

# Festive fun for all at Dunboyne College

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Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of November saw Christmas spirit come to life at Dunboyne College with their first ever Christmas market on campus.

From early Saturday morning stall holders from throughout the local community set up their wares for display across numerous marquees. Organised by DCFE's Events Committee, headed by Hilda Coughlan, this colossal task required the absolute support and participation of the entire staff of the college.

Not only was this tremendous effort met it was exceeded with staff and students preparing for weeks in advance of the big day giving so generously of their time.

There was something there for everyone's tastes, from decorations to greeting cards, Christ-

mas cakes, books, jewellery, organic soaps and art.

The myriad of talent and creativity on display was clearly evident with such variety of choice.

On this cold bright November day refreshments were more important than ever and visitors were not disappointed! Shoppers clung to their steaming coffees and creamy hot chocolates, spoiled for choice with all kinds of baked delights on display.

Stalls were packed with festive sweets, mouthwatering cupcakes of all varieties and of course classic gingerbread men to top it off. Principal Denis Leonard commented on what this event meant to the college. 'It was a wonderful opportunity and honour to host the first Christmas market held in Dunboyne in recent years.

This outdoor event was filled with fantastic stall-

holders with a great array of goods, an elf school and of course Santa! We hope this can be an annual event for the college, the community of Dunboyne and further afield.

Despite the chill of winter, the bright blue sunlit sky and warm atmosphere created by the hustle and bustle of people coming together, meant this was truly a day to remember.

Christmas Carols played by the Navan Sil-

ver Band floated on the air while a visit from Santa delighted young and old alike.

Twinkling lights, laughter and chatter and a sense of the community really coming together made this day particularly special.

In these times of great stress and strain, what better way to put our worries behind us and come together to celebrate, have fun and create that Christmas magic we all so greatly need.



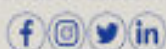
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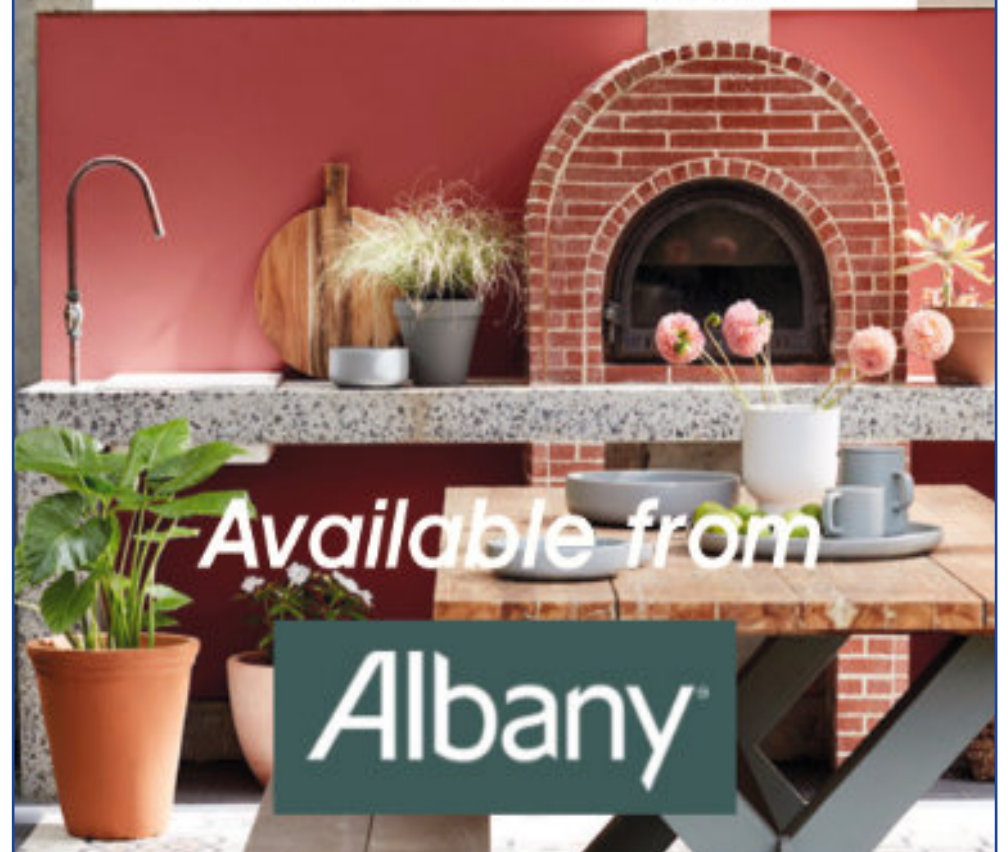
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