



Coláiste Bríde ~ EASTER 2019

Dear Readers,

As we approach Easter, with longer evenings, you can feel the end of the school year approaching. State Examinations have begun, school awards are being organised, CBA's are underway for 2nd years and options for 2019/20 are being selected.

Thank you to all the 3rd and TY parents who attended information meetings about Senior Cycle options, we hope this has helped yourself and your daughter make more informed choices. Thank you to the students and staff of the Music Department who hosted their annual concert for parents (further details below) and as I write the Parents' Council are organising their fundraising event in aid of our Nano Nagle Bursary to help a 6th year student in her life journey.

Congratulations to our Gael-Linn debaters and Ms. O'Gorman on their fantastic four in a row achievement to get to Provincial finals and to Sign2Shine in Transition year with Ms. Kelly on their special award from Young Social Innovators (YSI) Speak out.

Our LCA students are working with Localise with an emphasis on volunteering in the local community, our Active Flag Committee are working hard in planning and promoting activities for girls and our Transition Year students have recently attended a number of national events. Our 5th years will attend the Scholars Ireland graduation ceremony in Queens University Belfast in recognition of their projects and work during the year with PhD students as part of this programme through Trinity Access Programme.

So much happening! I hope that in the newsletter you get a little snapshot of some of our student activities. For coverage of events as they happen, follow us on Twitter, @Colaistebride

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter,

Marie Thérèse Kilmartin
Principal



1st Year Students showing leadership & giving back to our community by selling Daffodil pins for Irish Cancer Society at our school music recital. Plus they gave everyone who bought pins a homemade muffin!



 Cancer Society
Daffodil Day

Very impressive work by these student leaders!



Save The Date



Darkness Into Light 2019
will be held on
Saturday 11th of May



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our music department have had a very busy semester, there's been so much going on! See below for some of the highlights!

Annual Music Recital 2019



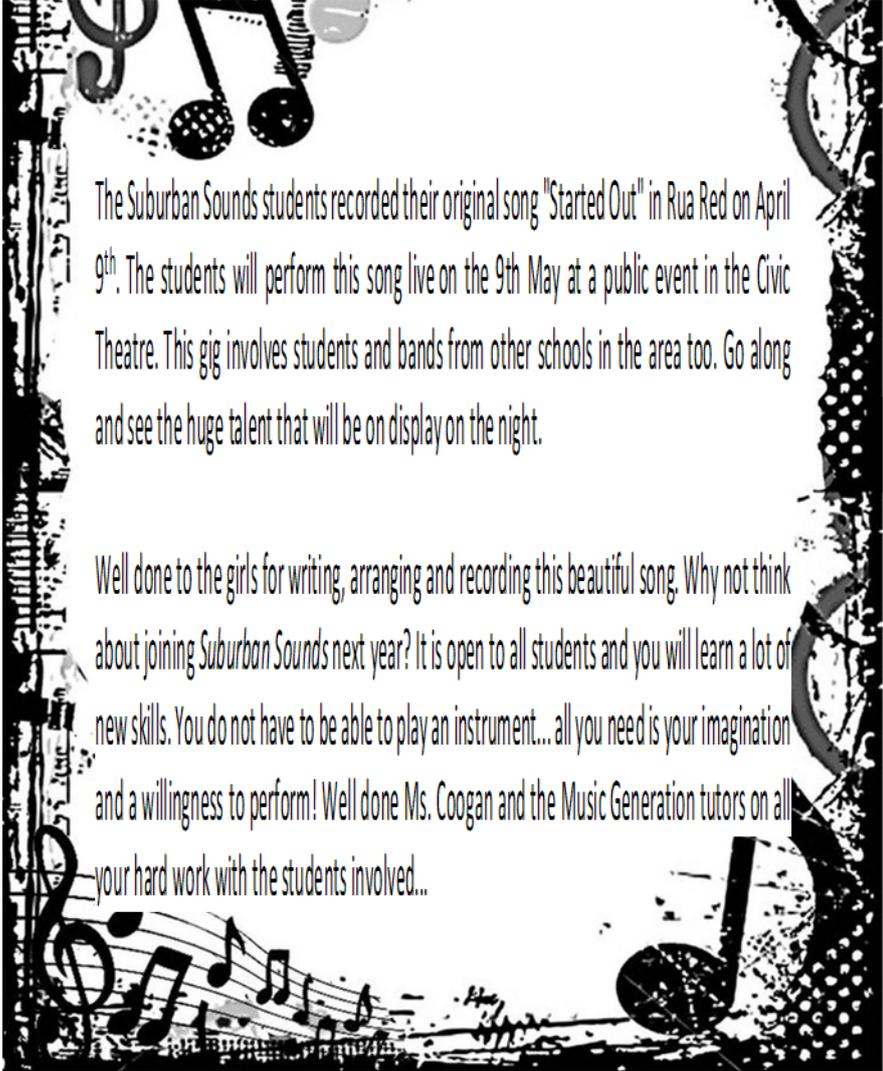
Our annual **Music Recital** took place in March. We had performances by Junior and Leaving Cert Music students and our Music Generation instrumental students from keyboard, vocal, guitar and band lessons. Next year we hope to have violin lessons too! Well done to all who performed.

Tuesday Tunes

We launched **Tuesday Tunes** during Coláiste Bríde Well Being week - Piano music during lunchtime. Any student can play and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the beautiful music while they had their lunch [#MusicIsLife#Wellbeing](#) [#musicisuniversal](#) [#PianoLove](#)



Song writing Commission - partnership with Music Generation



The Suburban Sounds students recorded their original song "Started Out" in Rua Red on April 9th. The students will perform this song live on the 9th May at a public event in the Civic Theatre. This gig involves students and bands from other schools in the area too. Go along and see the huge talent that will be on display on the night.

Well done to the girls for writing, arranging and recording this beautiful song. Why not think about joining *Suburban Sounds* next year? It is open to all students and you will learn a lot of new skills. You do not have to be able to play an instrument... all you need is your imagination and a willingness to perform! Well done Ms. Coogan and the Music Generation tutors on all your hard work with the students involved...



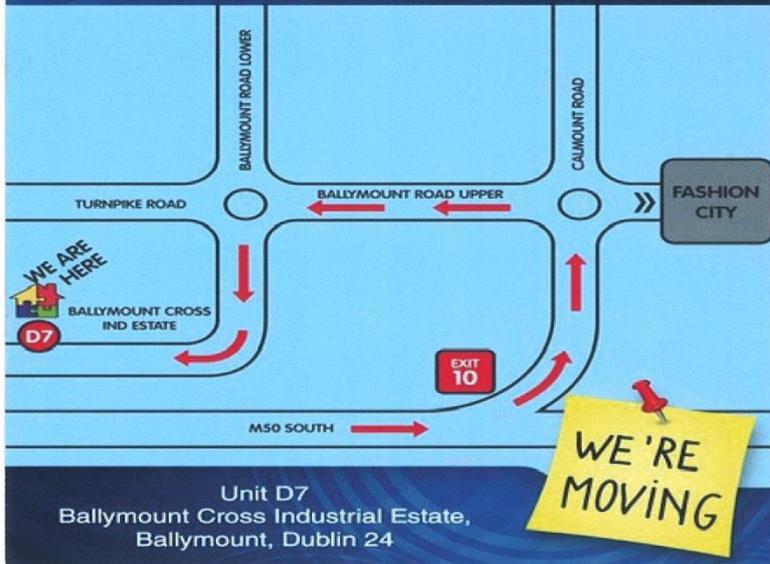
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Need a new school uniform?? School Wearhouse have moved!!

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Leaving School Early??

Not unless these steps have been completed!!

1. Written note in the journal from parent/guardian
2. Note has been signed by tutor or whoever took tutor time
3. Parent/Guardian has phoned reception to confirm that note

COMÓRTAS DÍOSPÓIREACHTA

AN PHIARSAIGH

Comórtas Díospóireachta an Phiarsaigh is a debating competition for post primary schools. The main aim of Gael Linn's schools' debating competition is to promote the use of Irish in schools and among young people.

Our Senior debating team had a very successful year this year. Zainab Kareem, Shannon Verdon Byrne and Miruna Popa debated topics ranging from the role of the president, The preservation of Irish Culture among the younger generation to the effects of technology in society.

The team reached the Craobh Réigiúnach and debated to a very high standard with schools from Kilkenny, Meath and Tipperary. The students all received a bronze trophy for making it so far in the competition.

This is the fourth year in a row that Coláiste Bríde has reached this stage in the competition. This is a great achievement for the students.



Maith sibh a chailíní! An éacht ar fad. Ba bhreá linn sibh a fheiceáil I mbun díospóireachta san ollscoil!

On Monday 8th April our school proudly hosted the visit of Bank of Ireland CEO Francesca McDonagh who addressed Transition Year, 5th year and 6th year economics students about the importance of having dreams and ambitions in life, which can be realised by hard work, being determined, resilient and driven. She openly discussed her vision to change the banking system which is still quite male dominated by having a target of 50:50 gender equality in senior appointments. For our students, the workers of tomorrow, these are powerful messages for the girls to hear. She gave career advice, encouraging our girls to focus on their studies, to talk to people in careers they are interested in, to ask questions, to do work placements and to utilise graduate programmes after college.



Our 2nd year students with Ms. Mallen performed their introduction to ‘Diversity and Inclusion’ in our school, which they had showcased to the school during Wellbeing Week. Among the values that Francesca McDonagh, along with the Bank of Ireland team, wish to promote are those of Diversity and Inclusion, so it made sense for our school to showcase a little of what and how we do as a school in promoting these common values. Our visitors found the performance very emotional and applauded the students for their work. Our Sign2Shine students certainly challenged the Bank of Ireland about how they used or integrated Irish Sign Language (our 3rd official language) into their work/messaging.

Lots of interesting discussion took place and we hope that one small change in Bank of Ireland practices can come about as a result. We thank our local Clondalkin branch, especially John Neville and our past pupil Amy McLoughlin for organising this event.



The 2019 Coláiste Bríde SciFest takes place on May 16th this year. It is open to all 1st and 2nd year students. This is a great opportunity to investigate a scientific idea or problem and showcase your findings to a panel of judges. There will be prizes on the day for the best individual and group projects in both year groups. Science Club is held every Wednesday in G17 and for the next number of weeks will be dedicated towards preparing for SciFest. If needed additional lunchtimes or after school can be used to prepare your SciFest project. For more information see Mr. Flynn or Mr. Connell.



The first week in March was a very special one for Coláiste Bríde as it marked our annual Wellbeing Week. This year we combined Active Schools Week with Wellbeing Week which was a resounding success. The theme for the week was to be 'Actively Inclusive'. We welcomed guest speakers Sinead Burke, Andrea Hayes and one of our very own parents Amanda O'Sullivan. Each guest spoke of the importance of accepting people for who they are, being kind to others and to ourselves and surround ourselves with a positive tribe.

We also launched our new Wellbeing Walkway which enabled each year group to get out and get active with their teachers. This was followed by a cup of PositivITEA and some fresh fruit and cereal in our canteen. Lunchtime activities included craft workshops where students made dream catchers, stress balls and friendship bracelets.



Teachers also benefited from the week with an extended lunch time where each teacher brought a dish to share. Students set up a beauty parlour for staff to avail of hair, nail and make up appointments during lunch breaks. Local businesses volunteered to offer free sessions of Reiki, Ear Candling, Massage and Yoga.

Past pupils returned to share their talents and offered Dance Workshops to our Senior Cycle students. Student Council members designed our Wellbeing T-Shirt in a STEAM workshop using digital technology and graphics. The week had something for everyone. Inclusion and diversity took centre stage and I have no doubt our students will each take something memorable from Wellbeing Week 2019.





Every Monday and Wednesday

LUNCH TIME

STUDY HALL

We have launched a new initiative at the Learning Hub called the Catch Up Corner. We have an area in the study hall where students who have missed classes or are struggling in certain subjects can come and get some extra help and support. Learning Leaders and teachers are on hand to offer extra help. It will be possible for students to get notes or class material missed photocopied.

If you think your daughter might benefit from catching up on work between now and the summer exams, please encourage them to come along.

Let's Get Coláiste Bríde Buzzin'!

Ms. Maher and Ms. Harrington worked with the 1st year Gardening class during Wellbeing Week 2019 to highlight the importance of our precious bees, who are in decline. The students chose an area of the school grounds which will become a Pollinator Zone, which means the grass will not be cut as often, allowing wildflowers to grow. The bees depend on wildflowers for pollen at this time of year, and here at Coláiste Bríde we have our own hive of bees who will benefit from this. We also planted pollinator friendly plants at the entrance to the school.

Watch this space for more developments with our pollinator plan!



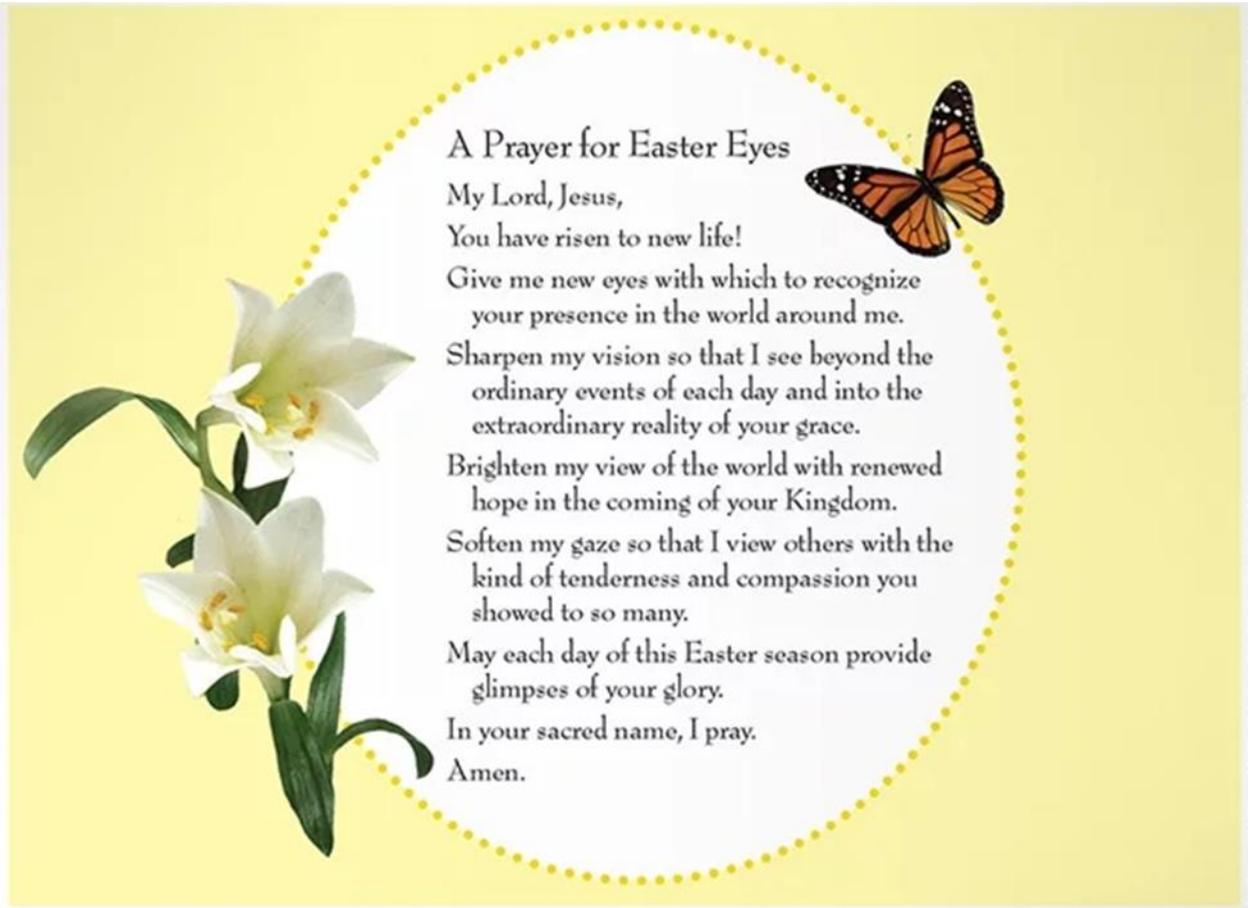
We are all rooted in Kindness

For Wellbeing Week 2019 each staff member and student took part in creating our Wellbeing Tree Mural. Each year group was represented by a different colour as our theme this year was inclusion. We hope the message of positivity and kindness spreads far and wide.



Thanks to all involved!





A Prayer for Easter Eyes
My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you
showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.

**Wishing you and yours a very
Happy and peaceful Easter**

**Don't forget school reopens
Monday April 29th!!**

**See you all then for a busy
final term!!**

