



Christmas is... Courtesy and kindness

This term everyone in Grá worked very hard to help their team. Emmagh O'Reilly, the captain, and myself were so impressed with everyone's enthusiasm towards the Christmas campaigns. On Friday 17th of December, everyone in grá except 1st and 4th years came together to make hampers for St. Vincent de Paul.

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Everyone contributed to the hampers generously and we ended exceeding the number of hampers we had originally planned to make! On the same day 1st years care centre in Donnybrook to entertain the elderly members for the afternoon while the TY went into town to collect money for the ISPC. So far everyone in Grá has worked hard and I'm sure the hard work will continue into the new year. *Sarah-Louise Somerville, Vice Captain*



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This year for our Christmas Campaigns we decided to all work together as a school in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul. Except for the 1st Yrs who went to a Day Care Centre in Donnybrook and the TYs who collected money for the ISPC in town. After a talk about the SVP, how it worked and how they would like us to help them this Christmas. Then each team produced hampers with food, clothes and toys. The Captains, Vice-Captains and Hilda had meetings to organise the campaigns and then had one long meeting with the whole Áthas team where Captain Nicola Blake delegated out the jobs and mixed the years into different groups. On 16th Dec. the hamper making took place and we listened to Christmas music. We were happy with what we produced and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon as a Team! It has been a steady term for Áthas, so keep up the good work girls! *Molly Featherstone, Vice Captain*

As Christmas came closer Jane Gilsean, the Misneach captain, and I started to organize the Teresian Christmas campaign. Instead of doing it in our classes we were doing it with our groups Áthas, Misneach and Grá. We held a group meeting to organise what people needed to bring in for the hampers. Then on Friday 16th we all came together in our groups to put together hampers for Saint Vincent De Paul. This activity really brought our group together and gave us all a chance to meet and socialize with the other years in our group. While 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th years did this: The 4th years were collecting for Vincent De Paul on Grafton Street and the first years were visiting the day care home for the elderly in Donnybrook. The day was a complete success and Misneach completed 11 hampers. *Julia McCarthy, Vice Captain*



MISNEACH

The First Year Christmas Campaign

The 1st Year went to the Mary Aiken Day Care Centre to sing carols for the ladies and gentlemen who go there. We sang some old religious and non-religious Christmas hymns that everyone sang along to. It was so sweet. We brought along goodies and treats which contained brownies, coffee cake, cupcakes and much, much more which we all enjoyed after the performance. It was a very enjoyable day for all! *Hannah Mackey*

My first day at the Teresian School

By some First Years

I started secondary school on the 26th of August 2011 in The Teresian School. The first thing I can remember was going up to my class room 1st Segovia. Everyone was really nice and very welcoming to all the new girls and I. Paula my Irish teacher and Hilda my French teacher came in to us and told us about the equipment and books we that we would need throughout the year. We then went down to the hall for assembly and Anthony the Deputy Principal talked to the whole school about the 2011-12 and introduced the first years. After assembly we went up to our class room Linares where Terry my Maths teacher as well as our class teacher went through our timetable with us. We had our last three classes PE, Art and RE, we got a bit of homework... and the bell went! *Robyn Neilan*
Who will I know? What will the teachers be like? Will I forget my books? These were the questions I asked before I started secondary school... why was I so nervous? Or even worried? I know where to go now, what books to take out of my locker and what each teachers name and what subjects come next. The girls in Teresian's are all so great. They are always there for you. My first secondary school year so far has been phenomenal. The teachers and girls have been so nice and kind and there for me. *Hannah Mackey*

It seems like a long time since my first day at school, but I remember it quite well. I remember how I was very nervous and excited at the same time, not just because I had started a new school but because I'd just moved to a new part of Ireland. When I arrived in the new classroom, all the students were nice, friendly and welcoming. Most of our school day was taken up with getting our timetable and sorting our new lockers out. Our class teacher, Terry, was lovely and explained to us what is expected of pupils. *Olivia Lynott*

My first cooking session in Home Economics. It was very exciting. The night before when I was doing my homework I looked in my journal and realized that I had my cooking session tomorrow and wasn't organized at all! I told my mum about the situation and we looked in all the cupboards for the ingredients that we had. We found nearly enough but I was missing some paraphernalia. The next day when it was time for the session I got my stuff out and listened to Gail. I was with my partner, Sophie Brennan. As we began cooking it was really fun. We made scones and they rose beautifully in the oven! At lunch, I ate one and it was really fluffy and sweet! When I brought them home my mum ate two and my dad ate the rest! *Nicola Barton*

Saint Vincent De Paul Talk On the 5th of December 2011 our C.S.P.E class organised a talk to educate us on the work that Saint Vincent De Paul do. We were split into three groups: the room committee, the organisation committee & the permission/room committee. The room committee decorated the room, made a speech and gave the man some flowers and chocolates to show our appreciation. The organisation committee organised the guest speaker to come to our school and the date. The poster committee made posters to raise awareness to the school. We hope that the school has been inspired by the work they do. *Isabel Slater*

"The Pirates of Penzance" One of my favourite parts of the school year so far for me was taking part in the "Pirates of Penzance", our school play. I decided to audition. I was nervous but the director Sharon Sexton was encouraging and nice. I got a part in the play too. I got to meet people in 3rd, 5th & TYr. I probably wouldn't have met them if I hadn't had went in for the play and it was great fun especially for people who liked to sing, dance and act. I would recommend the play for any new Teresian students too. *Olivia Lynott*



The Exams!! On the first day of the exams I was nearly crying, I was so scared. I went in with shaky knees & tried to find my seat. Basically all my friends were freaking out too (except for the absolute geniuses) which didn't help at all! After the first exam I felt a little better because it was a lot easier than I thought it would be. It became easier & easier after each exam, I became less nervous too. At the end of the exams I don't know what I was scared of; I did my best and was happy with it. I didn't need to be scared of exams! *Danielle Connor*

Seeing those long lines of chairs was the last straw. How was I supposed to survive? It was all so professional. To make things worse I sat in the wrong chair and had to move with everyone staring at me! Luckily the second years around me told me I would be fine. I wasn't quite sure of that. Of course they were right! By Friday I was fine and bringing everything I needed. Though the exams seemed daunting at first they were fine once you had studied and were prepared. I will definitely be ready for the summer exams!

Roisin McGrath

Peru Volunteer Project, Crew of 2012 **SOS SOS SOS SOS SOS**

This summer seventeen 5th years intend to go to Villa El Salvador, Lima, Peru to do voluntary work as part of The Teresian Volunteer Projects, accompanied by Hilda Geraghty and Teresian past-pupil Morwenna Quinn. Not only will we have an opportunity to do voluntary work, but we will also build relationships and practice our Spanish with the real people of Peru. We all jumped at this opportunity! However, raising funds can be difficult as we've seen in the past. But this year we are determined to put our time and energy into raising funds for the projects and for our trip.

In our 'Peru Crew' meetings we have discussed various ideas with Hilda, some parents, two past pupils, Anthony and Natuca. We are now engaging in different projects in groups of two or three. Some of these projects include a babysitting club, bag-packing, coffee mornings, a tuck shop and family hill walks! Any help anyone can give us, by way of contribution or new ideas for fund-raising, will make a world of difference. Hopefully we'll see you at our fund-raisers too. We need all the support we can get. Thank you!

Claire Nicholl & Sarin Delahunty

CODE OF DRESS REMINDER: A kilt properly kilted worn below the knee. A white shirt with a collar, no airtex tops allowed. Plain dark shoes. dark socks or tights. No sports hoodies to be worn with the Code of Dress. One bracelet, a ring and one pair of stud earrings. Light make-up only worn by 5th and 6th Years. No logos and fashion labels.

Parents Council: Parents Talk
"Study Skills and your Child"
Date: Thursday, 19th Jan 2012, 7.30-9pm
Venue: School Hall.

Talk will be delivered by the *Student Enrichment Services*. It will be very useful for parents who would like to be proactive with their children in this important area.

School lunches
 web link: <http://www.donnybrookfair.ie/teresian>

Log on to the website, register and place your child's order for the following day. We will start with delivery on two days a week, please give your Class Representatives your feed back. For more

Debating: Congratulations to all the girls who competed in the Junior Mace debating competition. More to follow in January.

Basketball Congratulations to all teams this half of the season. The under 16 A's lost narrowly in the SBAI final to Holy Faith Clontarf. They had an outstanding game and we wish them the best of luck at the Regionals. Well done to Cadette B and Senior B teams. Both teams are awaiting final results to see if they got through to the semi final and we wish them both the best of luck.

Minor and Junior – their league commences in January.

Well done to Nicola Barton, Sarah Kate Briggs, Lisa Barry and Saskia Warnock who competed in a school show jumping competition. *Vivienne Naughton*

Senior: The senior 1 team are on the top of their league table with 3 wins out of 3. The girls have scored a total of 17 goals in three games. Captain Jane Gilsenan scored 11 of the 17. The senior team have a big game on the 18th January away to Newbidge College in the first round of the Senior Cup. The Senior 3 team remain middle of their table. This is a extremely well matched section. With all the results being very close with everything to play for. The girls have played three games ; they have two left to play in the new year.

Junior: The Junior B are a very promising team with a very good chance of success. Even though the girls have got off to a slow start this season with only one win. All is not lost, as this is a large section with a total of 7 teams so there is plenty of games to make up the points. Big team effort from everyone is needed in January. First round of the Junior Cup is against Our Lady's, Terenure at home the middle of January. The Junior C team have two draws and a win so far this season. The girls have everything to play for with three more games in the new year.

Minor The Minor B had a shaky start to the season this year loosing their first league game. But they have never looked back. They girls have two tough league games in January against St. Andrew's and Loreto Foxrock. The Minor C team have played 3 of their 5 league games so far. The season got off to a flying start beating Mt. Anville 1-0. Since this great victory the girls have experienced two defeats. Hopefully we will be successful in the remaining league games.

1st year: Congratulations to the first year A team on winning their first league game. This is a lovely little team with great potential. Looking forward to see g them in action in the new year. The first year B league has been a great success throughout Leinster. This 8-a-side league allows for greater participation and development of players. I can already see its benefits. This team is made up of between eighteen and twenty girls who all get to play regularly. There are five league games one of which we have played already and I am asking all the girls for full commitment for the remaining four.

Hockey

January	Important Calendar Dates
	Sixth Year Students please note that CAO applications must arrive in Galway before February 1st 2012.
Mon 9	School re-opens, all students in by 8.40.
Thurs 19	"Study skills and you child", Parents Council evening for parents. 8-9.30. All Welcome
Sat 21	UCD Seminar "Applying to UCD" for 6th year students and parents.
Mon 23	Full day of classes. 1st Year Parent / Teacher Meeting 4.15 - 6.45pm.
Mon 30 - Feb 10	Mock Examinations for 3rd and 6th Years.
February	Full day of classes. 2nd Year Parent / Teacher Meeting 4.15 - 6.45pm.
Thurs 2	Staff Meeting 3.45 - 4.45 pm
Tues 7	Ash Wednesday. Whole School Penitential Service during Lent
Weds 22	Staff Meeting - Subject Planning 3.45 - 4.45 pm
Thurs 23	Mid-Term Reports for all years.
Fri 10	Mid-Term break.
Mon 13- Fri 17	Classes resume.
Mon 20	