

OLYMPIC + PARALYMPIC GAMES



Thomas Barr – 400m Hurdles
4th in Rio Olympics, European Bronze Medallist

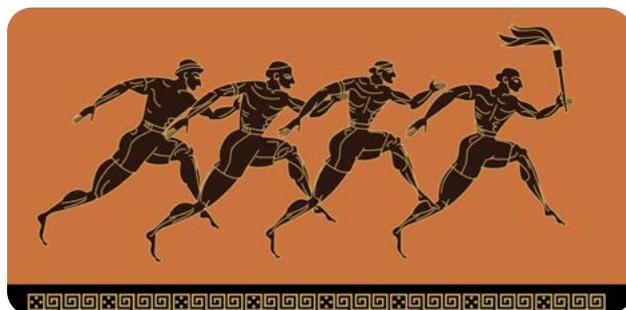
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OLYMPIC FACTS

1. The first Olympic Games were held in the 8th century B.C. in the town of Olympia, Greece. The games were held every four years for 12 centuries until they were banned in the 4th century A.D.
2. In ancient Greece, athletes didn't worry about sponsorship, protection, or fashion — they competed naked.
3. The modern Olympics began again in 1896 and were held in Greece. Since then they have been held in 23 countries and have become one of the biggest sporting events in the world. The first official Paralympic Games were held in Rome, Italy in 1960.
4. The Olympic Motto is Citius, Altius, Fortius which is latin for Faster, Higher, Stronger.
5. From 1912-1948, artists participated in the Olympics: Painters, sculptors, architects, writers, and musicians competed for medals in their respective fields. Ireland has 3 medals from art categories!
6. The five rings of the Olympic symbol represent the five inhabited continents of the world. The six colors — blue, yellow, black, green, red, and the white background — were chosen because every nation's flag contains at least one of them.
7. The Olympic torch is lit the old-fashioned way in an ancient ceremony at the temple of Hera, in Greece. The torch starts its relay to the host city: It is usually carried by runners, but it has traveled on a boat, on an airplane, on horseback, on the back of a camel, via radio signal, underwater, and in a canoe. The unlit Olympic torch has also been taken to space several times.
8. Olympism is a philosophy that is based on the fact that sports can teach important values. The Olympic values include healthy mind and body, joy of effort, striving for excellence, respect & fair play & friendship. The Paralympic values include determination, courage, inspiration and equality.
9. To date Ireland has won 9 Gold, 10 Silver, and 12 bronze medals in the sporting events. Katie Taylor is Ireland's most recent gold medallist. She won the gold medal for boxing at the London Olympics in 2012.
10. The 2020 Summer Olympics were to be held in Tokyo Japan but due to the Coronavirus pandemic they have been postponed until July 2021.



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WORD SEARCH

ALTIUS
ANCIENT
ATHENS
CEREMONY
CITIUS
CLOSING
EXCELLENCE
FORTIUS
FRIENDSHIP
JOY
MASCOT
MODERN
MOTTO
OPENING
RELAY
RESPECT
RINGS
TORCH
TRUCE

B T T T O R C H M E H N C U S
S T G N Z R Q T O X O G K G Z
H T X X E O B W D C P D N G T
P C L O S I N G E E Q I N R F
R F H A G N C O R L R I U A F
I F N G E L F N N L N C M B F
Y N O M E R E C A E E A M R S
Y O J R V S O W P N S Q I P U
S N E H T A U O P C W E T I I
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K O P Y Q L U T T D S E E E L
N G T S V U X S S I S L P L A
M O B T S C V H A R C A S Z D
N I Q F O G I M N E A Y E M V
O H U W S P A H N M T E R V B

NAME THE IRISH OLYMPIAN

Draw a line connecting the name of the Irish Olympic medallist to their photo.

Katie Taylor

O'Donovan Brothers

Annalise Murphy

Jason Smyth

Sonia O'Sullivan



"DARE TO DESIGN" COMPETITION



THE CHALLENGE

Imagine the Olympic Games were awarded to Dublin and will take place in 2040. Students will choose one of the design challenges below and create a design of the future!

1. Design your own Olympic Games poster for the Dublin 2040 Games. Students can use any medium: paint, crayon, pencils, etc.
Bonus: Design an Olympic poster with a message that embraces Olympism and conveys hope for the future.
2. Design an Olympic Stadium for Dublin 2040
Can be for either track & field, swimming, gymnastics arena, or any other sport. Can use any medium: drawing, model, lego, clay, computer graphic/simulation, etc.
Bonus: multi-use, what can the stadium be used for after the games?
3. Design an Olympic or Paralympic Medal
Can use any medium drawing, model, lego, clay, computer, edible, recyclable etc.
Bonus: Your medal design can be made of material that is eco friendly/ biodegradable.

Contest Details

How to Submit Entries:

Entries should be submitted via email to info@daretobelieve.ie Entries can be scanned images, photographs, videos etc. Submissions are now open and will close on the 18th June at noon. Winners will be announced on June 25th.

Who Can Enter:

All students aged 4–15 living on the island of Ireland.

Prizes:

Three winners will be chosen to receive an official Team Ireland Adidas backpack & Team Ireland accessories & Dare to Believe hooded sweatshirt.