



### Goodbye to our Principal Natuca Cordón

Summer term at the Teresian School has been packed with activities, as ever. However the most significant event has been saying goodbye to our Principal of the last eight years, Natuca Cordón.



Previous to that, as a member of the Teresian Association, Natuca has worked all of her professional life as a teacher of Spanish and RE in the school, with the exception of five years in Institúid Teangeolaíochta Éireann where she was advisor to teachers of Spanish and produced materials for teaching Spanish.

Natuca arrived back in school for the closing fortnight of term after her long absence on sick-leave. On the final day of 6th Years we also celebrated our farewell to her as a school, and hers to us. First there was a Gala Concert in her honour, featuring the school orchestra and a number of senior students who danced, sang and played. Then our incoming Principal, Anthony Carty, paid a tribute to her, followed by the three 6th Year Captains (see below). They presented her with flowers, a card and a gift of a beautiful i-pad mini.

Ever a lover of symbol and ritual, Natuca had organised a surprise to say her farewell. As she explained to us, in leaving us she wanted "to pass on the light" of the Teresian spirit not only to the incoming Principal, but to all staff and students. Each member of staff received a lantern, and each student a candle holder, all of which we proceeded to light up until the whole hall was filled with lights, - a memorable moment!

We will do our best, Natuca,  
to let the light shine!



#### A Tribute to Natuca on her Farewell

##### from the 6th year Captains

Natuca,

Today we are marking another milestone in the history of our school: you are about to retire after eight years as our Principal, and previously thirty one on the staff of this school. On behalf of all your students here today we wish to say our thanks and our goodbye to you as you prepare to leave us.



Ciara Kidney Butterfield, Claire Nicholl Natuca and Billie Browne at Natuca's Farewell ceremony

Yes, we want to thank you for your dedicated leadership of our school, your vision, energy and creativity that have brought the school from strength to strength.

You brought about a lot of the important changes that over the last eight years have gradually transformed our school. We take them for granted now, but you were the driving force for change that brought them in. To name a few:

The Student Office to take care of our needs; the Poveda Pavilion that replaced the old prefabs; the computers, whiteboards and multimedia projectors in every classroom; the hand scanners that (unfortunately!) keep tabs on our comings and goings; the double intake of students into First Year that is gradually increasing the size of the School and ensuring its future. These have been important contributions to the way we live our lives in the School each day.

These are outward, visible things, but, Natuca, you have led this academic community with great energy, promoting excellence at every level: spiritual, intellectual, sporting, artistic and social. This can be seen in the quality of students that pass out through our gates, in what they take with them for life's journey. You have continued to promote the educational vision of St Pedro Poveda, who wanted to help young people to be well equipped to live as Christians in a changing society.

In particular we wish to show appreciation for the Teresian qualities that you have embodied for us: your joy, fortitude and love.

Your joy: that we see in your smile, your humour, and your ability to look on the positive side and cheer us up when we needed it.

**Your fortitude: your courage in taking risks to enlarge the School, and in dealing with the daily ups and downs of school life; the courage you showed throughout this year when your health took a dramatic turn for the worse. But you have come back smiling!**

**Your love: shown in your dedicated and constant hard work on behalf of students and staff, your spirit of service, your care for the welfare of each of your students. You have kept before our eyes in so many different ways the Teresian ideal of joy, fortitude and love.**

**Yes, Natuca, on behalf of all the students we give you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you have been to our school, especially over the last eight years as our Principal. May God go with you into your future, as we wish you every happiness and blessing in your retirement.**



## Sport

The minor hockey team were very unfortunate to miss out on a spot in the Leinster Schoolgirls final this year. They were very unlucky to lose in the semi-final to Santa Sabina in a 1 v 1 shootout.

The following girls were selected for the Leinster U14, U16 and U18 Development Programme;

1<sup>st</sup> yr: Holly Madigan, Lilly Farrell, Emily Appleby and Sarah Mac Mahon

3<sup>rd</sup> yr: Anna Flynn, Katie Ryan and Sophie Craig

5<sup>th</sup> yr: Anna Scott and Rachel Dillon.

Anna and Rachel have made it into the U18 Leinster training squad for this coming August.

### Basketball

The Minor A team won the SBAI final, they beat St. Joseph of Cluny. They also finished third in the SBAI league which qualified them for the All-Ireland playoffs in Limerick. They finished as Plate semi-finalists. The Minor B team made it to the final of their league but narrowly lost out to Holy Child, Killiney.

Congratulations to Allison McGrath & Rachel Leavy who were both selected to play for Ireland. We wish them the best of luck this summer!

### Tennis

The Senior C team & Junior B teams made it to the semi-finals.

### Athletics

Congratulations to Sarah Domoney who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1100m and Katie Magee who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the High Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 80m sprint. The 1<sup>st</sup> year team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Katie went on to represent the school at the Leinster Competition last Wednesday, she finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the High Jump.

Sarah was unable to compete due to injury.

### Jump For Joy

A big thank you to students & parents who contributed to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin. You raised €2,748.32.

**Congratulations to the Blue team – Misneach, they were the overall winners. Well done to the Red team – Áthas, they were the best dressed team.**

*Vivienne and Nikki*

## Teresian Weather

This year the students began an *exciting* new weather project with the Geography Departments of UCD and NUIM. We now have our own interactive weather station on the campus beside the astro-turf and basketball court that constantly monitors the weather of the school.

Over the coming months this device and its data will be used in classes across all year groups to teach our students a myriad of new skills.

The Universities are using our station as the control sample for their research into urban micro climates. In return our TY students were able to use the data generated by the station to make weather websites for the school. Look for one of these sites to be linked to the Teresian School's own webpage later this summer!

*Robert Matthews*



## Summer term Events

The Term was an extremely busy one with many events. The usual practical and oral exams took place for LC and JC. These were followed by a Whole School Inspection by the Dept. of Education & Science which concentrated the minds of staff both in the preparation and the teaching observation. The full report of this will be available on the Department website in September.

On 17th May we had our Farewell Mass for both Natuca and our departing 6th Years, followed by a memorable evening reception. The School celebrated its goodbye to Natuca on the following Monday, the last day of 6th Years.

The Awards Ceremony took place, followed by a farewell sing-song from 6th and 5th years, with Jump for Joy to round off the day. On 24th May the winning School Team, Áthas, celebrated its victory with an outing to lunch and the cinema. The term concluded with house exams for most classes.

*Hilda Geraghty*

### 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 or fashion labels.**

## Important Calendar Dates

### School Year 2013/14

**School opening for students  
October 2013**

**Tuesday 27 August 2013**  
**Mid-term break**  
**Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2013 inclusive.**

**Christmas 2013**

**Friday 20th December 2013, finishing at 12 o'clock Monday 6th January 2014, full day**

**February 2014**

**Mid-term break**  
**Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2014**

Where contingency arrangements are required a school authority may reduce the length of the February mid-term break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 19th February 2014.

**Easter 2014**

**Friday 11th April 2014**  
**Monday 28th April 2014, Full Day**

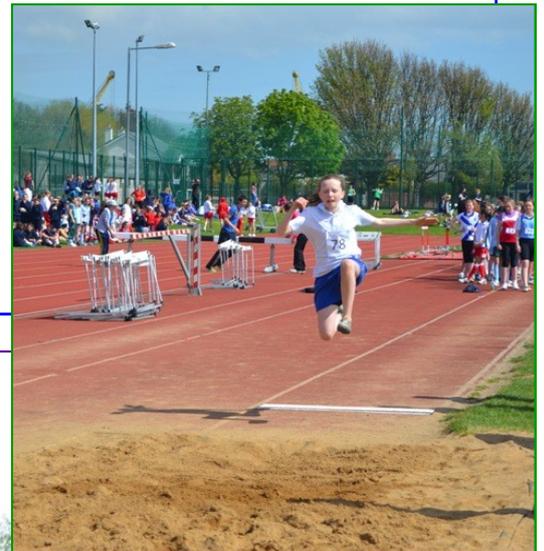
Where contingency arrangements are required a school authority may reduce the length of the Easter break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 16th April 2014.

**School ends**

**Friday 30th May 2014**

**State Examinations starting**

**Wednesday 4th June**



**Sarah Domoney, 1st Year**  
**in the long jump.**



**The Winners of Jump for Joy 2013**  
**The Blue and Green teams, Best Team and Best Dressed on the day with Natuca**