

1. Has Christ gone out of Christmas?

The Teresian School Crib 2008



Woo Christmas!!! How exciting!
But wait, where's Jesus? Did I lose him?
At the moment the focus is expensive commercial

"necessities" that really aren't that essential at all.

All we really need is love and health and Christ will bring us that! A good friend of mine –Aurora once said "Happiness isn't what you get it's what you give" which is why it is very important to know what Christmas is really all about!!

I think many families are losing Jesus just like I did long ago but yet I managed to find him.

Years ago I used to spend all my money on useless goods like saddles, ornamental mugs, sombreros or various coloured hammocks. I had every imaginable one, from polka dots to stripes, from black to fluorescent. I needed to get out!!

This is why I turned to Jesus who was there for me unlike the hammocks.....

If Jesus forgives you he won't forget you. Be happy this Christmas and talk to Jesus, don't shut him out!!

Aoife Pierce, 5th Year

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2 . Special dates for your Calendar:

- * Weds 7 Jan: **School Resumes**, Full day.
- * 7-8-9 January 2009 **Young Scientist Exhibition**
- * Tues 13, Weds 14, Thurs 15 January: **The King and I, 8 pm**
- * Mon 19, Tues 20, Weds 21: **Kilts Orders in Hall**
- * Mon 19 **Parents Council Meeting**, 8-9.30
- * Mon 19 **TY COA Tests** 2.20—3.45
- * Weds 21st Jan: **Careers Evening 8-9.30**. TY, 5th & 6th Yrs
- * Tues 27 Jan: **Parent /Teacher Meeting, 5th Yr.** 4.15-6.30
- * Mon 2-Fri 13 Feb, 12.45 : **Trial Examinations**, 3rd & 6th Yrs.
- * Mon 2-6 Feb: **TY Work Experience II**
- * Tues 3 Feb: Long **Staff Meeting** 3-4.30.
- * Weds 4 Feb: **2nd Yr Parent/Teacher Meeting, 1.30 –3.30**
- * Fri 6 Feb: 1.30—3.45 **Staff Training** - Half day. Trial exams continue
- * Fri 13 Feb, 1.00: **Solidarity Day**, All Welcome!.
- * Thurs 12 Feb: **TY Parent/Teacher Meeting, 1.30 –3.30**
- * Mon 16—20 Feb: **Mid Term Break. TY Exchanges to Spain.**

3. Villa El Salvador, Peru

The **Peru Sale** again took place in November. As usual, the multi-purpose room looked very colourful, with Christmas decorations and goods hand-made by the women of Tirkay, the Teresian Association Project in Villa El Salvador,



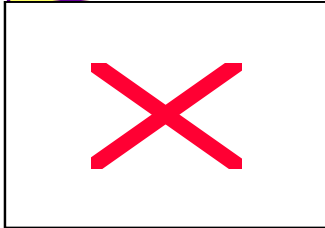
in the outskirts of Lima, Peru. It raised more than €2300. Besides, we are very grateful that

Fr Carroll in Donnybrook Church allowed Ines and the Peru Crew to organise a Peru Sale during Sunday morning. Our special thanks to all who came to the sale. More than €2600 was raised. Those who went

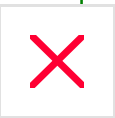
to Peru last Summer still remember the impact this unique experience made on them. It was fulfilling and rewarding for them; they had an opportunity to give of themselves, to children, old people and those who run the Teresian Association projects there.



AIM OF THE YEAR
 "Care about what you do".
 Whatever you do, do it with all



4. Sport This term has been busy so far with plenty of Hockey and Basketball matches. Well done to the 1st & 2nd Year teams. They have played some friendly matches and have won. Their league will commence in January. Congratulations to all the Cadette & Senior teams, their leagues have just finished. The Cadette A's narrowly lost out on a place in the Semi final. The Cadette C's have won all their league matches and will play their semi final in January. The best of luck!
Vivienne.



Basketball

The extra coaching resources supported by the School this year has led to a dramatic improvement in The Teresian School's Hockey, reflected in the results of the different teams. At the moment the School has 10 teams, 3 Senior, 2 Junior and one Minor and 3 First Year's. The level of participation and commitment from the students says it all: every afternoon and Saturday mornings, come rain or sunshine, all the students are there, ready to go. May I take this opportunity to thanks all the parents who give up their free time to help things run smoothly. It is very much appreciated. Happy Christmas to you all and we'll see you all for

Hockey

5. Christmas Campaigns



The Season of Sharing had started...

Preparing Hampers for Vincent de Paul Conference in Tallaght is a long-standing tradition in the Teresian School. "Unemployed Dad, 31, Mum, child of 9, 2 yr old twins, baby boy, 3 months..." Despite the doom and gloom of the present moment, there was an air of hope and solidarity on the corridors, in the Hall, in the classrooms and beyond the School walls...

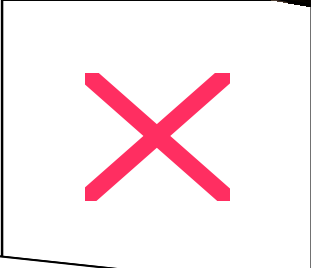
- The **1st Years** visited and entertained the elderly in St. Mary's Day Centre, Mary Magdalen, Donnybrook, with Lorena and Damien.

Mary and the TYs visited the Poor Clares in Donnybrook

- The **2nd Years** went on a sponsored walk to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul families in need.
- The **3rd Years** prepared a wonderful Christmas Sale, which took much preparation and excellent organisation. They worked through lunchtimes and breaks to prepare things properly. Our thanks to Brenda and the 3rd year class for the huge effort they put into it.
- TY** visited The Poor Clares Convent in Simonscourt. They discovered a different type of lifestyle and a distinct kind of JOY that emanates from the Poor Clares, who devote their lives to prayer and contemplation in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi and of St Clare.



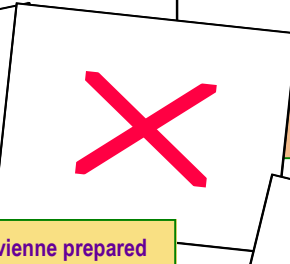
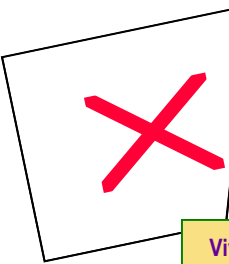
A Christmas Sale with Brenda and the 3rd Yrs



- The **5th & 6th Years**

prepared hampers for St Vincent de Paul in Tallaght, a well needed resource for many people who have fallen on hard times. God will repay everyone who contributed as God only can. Our thanks especially to all the parents.

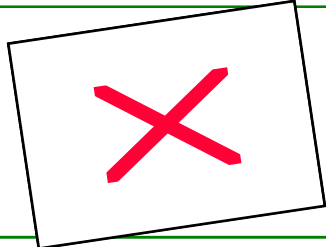
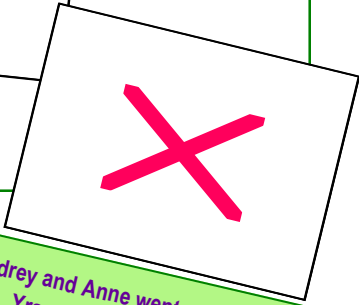
Everyone in the School learned one simple lesson for life: that it is in giving that we receive and find JOY.



Lorena and Damien went to Mary Magdalen's with the 1st Yrs.

6th Years: their last School Christmas Campaign with Anthony.

Vivienne prepared Hampers with 5th Yr.



6. Young Scientist Exhibition

Our Young Scientists are working hard under Sharon's guidance to put the finishing touches to the projects that will be exhibited in the Young Scientist, RDS, 7-9 January. We wish them all the best from these Newsletter pages!

Audrey and Anne went with the 2nd Yrs on a sponsored walk.

7. STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURE HUNT



Under the watchful eyes of Gail and Cathal the Student Council organised a whole-school fun activity to encourage team spirit and healthy competition. Each team was formed by both staff and students and it proved to be an excellent idea. It was not that the prizes were big or wonderful, it was more that the fun we had together will not be easily forgotten. Definitely a highlight for everyone in the run up to Christmas Day. Thank you to all involved in this

8. FASTING



The Senior students in the School guided by the School Council with Cathal and Gail organised the Concern Fast. To date €540 has been collected and there is yet more to come. Well done to all who did the fast and to their sponsors. Thank you!

9. The King & I in the making...

The Senior School is in the throes of practicing for this year's School Musical, The King and I, showing on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15Jan. With the help and guidance of Emer and Julie the cast are progressing well besides having fun. It looks set to be a great three nights, and we're looking forward to seeing you all here!