

# St. Oliver's Special School

## Christmas Newsletter 2019



Welcome to our new students Daniel, Harry, Danny, Jonah, Matthew and Lauren.

We also have some new members to our staff team.

Teachers - Ciara Harrington and Fiona Burke.

SNA's- Annie McGrath and Margaret Connolly.

Bus Escorts - Patricia Concannon, Mary Raftery, Chrissie Coleman and Sophie Moran.

Secretary - Jacinta Melia

Welcome to you all.

### Stop Motion Project

6 Senior Pupils participated in a Stop Motion Project with 6 peers from the Presentation Secondary School over a six weeks period under the guidance of JoJo Hynes and The Blue Teapot Theatre Galway. The 12 students created and designed a stop motion video which will be shown in Galway next May as part of Galway 2020.

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Maria Curley on the birth of her baby boy Cillian and to Dawn O' Connor on the birth of her baby girl Ailbhe



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils, parents and friends of St. Oliver's Special School a peaceful and joyful Christmas and all the best for 2020.



### Board of Management

A new Board of Management has been appointed for the 2019-2023 term in St. Oliver's Special School.

The Board of Management comprises of the following people:

David Joyner - Chairperson

Adrian Harney - Patron Nominee

Aisling Cloonan - Community Nominee

Tina Ryan - Community Nominee

Dominic O Toole - Parent Nominee

Karen Finnegan - Parent Nominee

Natalie O Hare - Teacher Nominee

Marieta Nolan - Principal

### Information Technology in St. Oliver's

The Department of Education has rolled out an initiative across all school to improve Digital Learning in our classrooms. Every school is now required to have their own Digital Learning Plan. Funding has also been made available to schools to purchase the technology needed to improve digital learning. We have recently purchased six new iPad's to be used for class lessons.

Some classes have also started using the seesaw app. This app allows teachers to make an online journal of the students activities at school by adding photographs to it. Parents will be notified on their app when photos are uploaded to their child's journal and can they view the photographs. All classes will be using this app in the New Year. This app will replace the use of scrapbooks in the school.



*Thank  
you*

A huge thank you from all at St. Oliver's Special School to local businesses 'Go Banana's' and 'Sharkey's Spar Express, who have been exceedingly generous to us this Christmas.

Thanks also to our volunteers, Tom Coyne, John Walsh, Helen Ruane, Carmel and David Burke, Anne Quinn and Breda McLoughlin.

The help you give makes such a difference to the children's school experience.