



# COLÁISTE EOIN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of Coláiste Eoin's Newsletter for 2012. We celebrated the arrival of the Christmas holidays with a very enjoyable table quiz and party. Congratulations to the winning team: Joseph Lynch, Cian Lawlor, Normund Zegelis, Darren O' Hanlon and James Flanagan from class 6 Connolly. A special word of thanks to Darren O' Hanlon, his Dad and brother Anthony who provided a brilliant entertainment act and thanks also to the Student Council and teachers who organised the event.

In this edition Ms Shelly & Ms Murphy have included photos of two music programmes: the first year Tin Whistle group and the lunch-time Samba club. Both groups are making great progress and having great fun too. We look forward to a performance from our young musicians. The horse-riding club also features. This takes place every Wednesday afternoon and is open to all students. For those who prefer to use their energy climbing walls, why not go along to the climbing club on Monday evenings after school. Whether your interest is sports, music, horse-riding or climbing, there is something for everyone, so get involved!

*Bernadette Hand*  
Principal



## GAELTACHT TRIP

A group of Leaving Certificate students went to the Donegal Gaeltacht in November with Ms. Vipond and Ms. Murphy. They had a brilliant time, taking part in adventure sports and games all the while practicing their Irish. Every year CDVEC offers a number of scholarships for summer courses in the Gaeltacht. Students interested in applying for Gaeltacht scholarships should contact their teacher.

## VISIT FROM NIALL DE BÚRCA

Niall de Búrca came to our school in December for a day. He is one of Ireland's finest traditional storytellers. Niall entertained with a wonderful presentation of legends, stories and folktales. Niall took classes over the course of the day and amazed all of us with his great charm, humour and superb timing. Hopefully, Niall will visit again next year and a big thank you to Siobhan for organising the day.



## PONY CLUB

Beginning in September a group of pupils have been attending weekly horse riding lessons at the Kilronan Equestrian Centre. The lessons began with learning about the tack and giving the horses basic instructions. Pupils have learned how to lead the horse, trot, canter and hack, as well as even trying some jumps! The group will complete their course at the end of January and a new group will begin in February. Students who are interested in joining will have the opportunity to sign up for classes in the coming weeks.



## SAMBA AND TIN WHISTLE

This year students in Coláiste Eoin are learning how to play the world's oldest instruments, the drums. Among the percussion instruments being played are the base drums, snare drums, tamberim and bells. Students are being led by musician Mr. Simeon Smith and hope to play in a show for parents and students in March where Brazilian samba rap and hip hop genres will be featured among the musical pieces. The two first year classes are learning how to play the tin whistle.

