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School Motto

"Let's mean what we say when we pray"

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50 Years of Teresian education in Dublin

On a very special Sunday on 27th September we celebrated 50 years as a school community. In that time we have been through many transformations. The people and the buildings have changed over the years. But a unique spirit has permeated this half-century of education at The Teresian School. People who talked on that day were able to talk about the same school despite never having met before.

The closeness of our teaching and learning means that to many of our former students, parents and teachers, coming back to the school is a kind of home-coming. Our 6th Year Farewells are often emotional occasions, but we always greet our past pupils with joy when they return to us. A key part of that of that 6th Year Farewell is the Mass that is held for parents and students. It was fitting then that we gathered at Donnybrook Church on that Sunday. The whole school had gathered there the previous Wednesday. Prayer is truly at the heart of the Joy, Fortitude and Love that have held us together for 50 years. We look forward to the next 50 years in the same spirit.

"For Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God"

Saint Teresa of Avila

Principal, Anthony Carty



Class Captains 2015 – 16

| | 6th Year Captain | 5th Year Vice-Captain |
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| Áthas | Ella Byrne McMahon | Danielle Connor |
| Misneach | Ellen Mohan | Roisin McGrath |
| Grá | Katie Ryan | Amaru Ni Cheallaigh |



Ella, Ellen and Katie

1st Day at School

On my first day of school in The Teresian School we went into the hall where we were divided into our classes Victoria and Segovia. After that we went to our classroom and we met our class teacher. We were given our timetables and our planners. Then we read the code of behaviour. We were given our lockers in groups and put our books into our lockers. We then told the class our names, ages and something we like to do. Then we had our break and after the break we went to our first few classes. They were really fun, mostly we got our seating plan and told the teachers our names.

I really enjoyed my first day of school. Zara Lynch 1st Year

50th Celebration

On the 27th of September 2015 our school celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Teresian School in Ireland. Following a packed out mass in Donnybrook Church, the school hosted everyone at a reception in the school. There was a huge marquee with food and drink. Speeches were given by past pupils, Principal Anthony Carty and other people who have been involved with the school over the past 50 years. There was a timeline in the hall which contained old photographs of past students, teachers and more. It ran until around six o'clock and I think everyone found it a really good and enjoyable event.

The present students celebrated by having a school mass in Donnybrook Church on 23rd September. Afterwards, back in school, each class got a cake for break time, as part of the celebration.

Aoife Casey, Transition Year



Lourdes Trip

This year, six 6th year students participated in the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The students who went were Aoife Power, Ella Byrne-McMahon, Ellen Mohan, Faye Quinn, Robyn McCoy and I. We were accompanied by Hilda Geraghty. The work began straight away at the airport, where we helped the pilgrims onto the plane. We spent the next five days bringing the pilgrims to mass or the shops, or even just chatting to them and playing a game of cards. Aside from the religious aspect of Lourdes, the Dublin diocesan pilgrimage is one where there is a great sense of community. Sixth years, past pupils, priests, nurses and doctors all work together to achieve a happy experience for the pilgrims. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we are thankful that Hilda accompanied us so we could get this opportunity. Roisin Casey, 6th Year



Maths Week

The 10th anniversary of Maths week was celebrated in the school from the 12th to the 16th October. A Teresian Maths Trail was set up around the school encouraging students to use their mathematical abilities to solve puzzles. Features of the Trail included working out the number of steps it takes to walk around a circular clock in the playground to walking the height of the school using an isosceles triangle.

Another activity which was advertised throughout the school was the national "Have you got Maths eyes?" competition. Students were asked to take a thought provoking photo and add a tag line that has some relevance to Mathematics. The response was excellent and the best entries are on display in the school. So all and all it was a very busy Maths week 2015 and we look forward to an even better one next year.



Sophie Eustace 1st Year won the Have You Got Maths Eyes competition.

Spanish Exchanges

On the 27th of September a group of 7 Spanish girls from The Teresian School in Pozuelo del Alarcon, Madrid arrived into Dublin Airport. They were greeted by 7 Irish girls from The Teresian School, Donnybrook. The girls had been in contact with their exchanges since May 2015 through social media, texts and skype. The Spanish girls attended school every day with the Irish girls and they really improved their English language skills. After school some days and at the weekends they went on trips into the city centre, Phoenix Park, Dun Laoghaire and Howth. All of the girls involved really enjoyed the four weeks spent together and they are all looking forward to being reunited in February in Madrid.



Spanish Lunch

On the 18th of September, the entire Transition Year cooked lots of different Spanish foods for a special lunch organised for the Valencia exchanges. This was organised in order to celebrate the time the Valencia exchanges spent in Ireland and also to celebrate World Language Day. Some of the foods that were made included tortillas, Spanish salads, desserts and there was also a selection of Spanish cheeses and cold meats. At the end of the lunch, the Irish girls sang a Spanish song about Pedro Poveda for the Spanish exchanges. The Spanish girls knew the song and so they joined in and eve-



Spanish Quiz

On the 16th of October, Transition Year students held a quiz for the sixth years and for the Madrid exchanges. The quiz was in Spanish and the questions were about the school and about the founders of the Teresian Association. At the end of the quiz, the girls enjoyed Spanish desserts which the Transition Year students made and brought in.

Class Tours

We left school at 8.45am and took a bus to Causey Farm. The journey was a little over an hour and a half. When we arrived we were greeted by one of the workers. She was very nice and welcoming. First we went into a small room where we did some line dancing. It was so much fun! Then we were shown how to milk a cow and got to take turns having a go. We got to see new-born puppies that were only three days old! They were so cute and small. We went into the barn house and baked some brown soda bread and while it was baking we ate our packed lunch. After lunch we prepared ourselves for the bog. The best activity of the day was bog jumping, we took a tractor van to the bog site which was a ten minute journey followed by a small walk. We were not allowed to wear our shoes in the bog. We jumped in and it was very cold but so much fun. Then we took the tractor van back to the farm and got changed into our dry clothes. We then took the bus back to school in time for collection at 3.45. The day was an overall success and I really enjoyed it.

Iona Hourican 2nd Year

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| 6th Year | Paintballing. |
| 5th Year | Bubble Football. |
| Transition Year | Birr Adventure Centre. |
| 3rd Year | Battle of the Boyne Site. |
| 1st Year | Chocolate Garden & Woodlands Falconry, Co. Carlow. |

TY trip to Birr

My name is Batool al Hashim from Transition Year. I am writing about the trip to Birr Outdoor Education Centre. We went for 2 nights and 3 days on the 23rd of September 2015 .

We went in the bus and it takes about 3 hours to get there. We did a lot of activities. On the first day we watched a movie and celebrated with a cake to celebrate the 50 anniversary of the Teresian School.

On the 2nd day we played team games, human foosball, football, archery, canoeing and dark caving.

On the 3rd day we visited a waterfall and did rock climbing. We had so much fun there. Then we took the bus again back home to Dublin .



Poetry Competition

On the 20th October 2015, six girls from 1st Year entered a poetry completion in the National Library. The girls were Grace Walsh, Siofradh Fitzgerald, Lucy Roden, Aisling Whelan, Sophie Eustace and Victoria Xu. They had one week to learn off two poems each. They all had to learn 'Fiddler of Dooney' and then choose a second poem of their choice. All girls did very well but unfortunately none received a prize.



Concern Debating

On Wednesday the 14th of October, our debating team took part in the first Concern Debate of this Academic Year. The motion was that "The EU can well afford to open its borders to refugees", and we were opposing it while Mt. Anville were proposing it. Our team was made up of four speakers; Sibeal O'Briain, Cliona Dillon, Katie Ryan and myself. We prepared our debate for the two weeks beforehand so we could have a strong argument. We were nervous on the night before we started the debate because we didn't want to mess up, however once we started we were poised and spoke with confidence. We had a great argument and the judges commented on how calm we all were. Overall, it was a great debate to start the year on and I am looking forward to the next ones we will have this year.

Isobel Duffy 5th Year

Sports Roundup

Hockey

This sporting season got off to a great start at the Teresian School. This year we have been promoted to the Premier League in Senior and Junior hockey. The Junior and Senior A teams have unfortunately lost both their opening games. Senior 3 also lost to Mount Anville.

The 1st Years had their opening match against Holy Child Killiney, unfortunately both lost.

The Minor A team have played two matches and drawn both. The Minor Bs won their first match against Mount Temple.

Basketball

The U16 and U19 basketball teams have been promoted to the A League, following the great success of the U19s last year when they won the All Ireland B final.

The 1st and 2nd years are still training. The U16s and U19s have lost narrowly in their opening two games. Holly Madigan Transition Year



Equestrian

Great news in Equestrian where the school team came 6th out of 12 in the Inter Schools Competition.