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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 taken place since January.

It has been a particularly challenging time for our Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exam classes who completed their mock exams and have also completed their orals and practicals for the state exams. Directly after the Easter holiday our LCVP and Leaving Cert Art students will have their exams and I wish them the best of luck.

The final term is always a stressful time for students as they prepare for their respective exams and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students to put in a study plan for the final weeks of school. And it is important that any study plan is balanced with rest breaks and time for exercise.

I would like to finish with a message for our school community; as a Catholic school we believe that on the first Easter Sunday, Jesus rose again. He came back to life, defying the expectations of his friends and his enemies. We also believe that, that in this event good overcame evil, life is stronger than death, light shines through the darkness and the half-full jar is superior to the half-empty jar.

And that's the challenge for us: if we believe in the resurrection we need to take the half-full approach to life. Life undoubtedly has its challenges for each and every one of us but with a belief that the jar is at least half-full we can tackle those challenges head on and overcome them

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal

Latest News

Hockey



Our 1st & 2nd Year Hockey team won the South East region final by defeating St Leo's Carlow after a dramatic penalty shootout. The match was a

hard-fought tussle with both teams very evenly matched. The first half, although action packed, finished without either team managing to find the net. Leo's took the lead early in the second half and much of the rest of the game consisted of our team attacking in search of an all-important equaliser. Despite all the pressure it seemed as if Leo's would hold out until the vital goal finally came with the very last strike

Upcoming Events

April 15

School Closure Easter

April 29

School Reopens

April 29

Parents' Internet Safety Talk

April 29

Healthy Active Week

May 1

Incoming 1st Year Info. Night

May 2

Junk Kouture Grand Final

May 20

Awards Night

May 23

Sixth Year Graduation

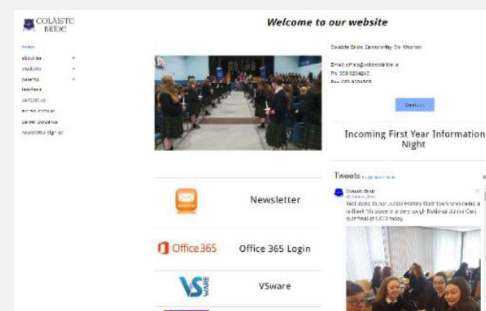
May 26

TY Graduation

May 27

Summer Exams

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of the game. Our girls prevailed in the very exciting penalty shootout that followed on a score line of 4:2. Captain Muireann Murphy presented the medals to her teammates to loud cheers. Well done to all involved on a brilliant campaign. A final mention must go to Ms. Deirdre Kehoe who has reintroduced hockey to the school after an absence of five years.

Leinster Camogie Champions

After a titanic tussle with Castlecomer CC, played in very difficult weather conditions, our Junior Camogie team won the Leinster final in Graignamanagh. The team showed no shortage of grit, determination and skill to win on a final score of 2.8 to 1.3 Unfortunately our girls were narrowly defeated by Sacred Heart Secondary School Clonakilty in the All Ireland Semi Final. This game was played in what was described as 'a wind tunnel' at



St. Patrick's Park. Conditions underfoot and overhead were wet and miserable, but the game went ahead due to a strict fixtures structure. The full-time score of 1.4 to 0.5 was a very disappointing result for the Coláiste Bríde girls to accept especially after sixty minutes of playing their hearts out. The effort and work rate shown by our girls on the day was tremendous. Although the team and their mentors, Ms Barron and Mr Cullen, were disappointed not to reach the All Ireland final they should be very proud of all that they have achieved this year. There is absolutely no doubt that this team is a team to watch in the future. [Click on this link to read a more detailed report.](#) The team and their

mentors would like to thank O'Regan Ironworks and Pierce Waste Handling Systems for their generous sponsorship of the half zip tops given to the team.



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 judges choice on the night was "Raise the Roof" and the students' choice winner was "Deja Moo". Congratulations to both teams of designers and models. All of the Junk Kouture teams can be immensely proud of all that they have achieved



World Global Schools Launch



In January we were joined by the Irish Ambassador to Mexico, Barbara Jones and Minister Paul Kehoe for the launch of the Global Schools Initiative. [Click on this link to read a full report of the launch.](#)

CEIST Leadership Conference



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.

over the last few months. A mention must also go to their teachers Ms Kervick and Ms Brambley for all their hard work, support and encouragement. Ten dresses from Coláiste Bríde were selected for the regional finals in the Helix. At this stage of the competition the standard is exceptionally high and it is brilliant that three of our dresses have now qualified for the grand final in the 3 Arena on May 2nd.

Lenten Masses

A big thank you to our Chaplain, Fr Banville, who has been celebrating Lenten Mass in our prayer room each Wednesday during Lent.

Junior Cert History Quiz

Huge congratulations to our Junior Cert History Quiz team who qualified for the national competition following their brilliant performance in the regional quiz. At the National Quiz final in UCD the team of Aoife Brown, Emma Louise Doran, Eimear Morrissey and Sadhbh Tierney, came a magnificent fourth in Ireland and were only two points behind the overall winners. This was a really wonderful achievement in what was a very challenging quiz.



Well-Read

To celebrate World Book Day our First Years dressed as characters from books for their Book Quiz. Our WellRead committee also set our school community a challenge as part of our World Book Day celebrations, 100 Books 1000 signatures with students, parents and teachers invited to sign under the books they have read.



Rugby



Our first ever rugby team represented the school with distinction in recent weeks. The team, dominated by Enniscorthy Rugby Club players, performed brilliantly in the South East Region Senior 7's blitz

Athletics



Congratulations to both Lystus Ebosele & Eadaoin Stafford who won gold and silver respectively at the All Ireland U19 Indoor Shot Put at the Irish Life Health Juvenile Indoor Championships. We wish both Lystus & Eadaoin the very best of luck as they attempt to win back to back medals in the school's Leinster's & All Ireland's over the coming weeks.

CEIST Bake Off



Some of our students with the cakes they created for the CEIST Bake Off competition. The entrants really enjoyed that bake off and showed off some excellent skill and creativity.

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which qualified them for the Leinster Blitz held in Donnybrook. The team once again played brilliantly to reach the semi-finals. The players can be very proud of their achievement and are hopefully the first of many rugby teams to play for Coláiste Bride.

Climate Change Committee



Our Climate Change Committee have been very busy highlighting the need for everyone to make changes to prevent global warming. The committee held a voluntary carbon tax at the school's gates to highlight Climate Change. A big thank you to parents, students and staff who contributed €150 which will be used to plant trees in the school grounds. The students also organised and held a Strike for Climate Action as part of the national student campaign. [Click on this link to read more about our student's protest and to view some pictures of the strike.](#)

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus go deimhin i dtíortha eile gach bliain. Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ón gcéad lá de Mhárta go dtí an seachtú lá déag (Lá Fhéile Pádraig) i mbliana. Gach bliain bíonn imeachtaí éagsúla ar siúl ar scoil chun an ócáid seo a chéiliúradh. Bhí cluichí spráilúla ar siúl sna ranganna. Múineadh amhráin chomhaimseartha do ranganna éagsúla freisin. Bhí comórtas ealaíne againn. D'éagraíomar tráth na gceist don chúigiú bliain agus céilí mór don chéad bhliain agus don dara bliain. Bhí craic agus ceol againn. Chuir rincooirí profisiúnta taispeántas ar siúl do na cailíní. Mhúin siad na céimeanna dóibh agus rinne na daltaí go léir a ndícheall. Bhí atmaisféar iontach i halla na scoile. Bhí duaiseanna ann don ghrúpa a bhuaigh an tráth na gceist agus do na rincooirí ab fhearr ar an lá. Bhí tráth na gceist ar siúl ag am lóin do na múinteoirí agus bhí iomaíocht fhuinniúil idir na foirne!



TY Enterprise Awards



Congratulations to each of the 19 TY Enterprise Award nominees who made it to the Wexford final in the National Opera House. And a particular mention for Truffle Shuffle who came in 2nd place in County Wexford at the Enterprise Awards.

Student Council



Cathryn O'Leary of Focus Ireland being presented with a donation of €700 from our Student Council following the school fundraiser in November.

Wexford Open Call Art Exhibition



Congratulations to Sarah Boyce who received the Most Creative Award for her piece 'Somewhere in Between' at the Wexford Open Call Art Exhibition in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy.