



# Christmas Newsletter 2020

*The Management and Staff of Coláiste na Toirbhirte would like to wish all parents and the school community a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a joyous New Year.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Parents/Guardians for your support and commitment to the work of the school during this calendar year. Your support makes a significant contribution to the vibrant character and atmosphere of our school. Thank you!

I would also like to acknowledge the support and work of the school's Board of Management and the Parents' Association who give generously of their time and expertise to enhance the essential work of our school.

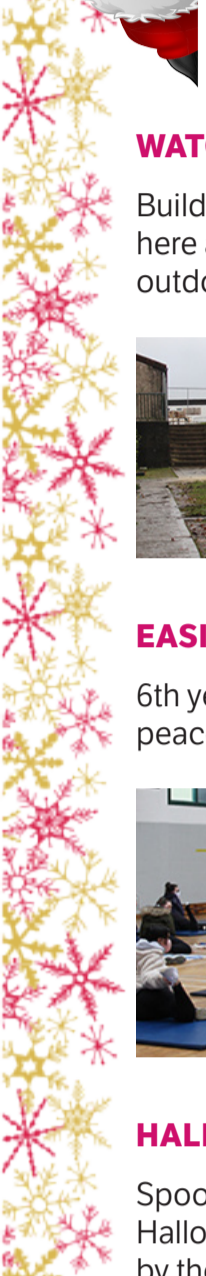
2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and enormous efforts were made to support students remotely during the initial lockdown period followed by an intense period of preparation to allow our school to reopen safely in late August.

I am so proud of our staff and our students who have accepted the challenges of living through this global pandemic and who have engaged with the many changes which have been necessary to keep our school community safe. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all personally and to acknowledge the support of parents and the wider community. You have all played a part in keeping our school community safe and well.

As I come to the end of my first term as Principal of Coláiste na Toirbhirte, it gives me great joy to acknowledge the warm welcome which I have received in Bandon. It has been a privilege to meet and work with the Staff and students and to have the opportunity to engage with parents during this term. While I regret the missed opportunities to meet you all due to Covid restrictions, I know that this time will pass and that 2021 will bring brighter days for our school community.

Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

*Mary Galvin*

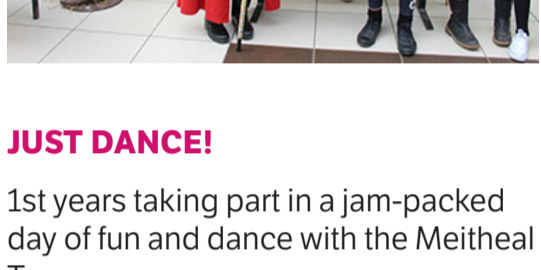


## TAKE A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS YEAR AT COLÁISTE NA TOIRBHIRTE...



### WATCH THIS SPACE!

Building work is currently under way here at Coláiste Na Toirbhirte for a new outdoor area for all students.



### EASING EXAM NERVES

6th years taking part in calm and peaceful yoga classes.



### HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

Spooky and scary was the theme for Halloween Fun day this year organised by the LCA class.



### JUST DANCE!

1st years taking part in a jam-packed day of fun and dance with the Meitheal Team.



### WATCH OUT!

Our fifth years get up and active in self-defense classes.



### THE MEITHEAL TEAM...

have been a great support to 1st year students.



### HELL'S KITCHEN!

3rd Years busy putting their culinary skills to the test!



### ARTISTS IN THE MAKING

Art students busy at work!



LCA Art Students working on their scarecrow for Halloween Fun Day.



Music students playing a vast array of instruments.



### OUR LEADERS

Leadership team with the Principal and Deputy Principal.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

In aid of St. Vincent De Paul.



## WHAT OUR TY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO

### JUNK KOUTURE

Great progress is being made in the Art department by all nine TY groups partaking in this year's Junk Kouture competition.



### TRIP TO FOTA

Fourth Years enjoyed a fun day out in Fota Wildlife Park.



### MEET OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

We are immensely proud to have three groups representing our school in this year's BT Young Scientist Competition, we wish them well for the big day in the early stages of January.



### ENTREPRENEURS IN THE MAKING

TYs put their thinking caps on when developing new products to introduce to the world as part of the Student Enterprise Competition.



### SIGN ME UP

This year's Transition Year students taking part in the Young Social Innovators Competition have been processing ways to tackle the lack of awareness around Irish Sign Language.

