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School Motto

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Christmas is an important time for stopping and taking time out of our ordinary, busy lives. When the shepherds and the wise men went to visit Jesus in the manger, they took time to do something different, something important. They took time to be with people who were important to them. This is what we do at Christmas, when we gather around a Christmas tree or sit down for Christmas dinner together. Of course, when we do get together in this way we are always reminded of people who cannot be with us. This makes being together all the more special. We appreciate one another. It may be that the people we love are in another part of the country, or another part of the world. It may be that they are no longer with us, in a deeper sense.

In November we had the sad news that Suzanne McGowan had passed away. To many people this news came quite suddenly. Suzanne was well known for bringing people together and we all saw that at events surrounding her funeral. It was a great loss and we all know what Suzanne did for this school.

As a Trustee, Suzanne was very much involved in thinking about the future of the school. She was enthusiastic and focused when I met with her in the summer. She knew that we had a lot to look forward to, as well a great history to look back on.



We will always miss Suzanne McGowan. Perhaps her continuing achievement is the future she helped to build for so many people, including our community now, going forward. We must stop at Christmas, gather together as we do on our final day for prayer and carols, to think about who is no longer with us and their gift of live and love which is present in our lives today.

And all at once with the angel there was a great throng of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours.

A WORD FROM ANTHONY

THE FULL EULOGY TO SUZANNE IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AT TERESIAN.IE

ENTRANCE SCHOLARS



In November, Anthony attended the UCD Entrance Scholars Awards Ceremony. Three students from the Leaving Cert Class of 2014 received awards. The school has a proud record over the years and commemorative plaques hang outside the Principals Office in recognition of these students' achievements.

Photo L to R: Aoife O'Neill, Anna Scott, Anthony Carty (Principal) and Evie Regan



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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

On Friday the 28th of November, the Transition Years hosted a Christmas Fair in order to raise money for St Vincent de Paul. Both the secondary school and the Junior school attended it during lunchtime. We sold gifts such as chocolate Santas, Christmas gifts and decorations. We all really enjoyed the fair and we raised both awareness and money for the charity.
Calee Nielson



1ST YEAR TRIP TO MARY AIKENHEAD CENTRE

On 12th of December, the 1st Years visited the Mary Aikenhead Centre. We wore Santa Hats and brought baked goods and presents.

First we had tea and cakes in the kitchen with them, then we gave out the presents to the old people. We hope they enjoyed them.

After that, we went into the hall to sing carols. The MCs for the event were Cameron and Leea while Jennifer Reynolds played the guitar.

We had a great day and we hope to go back.

Sophie Casey, Cameron Kelly, Leea Roghan and Sarah Holmes



The 6th Years made up 27 hampers and donated them to St. Vincent de Paul.

On our last day of school students were asked to donate 2 euros and in return they could wear their Christmas jumpers. The money will buy a fridge for the Merchants Quay Homeless Project to store food donations which they receive. The idea was proposed by Elizabeth Kennedy 1st Year, following a talk in school by a speaker from that organisation.



Deseos para la Navidad

Que la gente del mundo pase una feliz navidad, a Dios le Pido,
Que cada persona se ría en la mañana el Día de Navidad, a Dios le Pido,
Que cada persona tenga una familia y amigos este diciembre, a Dios le Pido,
Que la gente del mundo tenga una casa y salud a Dios le Pido.

Por la comida rica el Día de Navidad, a Dios le Pido
Por los niños del mundo, a Dios le Pido
Por las noches que pasamos al lado del árbol de Navidad, a Dios le Pido

Que los sueños y deseos se cumplan, a Dios le Pido

Un segundo más de felicidad en este Navidad
Un segundo más de oración para la gente en mi corazón
Un segundo más de felicidad en esta Navidad
Imogen McCullough and Aoife Power



Fifth year students writing Christmas Caligrams and New Year hopes in Spanish.

They wish everyone Feliz Navidad y Año Nuevo!



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6TH YEAR POETRY VISIT

On the 20th of November, the sixth year English class attended a talk given by the poet Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin in Trinity College Dublin. This is the first year Ní Chuilleanáin's poetry features on the Leaving Certificate course so the opportunity proved invaluable. Not only did Ní Chuilleanáin read a sample of her poetry aloud, she also offered up fascinating insights and gave an in depth analysis of each poem. A professor of the college who added many intriguing observations to the discussion joined her. Finally the evening ended with a lively and thought-provoking Q & A session.

Rachel Kilduff



FRENCH PENPALS

This year, our 2nd Year class are writing to pen pals from Aix-en-Provence near Marseille in France. We have been writing letters, making videos and Christmas cards for them. We have already received two letters from them and are in the middle of sending our third one. Each girl in our class got two pen pals, boys or girls. Our French teacher Rose found our pen pals school by posting a request on a teachers website and got a response from the school almost immediately. In the future our class would like to continue writing letters and hopefully go on French exchanges.

Sarah Corcoran 2nd Year

SCIENCE STEM CLUB LAUNCH

What is STEM

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education. STEM is an interdisciplinary and applied approach that is coupled with hands-on, problem-based learning.

The STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Technology) Club was launched in November and has had three meetings so far with an average attendance of 20 students from 1st to 6th Year. It meets on Fridays from 8.10 to 8.30am. This is a great opportunity for students to explore, experiment and learn more! All welcome.



SENIOR SCIENCE



Ellen MacMahon, Saoirse McNally and Natalia Mesa Sheehan reached the Regional Finals of the Senior Science Quiz at TCD in November.

COIRCAL COMHRÁ

Thosaigh Coircal Comhrá le déanaí ag am lóin sa scoil. Tá an tóir ar an gCoircal faoi láthair. Tagann daltaí ó na blianta go léir agus tá said ag baint taitneamh as. Is deis iontach é do dhaltaí labhairt le daltaí eile trí mheáin na Gaeilge in atmaisféar cairdiúil. Rachaidh sé chun tairbhe do gach duine go háirithe éinne atá ag déanamh scrúdú béil! Bhain triail as! Beatha teanga í a labhairt!



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NEWS FROM HOME ECONOMICS

In Home Economics we made Christmas decorations. I made a Christmas penguin. I really enjoyed making this.

We learnt blanket stitch. My favourite stitch was the blanket stitch. Stitching is my favourite thing about Home Ec.
India Costello



In our Home Ec. Class we had to make Christmas decorations. I made a Christmas penguin to hang on my door.

We learnt how to blanket stitch and chain stitch. I had a lot of fun making my decorations and I can't wait to put it on my door. Embroidery was my favourite part of Home Ec. Elizabeth Tansey

SEWING & CRAFT

Our Home Ec. Class taught us how to use the:

- Rub in method
- Melting method
- Creaming Method
- Kneading Method

In our first class we used the rub in method to make scones

For our second class, we used the melting method. This helped us make flapjacks.

During our third class we used the creaming method to make cupcakes.

For our fourth and final class, we used the kneading method and we made pizzas using this method.

Our Home Economics classes were very enjoyable, we learnt a lot and we will definitely make these again.

Xenia Ma & Jennifer Reynolds

COOKING & BAKING

A SPANISH POEM

A Dios le Pido by Olga Drocov

Que escuches el latido de mi corazón yo
A Dios le pido.
Que veas la verdad en mis ojos cuando te miro yo
A Dios le pido.
Que leas mis labios cuando te hablo yo
A Dios le pido.
Que me toques con tu mirada yo
A Dios le pido.

Por los días que te vas y a mí no me recuerdas
Yo a Dios le pido.
Por los manos que me llevan hasta el cielo y no me quedan
Yo a Dios le pido.
Que mi alma vuele lejos y que la fe no tenga precio
Yo a Dios le pido.
Por el dolor y la libertad, por el amor y la amistad
Yo a Dios le pido.

Los secretos de mi vida entregarte y hasta que mi muerte llegue esperarte.
Hasta el fin de la semana olvidarte, y después toda mi vida cuidarte.
Y por esto solo amor yo a Dios le pido.

Y si me despierto sea con tu sonrisa,
Y si yo lloro sea por tu tristeza,
Y si me enamoro sea de tus maneras, todos los días yo a Dios le pido.



TY TEACHING CLASS 4

TY students taught some basic French to class 4 in the Teresian Junior School. We wanted to give them a brief experience of what French is like in secondary school and to show them the beauty of the French language. They found it really fun and enjoyable and received a croissant for their efforts!

We taught them numbers from one to twenty. Then we taught them about French culture and traditions such as food, clothes, famous sites and places in France. Overall they really enjoyed our French lesson and we found it a positive, rewarding and enjoyable experience. Emma Russell



For Science week TY students helped show class 4 different science experiments. First, we welcomed class 4 into the green lab and gave them a pair of safety goggles each. There were four different groups showing four different science experiments. In my group we mixed water and cornflour to make a weird liquid / solid. This explained a Newtonian fluid which means the mixture can change from a liquid into a solid, depending on how much pressure you put on it. The other group's projects included; an alka seltzer rocket, CD hovercraft and a homemade lava lamp. The younger girls were all very interested in the science behind the experiments.

Alva Lawler



TY SAMBA DRUMMING

Last Wednesday, we took part in Samba drumming, which consisted of African and Brazilian drumming. Our instructor took out all of the different drums he had and we each got one. They were covered in skins of different animals, such as goat and sheepskin. Each one had a different sound. He taught us lots of different melodies which, if we all played at different times, sounded amazing. I really enjoyed this module because we all got to pretend that we were in a band and it was something most of us had never done before.

Isobel Duffy 4V



THE SCHOOL BANK WITH BANK OF IRELAND

At the start of the school year, the school bank opened in association with the Bank of Ireland. Six students from the TY Business class are involved in it. Staff from the bank come in to school once every week, the school bank opens for business. This gives all students an opportunity to open an account and to lodge money. In total, twenty eight students have opened accounts so far. If you are thinking about opening an account all you need to do is fill out a form, and lodge €5 or more into the account. We encourage all other students to open an account and get into the good habit of saving money.

Zahara Vazir



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Let's Go Teresians!

Basketball - The U16 B's basketball team had their first match after midterm which they won greatly against Loreto Dalkey. After their first outstanding win, the U 16 B's went on to win their next two matches one against Newpark and the other against Mount Anville. The U 16 A's had quite a few more matches after the break. Firstly they played Colaiste Iosgain who put up a great fight. The Teresian team managed to pull a win. Unfortunately, the next match they played was a loss against Loreto Dalkey. They managed to make their way up to the semi-final where they narrowly lost to Mount Temple. As for the U 19 A's , they have continued to stride throughout the season, winning every single match and making their way to the All-Ireland semi-final which will take place in January.



Hockey — The Junior A's succeeded greatly in their first match against Santa Sabina winning 7-0. Their next league match was played against Loreto Bray, in the torrential rain, which they won 3-0 , all three goals coming from short corners. The Junior C's started off their league strongly by winning 3-0 against Santa Sabina in early December. Unfortunately, they lost the next day against Our Lady's Terenure 0-3. However they still have the rest of their season to fight their way back to the top. The Seniors have fought strongly since the midterm break but have had some tight matches. Some ended in narrow losses such as the match versus Columba's and some ended in great wins such as the Cluny match which was 6—1. Grace, Sarah and Holly.

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STAR OF THE WEEK
ALLISON McGRATH (Teresian)

The Sports Star of the Week has been deservedly won by Alison McGrath from the Teresian school in Donnybrook. Alison highlighted her prowess when helping her school to overcome St Patrick's Dungannon in their U19 Cup clash last Friday with the 18-year old amassing a staggering 45v points. She has represented her country at U18 and U16 level and last summer she competed at the U18 European Championships held in Romania. She has played for her local club, Meteors for the past nine years.

Katie Magee, a third year student has been selected for the Leinster development athletics programme. Katie trains for her athletics three days a week for Dundrum South Dublin Athletic Club. She has been selected especially for sprinting and long jump. Katie also does high jump and relay which she has won many times in All Ireland competitions. Katie competed in the All-Ireland athletics in July.

ATHLETICS

SHOW-JUMPING

Teresian students participated in showjumping in Killossery, against 11 schools. The other teams included: Santa Sabina JUN, Loreto on the Green and Castleknock College. Our team was Lily Farrell (with pony Tiko), Irina Kearns (with horse Minus), Bella Hughes (with pony Con) and Fiona Pane (with horse Prince). We jumped as a team and got three clear rounds to go through to the jump off between five schools. Lily got 4 faults in the speed round but Bella got a clear so we were ranked in 1st place. Luckily we stayed there to win! We got rosettes and trophies and then led the "canter" around the arena. It was a very enjoyable day and we had fun so it didn't matter if we won or lost once we participated as a team! Irina Kearns