



Easter is... being courteous and kind

The Solidarity Creed: especially during LENT

I think that this image symbolises solidarity.



Solidarity is the integration of a society or group with other people or neighbours. It refers to the ties in a society that bind people to one another.

I found a very good definition of solidarity as follows:

"Solidarity does not assume that our struggles are the same struggles, or that our pain is the same pain, or that our hope is for the same future.

Solidarity involves commitment, and work, as well as the recognition that even if we do not have the same feelings, or the same lives, or the same bodies, we do live on common ground."

Isobel Duffy



We believe that SOLIDARITY is

- **sharing** in the joys and sorrows of others, in their pain and happiness.
- **working** together in co-operation, **rejoicing** in the success of others.
- **including** everyone, leaving no-one out at any time.
- generosity to share what we have with others.
- **thinking, working and living** like Jesus
- **respecting** and being tolerant towards different ideas, languages, cultures, ways of being and doing things.
- **doing** all I can to bring about peace and justice.
- **giving rights** and a voice to those who have none.
- about **befriending the earth** and caring for it.



Parents Council: Coffee to Go

Thank you to all for your help with **Coffee to Go**. Your preparation allowed the event to run very smoothly. It was a great success and we raised €400. We were helped by teams of Transition year students, who were a joy to work with. They baked cakes and buns, served coffee and generally helped, all under the watchful eye of Brenda.

Margaret Byrne

BT Young Scientist

2nd Year Students, **Kitty McGuinness, Sophie Rutledge and Sophie Lynch**, entered the BT Young Scientist competition and were successful in making it as far as the final which took place in the RDS from 11th to 14th January.

The project was titled "*An Investigation into the Feeding Habits of a Domesticated Rodent*" and involved the girls studying the feeding pattern of Kitty's pet hamster. The

hamster was kept in an enclosed area and given equal access to different feeds over a twenty four hour period. The experiment was repeated changing the position of the feeds and it was found that the hamster always preferred cucumber with nuts coming in second place.

Clara O'Carroll & Hilary McKenna Long presented a project on Comparing the effectiveness of nail polish removers.

Terry Glass



Sophie Rutledge,
Kitty McGuinness &
Sophie Lynch



Clara O'Carroll
& Hilary McKenna Long

ing their "recycled fashion" as part of their EcoUnesco environmental project. Every year transition year students from the school get involved with the EcoUnesco Young Environmentalist award which encourages young people to become involved in environmental based projects. This year the girls have chosen to do a project within the Art and Design category. The project title which is "Creative Recycling" involves two areas of recycling; old clothes and crayons.

The first part of the project involved the students collecting old clothes and redesigning them into new outfits which they showcased at the fashion show.

The objective of the fashion show was to give the rest of the students ideas on how they could recycle their old clothes rather, than throw them away.

At present the girls are busy with the second part of the project which involves making new crayons from old. Crayons take millions of years to breakdown if they go into landfill; therefore the students want to encourage all to recycle.

They have collected old bits of crayons from the junior classes and have remoulded them into new crayons, on sale on Solidarity Day to support Teresian Projects .

Terry Glass



2nd Yr Models
at the Fashion Show

EcoUnesco: Recycled fashion

Transition Year students held a fashion show for first, second and fifth years on the afternoon of 21st Feb. The students were show-

Hockey

Minor B Final Our Minor B Team won the Leinster League against Muckross. Muckross scored early in the second half but we were determined not to let them win. Sophie Craig quickly brought the ball up the pitch and a great deflection from Aoife Power levelled us to 1-1. At full time we were still even so the match went to extra time. Early in the extra time, Hilary McKenna-Long whacked in a goal to make it 2-1. Muckross made a few more attacks but we managed to keep them all out with some great tackles from Keeva Dagg in the 'D'. We were so happy when the whistle went! We were celebrating for ages after. Thanks to Nikki Lyons, Nikki Evans and Aine Connery for their coaching throughout the year. *Katie Ryan, Captain*

Hockey

One of the most memorable days in 1st Year in The Teresian School was the Junior B Final on the 16th March. The match was held in Three Rock Rovers Marley Park where the whole school went to support.

Teresian's were playing against Loreto Foxrock. The game was always intense from beginning to end. After full time it was 0-0 so this meant there was extra time (7and1/2 minutes a side). So all the supporters were hoping that Teresian's would score. Since there was no score after extra time it had to go to penalties. The five girls on both teams went and the score was 2-2. This meant it had to go to sudden death. Sophie Craig was the player to represent Teresian's. After the breathtaking penalty Teresian's won!

Kate McAleese



This has been a very successful year for The Teresian School Hockey with three of its eight teams reaching the Leinster schools finals. All eight teams are entered into the Leinster league where they each play six league games within their section. The top two teams from each section move forward into the play offs. At this stage of

the tournament it is a knock out situation. The Minor B, Junior B and Senior 1

teams all progressed through each of the rounds with purpose and determination. The level of competition in house was evident as all of the teams wanted to be as successful as the next. "Success breeds success". *Nikki Lyons*

Minor B League Final The Minor B team were the first of the three finals. They played against Muckross in Three Rock Rovers, Grange Rd at 4pm on the 8th March 2012. Teresians 2 (Aoife Power, Hilary McKenna-Long) Muckross 1 (Aoife Leonard), after extra-time. Also congratulations for winning the South Dublin Central League Tournament on the 3rd March 2012.

Senior 1 League Final The Senior Team were the next team to head to Grange Rd for their final against St.Columba's on the 13th March 2012 at 4pm. In 2008 these two teams met in the Minor B Final.

Where Teresians got to take home the cup. Unfortunately, this year it was St. Columba's turn. St Columba's 3 (Alice Alexander 2, Helene Peters) Teresians 1 (Jane Gilsean). The Senior Girls should hold their heads high as they did their school extremely proud throughout this final. They never gave up. They all showed tremendous

courage and commitment. Well done on a great season.

Junior B League Final

The Junior B team were the last of the three finals. Their game took place on the 16th March 2012 at 2pm in Grange Rd. Teresian's headed into this final as the underdogs. Loreto Foxrock finished winners of this section after beating us 4-0 at the start of the season. Teresians 0 Loreto Foxrock 0, Teresians won 3-2 on sudden death penalties. Also congratulations for winning the South Dublin Central League Tournament on the 10th March 2012.

1st Year A and B Teams

The 1st year A team made it to the final of the South Dublin Central League Tournament on Saturday 24th March 2012 where they were beaten by St.Killian's on penalties 2-1. Hard luck girls you all put in a great effort. The 1st year B team also played in the South Dublin Central League Tournament on Saturday 24th March 2012 Where they finished joint third with St.Raphaelas. Well done.

A big congratulations to Katie Ryan who was been selected onto the U16 Leinster Selection Panel. There



Basketball

This term our basketball teams have had great success making it into semi-finals and finals in both the SDL & SBAI league.

Minor A/Junior A: The Minor A team have had an excellent season. They are through to the SDL League Final V St. Joseph of Cluny on Monday 26th March.

Minor B: The Minor B team will play their league final v St. Columba's on Wednesday 28th March.

Minor C: The Minor C team have just finished their league, they narrowly missed out on a semi-final place.

U16 A: The U16 A Team won the South Dublin League. They blasted their way through the final, beating Loreto Dalkey 37-22. At the All-Ireland play-offs they narrowly lost to Loreto Beaufort and Mercy, Waterford but beat all Ireland champions Coláiste an Phiarsigh. Well Done to all teams this season!

Annabel O'Rourke



GOLF

Congratulations to **Rachael McDonnell & Alva Lawler** who competed in the Leinster Schools' Golf Competition representing our School.

Debating

The **Junior Debating Club** will commence after the Easter Holidays.

Thursday Lunchtime. All welcome!.

THEATRE TRIPS

3rd year & 5th year students both visited the Helix Theatre to view a performance of Shakespeare.

3rd years went to see **The Merchant of Venice** and 5th years went to see **Macbeth**.

Solidarity Week Events

1st Year Victoria and Segovia Solidarity Quiz

On the 14th of March 1st Segovia and Victoria held a quiz in the school hall. The whole school were invited and most of them came. We all read out one question and each team would answer them. The questions were on India, Peru and the Congo. In the end a group of 6th Years won, they each got an Easter egg. The aim of our quiz was not to make loads of money but to raise awareness for Peru, India and the Congo. We all really hope that all classes enjoyed our quiz and were educated on the different countries we raise money for.

Isabel Slater

Struggling to get by...

On the Tuesday of Solidarity week some of the 4th, 5th, and 6th years came to our classroom to play a solidarity activity. Ours was to make as many runners as possible in a certain amount of time while making money and then having to use most of that money to pay for paper, scissors and pens to make them. When our time stopped they counted how many runners every group had made and then

one group won. This game was to show us how many runners some people have to make just to survive and none of us reached that amount.

Ella O'Grady

The Corporation activity

During Solidarity Week, 1st years and 6th years did solidarity activities. We learnt a lot from these activities. One was the corporation activity. The idea of the game was to learn how special rights are. To win you had to give up some of your rights in your country. At the start I was very confused, I said 'Why can't we just give them all up and get the corporation in our country?' The team who won gave up the most of their rights, but then one of the 6th Years stood up and explained how important these rights were and then everyone realized. It was a great experience!

Alva Lawlor

On the week of solidarity we had 6th years come to our classroom. We had to do a fun challenge. We had to be a poor country and we really needed business in our country to get money and jobs. But we had to remove some of our daily needs so the business would be satisfied and come to our country and not someone

else's. In the end we had to take away things like bathroom breaks, lunch, health care, etc ... Then the representative of the corporation came around and picked a country they wanted to go to who had knocked off the most daily needs. We also had some 6th year lawyers sit with us and advise us what we should keep and knock off. I really liked this challenge and thought it was fun and enjoyable.

Amelia Slattery

What do your efforts amount to?

For solidarity week, 4th, 5th and 6th year found some games to go round all the classes to show what solidarity means. My favourite game was the paper bag game. They came in with a lot of old newspaper. They split us up into groups and gave us a worksheet on how to make paper bags. At first I thought it was really difficult, but as we went on to make more and more bags and it got easier and easier. When time was up we made 45 bags in 20 minutes. After we had made all the bags someone came round and gave us a worksheet and it showed us that we would only have made a small amount of money for all the effort we had put in.

Robyn Neilan

Seachtain Na Gaeilge—ST PATRICK'S DAY

On St. Patrick's Day we were all in a great mood helped by the assembly. The assembly started off with James giving an interactive, bi-lingual presentation on St. Patrick. It was really interesting and funny. After that we had some Irish music, dance and an Irish play by the second years. The play was really funny and clever. I missed the 3rd Years because we were getting ready for our version of the play *The Field*. I loved doing the *Hócaí Pócaí* with James too! Our play went really well! We ended the show with *Amhrán na bhFiann*. Overall the show was great and I felt really green for the rest of the weekend.

Róisín McGrath

St. Patrick's Day in The Field

On the 16th of March, my class 1st year Segovia did a great performance of the play 'The

Field'. Everyone dressed up in funny costumes and had fake beards. Our class practised so hard and it paid off. The play was a success; people laughed and had fun which was exactly what we wanted! On the day of the play nobody knew we were going to do it, it was a total surprise: imagine 20 girls dressed up as men coming in and shouting! Right before the play we only had 3 minutes to get dressed and put on our fake beards and moustaches, it was total CHAOS! I loved acting out the play, it was so much fun, and I would definitely do it again. *Danielle Connor*



3rd Yrs going for their sponsored walk as Gaeilge

Peru Fashion Show

The 5th Years are holding a Fashion Show on the evening of **Sunday 22nd April 2012** at 7.30pm. at the Stillorgan Park Hotel to raise funds for the Teresian Projects in Peru. All proceeds will go directly to the Villa El Salvador Projects.

Seventeen self-funded 5th Year students will be taking part in a Volunteer Programme in Lima during three weeks this summer.

Some Teresian School students from Class 3 upwards among others will participate as models in the show. The occasion promises to be a sociable and enjoyable evening!

Tickets €20, available from the School Office from Friday 30th March.

Your kind help/sponsorship in the above would be greatly appreciated as will your presence on the night!

Ways in which you may be able to help us:

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| Attend the show! | Donation |
| Donate raffle prizes | Buy raffle tickets |
| Donate items for goodie bags | |
| Place an advertisement in our programme | |

(Full A5 page €50, half page €25)

Contributions will be acknowledged in our programme.

Claire Nicholl / Rachel Cooke, 5th Year





Scifest 2012

The second years competed in Scifest 2012. One hundred and fifty projects entered the competition and seventy two were selected to exhibit at the final held on the 29th March at D.I.T. The Teresian School had twelve successful entries, all from second year.

Two of the projects won prizes. Chiara Coleman, Sophie Lynch and Kristin McKenna's project "To Build a Water Powered Generator" won first prize in the technology section and also won the special Sustainable Energy Ireland Award. This project involved the girls building a water powered generator out of a plastic bottle, plastic spoons and other pieces of everyday equipment to generate electricity.

Sarah Donnelly and Caoimhe O'Reilly won a special commendation award for their project titled "Energy Intake – Too Much or too Little". This project involved analysing the energy intake from teenage diets. Well done to all the girls!



Terry Glass

Way of the Cross 2012



€5487.32

is the final figure from the **Solidarity Day Events**. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to it.

PERU QUIZ €2,600

Thanks to Siobhan Purcell for organizing the Quiz and to so many who attended on the night.

European Youth Parliament

On Friday the 3rd of February, seven Fifth Years, including myself, attended the European Youth Parliament Leinster Regional Conference in Saint Michael's College, Dublin 4. We were joined by 113 other delegates from schools all over Leinster. We had all heard about EYP from friends or teachers, and had registered, listing our top three topic choices, a few weeks in advance. Five days before the start of the conference, we received our topic and points to be researched, along with a timetable for the weekend. It was all very well prepared, but nonetheless, we could not have prepared ourselves for the true EYP experience with simply a timetable and topic in hand.

On the Friday, we assembled in a hall at Saint Michael's College to register, and spent the rest of the day playing (often awkward) team-building ice breakers. We arrived back early the next morning for an opening ceremony, and then the

work began. We retreated into a room with our committee for the rest of the day, albeit with frequent coffee breaks, to discuss the topic at hand and write up an EU Parliament – inspired resolution. It was a tiring day, filled with debate and mental block, but we were well rewarded with a disco that night.

Sunday, however, was the big day; General Assembly. We had agreed amongst ourselves the night before who would do each speech, so realistically, we shouldn't have encountered any problems, but it is always difficult to anticipate which of your points will be attacked. What we should have known is that all of them would be. **Something in General Assembly brings out passionate argument in even the most pacifistic of people**, but don't let that thought deter you, because odds are you will find yourself in the exact same position, sure beyond doubt that you are fighting for the most just cause the world has ever

seen. In three short days I learned more about the European Union than I have in my whole life. I learned that I could review the constitution of a country, decide what was wrong with it, change it, and present my recommendations to 120 other people. I learned that I could objectively judge other people's resolutions too, and vote them into effect if I felt so inclined. I could also do all of these things through French if I so wished. As well as being a great way to meet people, EYP was the exact definition of work experience. There was no sitting around and watching how other people earn a living. For a weekend, I gained the invaluable experience of really working as a Member of the European Parliament.

EYP was an experience that I would not trade for anything, and one that I would recommend to anyone. Ciara Kidney-Butterfield

The Emmanuel Concert

For 6 weeks a group of 19 girls from 1st and 2nd year practised for Emmanuel 2012. In a church near the Helix we ran through the songs once. Then we played a few games and learnt about the Eucharistic Congress in the R.D.S. After a small break we then rehearsed for a very long three hours. We had a hot dinner and had some free time to wander around D.C.U. The show ran from 8 to 10.30. It

Ellen Kirwan

worth all the hard work.

On Tuesday the 13th of March, girls from both 1st Year and 2nd Year went to The Helix to participate in Emmanuel Concert 2012. Practices had been held almost every week since we signed up, in October, to do it. We were all very excited when the bus left our school at 10 o'clock and after half an hour we arrived at the Holy Child Church. We had workshops and we practised with hundreds of other students from different schools in Leinster. We had a quick dinner and 8 o'clock was quickly approaching. We all took up our positions on the stage and the show commenced. By the end we were exhausted! We got to go in late to school the next morning! It was a really enjoyable day and it was worth all the practices during the year to participate in it! Clara O'Carroll

The Emmanuel Concert is a fun, religious based concert for secondary school students which our school participated in for the first time this year. Anne-Marie brought a small group of us and we arrived at Our Lady of Victories Church in Ballymun to take part in a long practice and workshop quite

early. After that we headed to DCU for a quick lunch, a final dress rehearsal and a hot meal for dinner. Then it was time for the final show. On stage I really enjoyed myself and got quite into all the songs and, especially, the actions. It was fantastic and I look forward to next year's. Sibéal O'Brian 1V

On the 13th of March 19 students from The Teresian School attended the Emmanuel concert. We had been practising very hard every Monday evening to get ready for this event. The Emmanuel concert is a concert where many schools join together and sing religious songs. Before we went on stage we had a full day of activities. In the morning we got a bus to a church near by the Helix. All the schools gathered there to have a quick practice together. After that we had some games and presentations. Then we walked over to the DCU campus and had our lunch in the canteen. We had a dress and stage rehearsal in the Helix afterwards. Then we had our dinner. After dinner we went back to the Helix and got positioned on stage then ...show time. It was a really good experience and I would do it again. Sophie Brennan

I took part in the Emmanuel Concert 2012 with 19 other students from The Teresian School. We left school at 10 am and we arrived at the Church we were practising in at around 11. We were there for 3 hours, singing and taking part in workshops. At 1.30 we left the church to go to the Helix. We had our lunch in the cafeteria there. At 2 pm we went inside the Helix Theatre and practised on stage with the band. At 6pm we had our meal in the cafeteria and at 8pm we took to the stage for our performance. It was a really enjoyable day.

Ruth Lynch 1V

