 1st Year team was established in February. These ladies have joined our second years in many of their matches and have shown a high level of skill and commitment. A special mention to a few outstanding players from this year: Amy Doran (goalkeeper), Youna McGrath, (forward), Naoise Hennessy (midfield), , Áine Tobin (midfields) and Bree Greene (sweeper). These ladies showed tremendous skill and fearlessness on the pitch throughout the year.



1st Year Girls Basketball Panel

1st Year Girls Basketball

The 1st year girls basketball team had a good year competing in the South East league. The girls competed against Coláiste Craobh Abhainn, Adamstown and Presentation Wexford in the group stages. We were narrowly defeated in our first match against Adamstown losing by a point but rallied well to beat the Wexford side in our second. This meant that we qualified for a semi-final against Scoil Ruain, Killenaule near Thurles in Tipperary. A slow start ultimately allowed Killenaule to build up a significant lead and despite a lot of endeavour on the team's part, it was too big a margin to close. All our girls were playing competitive basketball for the first time but the basis for a good team is certainly there.



Coláiste Bhríde 1st Year soccer team

1st Year Boys Soccer

The 1st year boys soccer team competed this year in the Wicklow-Wexford Division 1 league. Games took place before and after the Christmas period. Our group opponents were Gorey Community School, Arklow C.B.S. and Wexford C.B.S. We first met an excellent Wexford C.B.S. team who won that match well. In our second game against Arklow, we performed better but were still beaten. Our final game pitted us against Gorey who were certainly more similar to our standard. In a close and exciting contest we were narrowly defeated in easily our best performance of the league. This showing certainly bodes well for the future. The soccer squad was Patrick Fay, Maurice Tobin, Stephen Kenny, Callum Mutton, Kai Davis(Cpt), Ben O'Donoghue, Adam O'Donoghue, Eddie Ennis, Patrick Murphy, John Moran, Ross Lawless, Brendan Tobin, Rory O'Dare, Owen Hedderman, Cian Fitzgerald, Conor Neville, Pdraic Donoghue, Jake Kelly, Evan Doyle and Cathal Rooney.

Gym Club

The CBC Gym Club is a group of dedicated trainers who come together once a week to work out in the school gym. The regulars come from a variety of sporting backgrounds from dance to rugby to GAA or



Members of the Coláiste Bhríde Gym Club

athletics. What they all share in common is a love of pushing themselves beyond their physical comfort zone to become better, faster, stronger and more flexible in each of their respective disciplines. The goal is to allow students the chance to come together and better themselves at their own pace in a context tailored to suit their individual needs. We welcomed in a number of new trainers this year which always injects new life into the group. Equally we have some core members leaving this summer in Fianna O'Reilly and Warner Figueras. This year also saw the expansion of our facilities to include more equipment which will allow us to train in new and different ways. Gym Club is a great way to get fitter and stronger while having fun at the same time.

Golf

Congratulations to our teachers on winning the Teachers Cup this year! Ten students and ten teachers battled it out in this Fourball Matchplay competition. Awesome golf was played by all on the day, but our teachers were victorious by a very close margin!

Golf Classic

This year's annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, 16th June. We are celebrating our 17th year and going from strength to strength. We would like to thank all our loyal supporters and local businesses for their continued sponsorship. Our Parents Association are working especially hard to make sure the event is a success. Timesheet is available online at coolattingolfclub.com. We would like to thank our major sponsors for this year: Candy's Carnew, Corrells Carnew and Ashdown Park and Amber Springs Hotels.


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Lunchtime Zumba during Active Week

Active Week

The S.P.H.E. and P.E. Departments have combined Mental Health Week and Active Week which took place from May 8th - 12th. After all, as the age old saying goes, a healthy body is a healthy mind. We celebrated good choices; healthy food, activity, exercise, positivity and taking time for ourselves. Various activities took place throughout the week to help our school community focus on the importance of looking after ourselves. On Monday we kicked off the week with plank challenge and although there was a competitive element, all participants were supported enthusiastically by the crowds for their efforts. Last years champion Leah O'Toole retained her title with a time of 4 minutes 25 seconds. This was followed by badminton later in the day. Day 2 of active week saw students battle it out in the limbo challenge at break-time. A first year, Max McGuire won the event with honourable mentions going to fifth years, Kieran Godfrey and Cathal Doyle. This was followed by a pulse raising fitness circuit in the gym at lunchtime. On Wednesday a sponsored Colour Run organised by TYs as part of their Young Social Innovators class was held for all 1st, 2nd and TY students. To date they have raised over €900 to combat homelessness with the money going to the Peter McVerry Trust. On Thursday we stepped it out to thumping tunes and old school classics in a Zumba class at lunchtime. There were certainly a lot of red faces after the Zumba class, mainly the teachers. On Friday morning the second annual rise and shine walk took place @ 5:45am. Later on, Paul Healy came in to work with classes on self defence. This was followed by a



Very competitive Plank Challenge

water relay at lunch time. The water relay was closely contested with classes pitted against each other but lots of fun was had by all. The Transition Years captained by Ms. Fleming were champions on the day. Well done to all the students who got involved.



1st Year Girls Football team

1st Year Blitz

Our first year GAA athletes participated in an annual blitz held by Wicklow GAA which took place over two Wednesday's in Ballinakill Centre of Excellence. In hurling, Coláiste Bhríde qualified for the final which was a tight affair and at full time the scores were level. Extra time was also close but when the whistle blew, Coláiste Bhríde were ahead. In boys football, both teams played three games in their respective groups. Players on both teams equipped themselves well. They managed to secure wins over Gael Choláiste na Mara and Woodbrook College but this wasn't enough for either team to qualify for the knockout stages. In the Wicklow Camogie blitz both teams played five games winning three and four



The winning TY team during the Water Relay event



1st Year Camogie team



1st Year Boys Football team

respectively. The girls had very close games against Avondale Community College, St Kevin's Dunlavin, Coláiste Craobh Abhann and Scoil Chonglais. In the end Avondale Community College was crowned champions. Two first year ladies football teams competed in the Wicklow GAA competition. One of the teams won their first two games against St Kevin's, Dunlavin and Scoil Chonglais, but unfortunately they lost out to Blessington in the final. The second team got through the group stage and the semi-final. The final, against Blessington was a tough match but in the end Carnew emerged victorious.



1st Year Hurling team

1st Year Sports Day

First Year students took part in the annual school Sports Day in the GAA pitch on Wednesday, 17th May. It was a great day with a mixture of running events such as 1000m, 400m, 100m and the class relays. We also had the shot putt, the long jump and Tug of War. The students participated well and plenty of medals were taken home by a variety of participants. Thanks to Mr. Boland (assistant yearhead), to the teachers who assisted on the day and to the P.E. Department



First Year Students enjoying their Sports Day

Equestrian

As league winners last year, Coláiste Bhríde won a training bursary with a Horse Sports Ireland coach. A number of the students availed of this training opportunity during the Easter holidays and found the lessons with Peter O'Toole, Ballintreskin Farm both interesting and beneficial. The All Ireland Interschools Hunter Trials Championships took place on March 25th in Curracruit, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow. Nine students in total represented Coláiste Bhríde. Competing in the senior individual, Pierre Woods and Nicole Kelly had fantastic rounds and were both unfortunate to knock one fence. Stephen Sharry, Katie Nolan, Rachel D'arcy, Conor Wafer, Caitroin Doyle, Adam Hadden and Ella Byrne competed in the junior individual class, all having fantastic rounds. With the All Ireland known for its high level of competitiveness, it came down to the seconds on the clock to decide the placings. Ella Byrne, only six and eight seconds off the winning time, secured 4th and 5th place respectively with her two ponies. First year student, Rachel D'arcy, tackling an All Ireland Interschools Hunter Trials course for her first time, flew around the course in a time of 4:05 to finish in 8th place. To end the year, the team of Aaron O'Hara, Ella Byrne, Caitroin Doyle and Conor Wafer, travelled to Enniscorthy for the annual All Ireland Interschools Show jumping Championships. They finished in 10th place, which qualifies them to compete in the All Ireland Supreme Interschools Championships on August 6th, in the Green Glens Arena, Millstreet, Co. Cork. Finally, a sincere thank you to all who supported the equestrian activities in so many ways; volunteering, sponsorship etc. and to the students who are such fantastic ambassadors for the school and equestrian sport.



Rachel D'Arcy and Ella Byrne at the Hunter Trials event

Junior Football

On Thursday, March 21st the boys junior football team travelled to Baltinglass to contest the county semi final against Scoil Chonglais Baltinglass. Playing into a strong wind in the first half Coláiste Bhríde worked tirelessly and matched the home side score for score. At half time the teams were level and CB were unlucky not to lead having twice rattled the crossbar. Scoil Chonglais scored a fortuitous goal on the restart and from then on CB were chasing the game. Despite being dominant in possession, scores were hard to come by against a strong defensive unit. The final score read 4-5 to 1-7 in favour of the home team.



Coláiste Bhríde Junior Football team

Junior Camogie

Our junior camogie panel played their last game in the Leinster Junior C Championship competition against St. Brigid's College, Callan. Both teams played exceptionally well on the day but unfortunately victory lay with the opposing side. This marked the end of the Leinster campaign for the junior team. The panel are next scheduled to play St. Kevin's Community College, Dunlavin, in the Junior A Wicklow County Final. Junior Panel: Fiona Doyle, Emma Dunbar, Grace O'Halloran (Sub Captain), Aine Tobin, Alanna Dagg, Marie Doyle, Emma Murphy, Laura Doran, Emma Tomkins, Halle Barnes, Aisling Sommers, Orla Montague, Naoise Hennessy, Katie Smyth (Captain), Laura Doyle, Maire Deegan, Emma Doyle, Ellie Hadden, Saoirse Kenny, Abbie Walsh, Caitlin Hughes, Sophie Doran, Brid Doyle and Stephanie Kavanagh. A very young and promising panel for the coming years.

Senior Camogie

Regrettably the senior camogie panel ended their Leinster Senior C Championship contest in December. They progressed to the final of the Senior A County Final against Avondale Community College.



2016/17 Junior Camogie team

Avondale subsequently withdrew from the final and in doing so handed the victory to Coláiste Bhríde.

Senior Panel: Rebecca Doran, Emma Dunbar, Katherine Conroy, Orla Kealy, Rita Doyle, Charlotte Redmond (sub Captain), Helen Hughes, Sarah Byrne, Emma Poole, Siofra Doyle, Laura Doran, Aoife Healy, Áine Tobin, Katie Smyth, Aisling Shannon, Marie Doyle, Aoife Curran (Captain), Orla Montague, Naoise Hennessy, Emma Tomkins, Emma Doyle, Grace O'Halloran and Aoife Kehoe.

Senior Hurling

The senior hurling team made the south Leinster final and played P.D.L.S. Bagenalstown in the Ferns Centre of Excellence. The team had made excellent progress this year with excellent wins over Scoil Aireagail Ballyhale and Wexford CBS in the knockout stages. The final was a closely fought encounter and the game went to extra time thanks to a late Dean Grandy goal. Despite a massive effort, the team came up just short on a scoreline of 1-08 to 0-13. They worked incredibly hard and this was a very difficult result for them to take. There were excellent performances on the day, especially from goalkeeper Martin Murphy, full back Rory Stokes, midfielder Dean Grandy and half back Adam Hughes. We would like to offer a sincere thank you to those students who will be leaving us for their effort over the years and hope that they will continue to hurl in the future.



Senior Hurling team

U14 Hurling

The under 14 hurling team worked very hard this year, with many first years being involved for the first time with the school. The team made the south Leinster semi final away to Bagenalstown, which was always going to be a tough task. At full time, the score was 2-7 each, which led to extra time. Despite a massive effort, led by captain Joe Conroy, Eoin Kavanagh, John and Owen Young, the team couldn't make it to the final with a final score of 4-11 to 3-9. Special mention is due to young first year Thomas Collins who had a fantastic game in goal, while Cormac Redmond gave a fantastic display at corner back. Conor Wafer took a heavy blow during the game which resulted in a visit to A&E for stitches, but that didn't stop him hurling until the final whistle! It was very unfortunate that this dedicated group couldn't make the final this year, but they have shown great promise for future years.



Senior Football Team 2016/17

Senior Football

This young and inexperienced team upset the odds to claim a 9th Senior A County title for the school. It began with a practice match against Baltinglass at home. The home side were victorious but both teams were experimenting. The team travelled away to Dunlavin and managed to win despite conceding five goals. We travelled to play Portlaoise and were very unfortunate not to come away with the win in the Leinster Championship. Next up was a semi-final against reigning county champions Avondale. Robbie Brooks scored 1-1 in the first five minutes setting the Carnew side up for a victory. The final was a repeat of two years ago against Gaelcholáiste na Mara, Arklow. The Arklow side had reached the third final in a row and were hot favourites due to their experience and older players to lift the cup for the first time. Fortunately for Carnew we implemented a game plan and on the night it worked in our favour. This group worked hard all year and showed great courage and cuteness when the pressure was applied throughout the season, but it is their team spirit and unity that stood out. The team next year will have to work without

Captain Donnchadh McDonald (Kilanerin), Alan Lillis (Tinahely), Dean Grandy (Coolboy), Ned O'Neill (Kilrush), Robbie Brooks (Castletown), James Gregan (Carnew) and Curtis Keating (Tinahely). We wish them the very best.

Ladies Football

The first match was a junior south Leinster game against St. Mary's Arklow. The win in this first match helped the girls' enthusiasm for the game to transfer into commitment to the team. They reached the junior south Leinster semi finals in December and travelled to Kilkenny but were unfortunately beaten by the Kilkenny team. Our county campaign started on a high note with an impressive win over St. Mary's College Arklow. The girls wanted to ensure that the loss in Kilkenny was not to be repeated. They sailed through the rounds, winning a large number of games with ease. The impressive play from key players such as Zoe Katus, Emma Tompkins, Lauren Byrne, Shanyyn McLoughlin and Aishling Wintherbotham ensured the way to the junior county final. There, they faced Dominican College, Wicklow for the final in Arklow. Despite the valiant efforts of the girls from Dominican College, the Carnew side could not be defeated. Similarly enough to the junior team, the senior team made a large impact on the south Leinster senior campaign. They won a number of games initially with ease but were narrowly defeated by local rivals Gorey community school. This meant they were out of the competition. This moved the focus specifically to the county title race. There was stiff competition throughout each round as a variety of teams looked like they would be a threat to the Carnew girls. However, they reached the senior county A final to face St. Kevin's, Dunlavin. The girls were hungry for this title and were determined not to return to Carnew without the cup. This determination resulted in a victory over Dunlavin in the final with a score of 3-3 to 0-10 in favour of our girls. The determination of each girl at both training and at matches is unparalleled and the girls deserve to be proud title holders of both junior and senior A county championships. The girls made history by holding both titles in the same year. Well done girls, next year the fight to keep both titles begins!



Ladies Football 2016/17

FOREIGN EXCHANGE & TOURS

French Exchange 2016/2017



French Exchange students on a day trip

This year marks the fifth anniversary of our French Exchange partnership with the Lycée Victor Hugo in Château-Gontier in the west of France. During our stay in France in March, our students were afforded a rich linguistic experience as well as unforgettable trips to the famous Mont St Michel, the seaside town of St Malo, chocolate factories and treasure hunts in Château-Gontier, breathtaking castles and bustling cities as well as the cafés, music, croissants, art, culture, passion and everything else that forms the beating heart of French life. It was an action-packed ten days but of invaluable importance to our students who get to see and experience the French culture from their text books brought to life.

This year we continue our second year of hosting French students for a 3-week period. This opportunity increases the level of immersion in the studied culture and language and affords students a taste of authentic life as a student in school and in a home. The return trip sends our students to France for three to four weeks during their Transition Year, thereby helping them to build a solid platform for their Leaving Certificate French course.



Our visiting French students

Der Deutsch Irische Schulaustausch 2017

The Irish/German Exchange Programme between Coláiste Bhríde and the KGS (Kooperative Gesamtschule Sehnde) continued in February 2017 with a return visit by our school.

Students from Coláiste Bhríde once again experienced German hospitality first hand whilst staying with their German families. They had the opportunity to experience German culture and food, as well as the chance to finally practice their German in the authentic setting which the host families offer.

The week's activities were organised by our host teachers prior to our arrival. Trips to Hamburg and Wolfsburg were highlights of the week, as the students were treated to a visit to the newly built Opera House in Hamburg which cost a staggering €800 million to build. This state of the art facility on the banks of the



Our German Exchange students with Ms. Burke and Mr. Conniffe

Elbe river was our first port of call before the students were brought to the Hamburger Dungeon. The "Dungeon experience" was created to present the (at times gruesome!) history of the city in a fun and interactive way. Students were most impressed by the Volkswagen factory in Wolfsburg, where the legendary German engineering and efficiency was in full view. Despite photographs being "verboten" there were many covertly taken as the viewing train wound its way around the various stations where robots put the finishing touches to the latest Volkswagen models. When not on trips described above, our students shadowed their partners in school and took part in classes where appropriate. Exposure to a foreign school system certainly offered another perspective to Coláiste Bhríde students and many were surprised at the lack of technology in the classroom. As the week progressed it was obvious that the young people in our charge were becoming very



Everyone in high spirits on the Dolomites



Ready to hit the slopes

comfortable with their new surroundings, making new friends and most importantly learning more about the language they are studying in school. The weekend was spent with their host families. Some students were brought on day trips to local attractions and many of them met up for a farewell get together before the final farewell on Sunday morning. As the coach pulled out of Sehnde and families waved "Auf Wiedersehen", it was clear that our ties with Sehnde and the KGS continue to strengthen and, as the years pass, ensure that Coláiste Bhríde students of German will continue to benefit in the future.

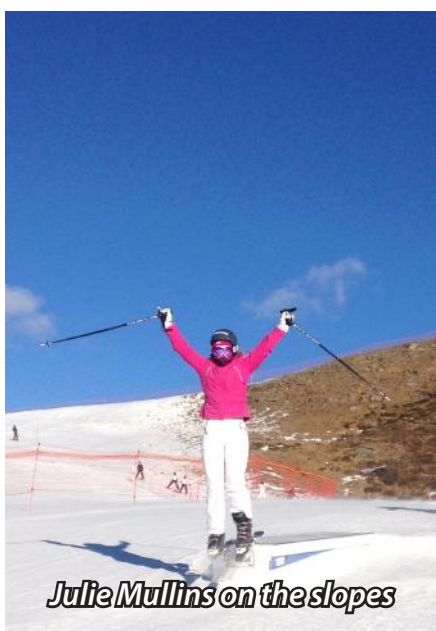
Students on the Slopes

The excitement was electric when the students loaded up and headed to Dublin airport on 4th January this year. What a way to start the new year. After months of planning and organising a lively group of thirty four students and three staff were on board a flight to Bergamot, Milan and landed a few hours later in the picturesque Italian Dolomite ski village of St Martino Di Castrozza. All but two students hadn't

skied before so the whole experience was brand spanking new and exciting from start to finish. The first obstacle of getting ski boots to actually go on your feet and closing the boots brought squeals and moans but walking to the bus carrying poles and

skis brought out a whole new range of sounds, which might be heard if severe physical punishment was being inflicted on the group!

The group converged on the nursery slope with their instructors and they soon found their feet. Within a couple of hours our students were whizzing down the slope, doing comfortable turns, controlled stops and they had big smiles on their faces. The back drop of an idyllic dolomite mountain setting, bright sun and blue skies made it a pure magical playground. However the temperatures were really low and strong winds meant that the wind chill temperatures were -17 to -20 so it was a challenge to keep warm. The entire group were able for blue and some red slopes on the next two days. The group were keen to learn and this really showed in how they advanced. When ski classes stopped our students didn't do long leisurely lunches. They skied non stop for the lunch break to practice and improve. Laughter, good humour and squeals of delight were the order of the day. Card games, indoor soccer and ice skating filled the evening times. It was a wonderful trip, lots of laughter, challenges, achievements, good fun, sore muscles, and some fantastic learners. Another few days on the slopes and these guys would really be going well.



Julie Mullins on the slopes



Smiles all round

Career Guidance

What a rollercoaster since Christmas! It's decisions and choices all the way. A new year means new beginnings and the 6th, 3rd and TY students made important life choices. CAO applications were submitted and 3rd and TY students made important decisions about their Leaving Cert when they picked their 5th year subjects. Not forgetting our incoming 1st year students who will join us in August – an information night was held for 6th class pupils and their parents in January. We look forward to working with our new 1st years and wish them every personal and educational success here in Coláiste Bhríde.

We are forever indebted to local employers and business people who take on our TY, LCA and LCVP students for their work experience programmes. Students experienced a wide and diverse range of work placements including education, health, pharmaceutical companies, medical, business, administration and defence.

5th year students had information talks from University of Limerick, Carlow IT and UCAS. Enniscorthy and Glenart Colleges of Further Education met with the Leaving Certificate Applied students.

TY students travelled to DCU for a very worthwhile TY Open Day. Students attended seminars hosted by GAA stars, Ross Munnely and Jonny Cooper and with 'Operation Transformation's' Dr. Niall Moyna.

Now, it's all about change of mind, flying the coop and realising dreams for our 6th year students. We look forward to hearing great things about you all in the years to come.

Second Year Reflection

Second year students participated in a reflection programme entitled 'Mirror, Mirror' which focused on the topics of image and identity. Through team games, group discussions and real-life stories, the students were encouraged to think about what they base their identity on and how this is closely connected to their image of themselves. Feedback from the students was very positive and they gleaned important information from the programme concerning their image and identity.



2nd Year Reflection Day 2017

Teen Safe

Teen Safe from Child Watch is a unique digital education experience for Irish students. On Wednesday, 26th April all junior cycle students were treated to an inspiring, thought provoking, practical and sobering talk by Pat McNamara of Childwatch. Each presentation was tailored to the needs and ages of each year group and combined theory and demonstration of the relevant topics. Feedback from students and teachers alike was incredibly positive. Without a doubt, all involved left the talk having learned something new and far more aware and informed about the dangers lurking in digital space. We hope that parents will have discussed the talk and what their son/daughter learned on the day. Sincere thanks to Pat for his candid and engaging presentations. Special thanks to our Parents' Association who sponsored the workshop for 1st, 2nd, 3rd years. We hope to do something similar for parents and senior students in the autumn. We will keep you posted!

Aware Beat the Blues Talk

Stephen Dargan's (Aware Ireland) presentation to the T.Y. classes was informative and thought provoking. It certainly provided the students with some very valuable concepts and coping skills for navigating difficult periods they may encounter in life. Stephen was impressed by the interaction and feedback from the groups and hopes to have imparted to them some of the skills required to 'Beat the Blues.'



2nd Year Reflection Day in St. Brigid's Hall



TY 'Beat The Blues' talk



*6th year band and choir members
(Photo: Aimee Walsh)*



*Folk Group with Mr. Callanan
(Photo: Aimee Walsh)*

The music department continues to flourish with no less than five choirs, a junior and senior band, a traditional Irish group and a folk group. In September soloists from first year to sixth year performed in the start of year service which was held in the P.E. hall. The music added greatly to the solemnity of the occasion.

The concert band members began their weekly lessons immediately on return to school. There are currently fifty band members which includes eleven new first years. In November the senior band entertained prospective students and their parents at the annual Open Evening. All were very impressed with the quality of the music being performed.

The next major musical event was the Christmas concert which was held in Saint Brigid's hall on the 16th December. Music teacher, Teresa Glynn, prepared 170 students for performances from choirs, soloists, traditional group and dancers.. It was a very special evening and it was heart warming to see such excellent attendance.

The junior mixed choir also took part in the senior choral category in Midleton festival and was placed third in its class. The adjudicator described this young choir of

mainly junior students as musically assured, technically adept and with a beautiful tone.

We have had several significant performance events of which the summer concert was the highlight. The concert took place in Saint Brigid's hall on Thursday, 11th May. The new first year band members were introduced to the public on the night and joined the junior and senior band for the opening number. There were fifty members performing on stage. Other performances on the night included sixth year soloists, the school folk group under the direction of David Callanan, two first year choirs and the school choir. Tokens of appreciation were given to sixth year students while band person of the year was awarded to Fianna O'Reilly.

Nineteen students were presented with Royal Irish Academy of Music certificates. These students continue our tradition of excellence in the Royal Irish Academy of Music and these exams continue to be an important measure of our music programs success.

Students from Transition Year and 6th Year provided appropriate musical entertainment at their respective graduations at the end of May, again under the guidance of Teresa Glynn and accompanist David Callanan.

Thanks to our wonderfully supportive parents and to everyone, too numerous to mention, who support and assist the music department in so many ways.



*Members of the Trad Group performing
during Seachtain na Gaeilge*



*Music students receiving their certificates
from the Royal Irish Academy of Music*



Senior Bishop's Medal Competition winners

Senior Bishop's Medal Competition

The annual Bishop's Medal Competition results were announced in Coláiste Bhríde on Friday, 28th April when Bishop Michael Burrows visited the school. Each year students in 5th and 6th year are invited to participate in this essay writing competition and Coláiste Bhríde is one of three centres where the exam takes place. Three senior students were acknowledged for their awareness and creativity. Bishop Burrows complemented our students on their ingenious empathy, intuitive creativity, connective insightfulness and gentle persuasiveness. It was a great pleasure for him to announce the following winners: Charlotte Hale (6th year) 2nd place (joint) Rebekah Kenny (5th year) 3rd place (joint) Anne Marie Lyons (5th year) 3rd place (joint).

Junk Kouture

Two outfits from Coláiste Bhríde were successful in qualifying in Eastern regional finals in The Helix this year. "Read all About It" designed and manufactured by Taylor Hedderman, Jamie Mc Clean, Leanne Fuller and modelled by Taylor Hedderman was a vintage inspired dress made from recycled old books. Students involved in "Heal the World" were Shannon Hayes, Claudia Farrar and Caoimhe Gregan Hickey who modelled



this dress. The theme of the dress was healing. Well done to both groups for a super performance on the evening. Claudia, Shannon and Caoimhe also headed to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, to showcase their dress. The dress was designed with the theme of children and healing in mind. The girls wanted to design a dress which honoured the great work that is done in the hospital, which is why they included the Crumlin logo in the dress. These creative girls visited the day units and three wards, handing out balloons and teddies everywhere they went. The girls are to be commended for this wonderful gesture which was completely their own initiative.

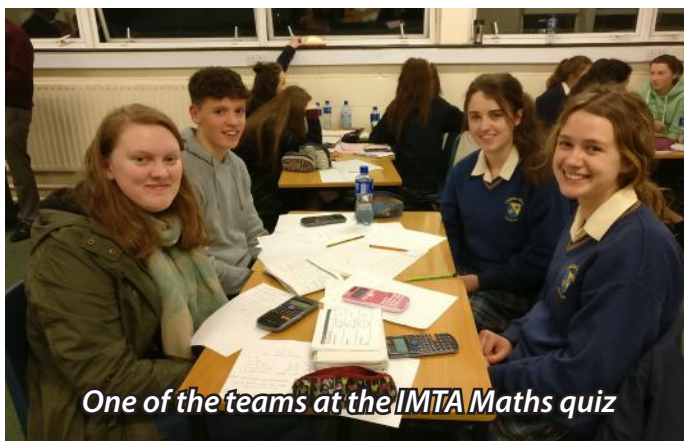
Rock of Ages

A fantastic afternoon was had in March at our Rock of Ages (High School Edition) Audition Workshop! The expertise and positivity of Rob Vickers was so much appreciated by all who were put through their paces. Skill tips ranged from comic timing, pacing and delivery to characterisations. Rob was followed by choreographers Ciara and Aoife Breen who broke down a few audition dance moves for the hundred plus auditionees. The atmosphere was electric and the talented crew are sure to make an impressive cast. Save the Date.....December 14th-16th 2017.



School Bank

This year's school bank team managed to set up over fifty new accounts and secure €500 for the school for their efforts. The team consisted of Transition year students James O'Keefe, Roisin McDonald, Sarah Mulhall, Taylor Hedderman, Grace O'Halloran and Kenzie White, and was supported by Breda Curran from Bank of Ireland. The school bank made setting up an account much easier than in a regular bank, and all students activated their accounts with a €5 deposit. The bank opened each Thursday at lunch time in the social area and regular saving was encouraged.



One of the teams at the IMTA Maths quiz

IMTA Maths Quiz

In January, sixteen of our Leaving Certificate Higher Level Maths students represented the school when they travelled to the annual Irish Maths Teachers Association "Team Maths Quiz". This regional heat was hosted by Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy. Schools from across Wexford and South Wicklow were represented in what was a hotly contested eight rounds of challenging questions based on the Leaving Certificate higher level Maths syllabus, all against the clock. At the conclusion, two of our teams ended in the very respectable position of joint third place (just two points behind the winning team from Gorey Community School), with the remaining two teams finishing very close behind.

The students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and also for giving up their precious time on the weekend before their mock exams begin. Well done to Natasha Byrne, Eli Whelan, Charlotte Redmond, Ann-Marie Doyle, Sarah Bloor, Maria Byrne, Krystian Jacobczak, Shannon Whittle, Tara Dolan, Emer-Rose Kealy, Conor Byrne, Ruth Berney, Josh McGrath, Róisín Conroy, James Gregan and Curtis Keating.

Centre for Talented Youth of Ireland in DCU

Several of our first year students chose to sit the Scholastic Aptitude Test in this year's 'Talent Search' facilitated by Dublin City University. This is an outstanding opportunity which potentially enables students to participate in summer programmes in the university. Students have a choice of studying a wide range of Science and Humanities subjects including Architecture, Computer Applications, Pharmacology, Linguistics and World Geopolitics. We congratulate our nominated students. Please contact Eleanor Lee for further information.

Development Education - Trip to Africa

Many congratulations to Ms Finlay, Roisin Byrne (TY) and Alanna Davidson (3rd Year), who have been selected to travel to Africa in 2018 with Self Help Africa. They will participate in a schools visit hosted by Self Help Africa to a selected Sub Saharan African country. They will be part of a group of students and teachers from Ireland. Teachers and students alike will have the opportunity to examine the issues, discover the rich and diverse cultures and become part of the solution to the challenges facing the continent.

PLC Awards

This year, Coláiste Bhríde hosted the presentation of awards to both their own PLC students and KWETB ABE students. Awards were received in a range of levels and modules. Since 1999, Coláiste Bhríde has had great success with the Post Leaving Certificate and Business Studies students. These students go on to further education and gain certificates, diplomas and degrees. Students have returned to the workplace with increased confidence and up-to-date computer and business skills. Students complete a major award in Business Studies at Level 5, accredited by Quality Qualifications Ireland, the statutory awarding body for further education and training in Ireland.

Entry requirements are:

- Leaving Certificate with 5 passes (or equivalent)
- Interview

The PLC Course is now enrolling for September 2017. Modules include: word processing, text production, manual and computerised bookkeeping, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, French or German, reception skills, communications, work experience, databases and business administration. For further information please contact Debbie Furlong at 053 942655/ 053 9426318.



PLC Students at their Awards Day

TY CELEBRATION NIGHT



Spirit of TY Award Winner
Aoife and Ciara Breen



Student of the Year Award
presented to Orla Kealy by
Mr. Martin Phillips

One hundred and seven T.Y. students celebrated a fantastic, rewarding years work at their celebratory evening on Wednesday, 24th May. Each student received their folder of certificates which represented the wide variety of activities they participated in throughout the year. The music class choir provided entertainment together with the T.Y. trad members. Corn na hIldirbhliana were awarded in each class as follows:

4 Ash:	Grace O Halloran and Orla Montague
4 Beech:	Sarah Mulhall and Niamh Doyle
4 Elm:	James O'Keeffe and Fiona Boland
4 Oak:	Caitlin Black and Róisín Byrne

The Spirit Of TY Award was jointly awarded to Aoife and Ciara Breen.

The overall Student of the Year was presented by Mr. Martin Phillips to Orla Kealy.

Forty seven students received their bronze Gaisce medals and awards were presented to students who excelled in the many modules offered throughout the year such as Law, Japanese, Italian, Drama and much more. A real bonus to the evening was the surprise announcement that Adam Stedmond 4 Ash achieved second prize in the 'Story of your stuff' competition organised by the Environmental Protection Agency. A representative of the EPA presented Adam with his prize. Adam made an animation based on recycling of Lego.

Special thanks to Ms. Byrne, Ms. Lee and members of the Core Group for their continued commitment to the Transition Year Programme.



4 Elm Corn na
hIldirbhliana winners Fiona
Boland and James O'Keeffe



4 Ash Corn na
hIldirbhliana winners Orla
Montague and
Grace O'Halloran



LEAVING CERT GRADUATION NIGHT



6 Ash with Mr. Holly



6 Elm with Ms. Loughnane



6 Beech with Ms. Nolan and Mr. Holly



LCA 2 with Mrs. Lee

On Thursday 25th May, our Leaving Certificate students celebrated their graduation with their fellow students, families and invited guests.

As usual it was an emotional and beautiful occasion and this year, the students chose the theme of 'journeys'. In her speech, Emer Rose Kealy spoke about their days in school and the wonderful memories that were created. She commented on how the theme of the night reflected each individual journey as well as their collective journey for the last five or six years.

Father Chris Hayden gave the homily and congratulated the students on all they have achieved so far. Year Head, Anthony Holly also addressed the audience while Ms. Linda Dunne, principal used the Samsung ad to encourage the students to #dowhatyoucant.



6 Pine with Mr. Douglas and Mr. Holly



6 Oak with Mr. Holly

AWARDS DAY 2016/17

The annual Awards day took place in Coláiste Bhríde on Wednesday, 24th May. This is one of the most important days in the school calendar as it acknowledges the numerous achievements of students throughout the academic year. Certificates, medals, trophies and other prizes are presented to those students who have had success in academics, sports, volunteerism, leadership, debating, music and much more. First year Students of the Year were Isabella Ni Chonaill, Max Moroney, James Doyle and Sadhbh Dempsey while Certificates in Academic Excellence were presented to Ciarán O Sullivan, Abbie Walsh, Victoria Dranko, Lucy Kemple, Máire Deegan, Zoe Katus and Aaron Keogh. 2nd year Student of the Year was awarded to Youna McGrath while Teresa Phelan, Bree Greene and Aidan Kavanagh were also honored. In 3rd year the honour went to Sarah Kenny while Killian Byrne, Abby Doyle, Leah Walker, Cora Tyrrell, Alanna Davidson and Ciaran O Keeffe were also rewarded for their academic achievement. In 5th year, awards went to Megan O'Reilly, Leah Sankaran & Rebekah Kenny while Aoife Mooney, Julie Mullins, Martin Quinn, Gráinne Hughes, Grace O'Sullivan, Ava Young and Diego Molamphy were also recognised. In 6th year, the academic excellence of Maria Byrne, Tara Dolan, Ann Marie Doyle, Alex Lach, Justyne Lawless, Abbie Nugent, Charlotte Redmond and Conor Byrne was rewarded and the prestigious award of 6th year Student of the year went to Emer Rose Kealy.



Robbie Brooks and George Hadden, Senior and Junior Rugby Players of the Year. Rory Stokes, Hurler of the Year



Coláiste Bhríde Senior Sports Person of the year 2017, Eoin D'Arcy, Transition Year.



Olivia Hickey Award for Visual Art winner Emma Cosgrave. (Joint award with Victoria Dranko.)



Fianna O'Reilly, 2017 Band Person of the Year.



Special recognition for full attendance during his six years in Coláiste Bhríde went to Gary McDonald.



Joe Conroy, 2nd year - Junior Sports Person of the Year 2017.



5th & 6th Year Students of the Year 2017



1st, 2nd & 3rd Year Students of the Year 2017