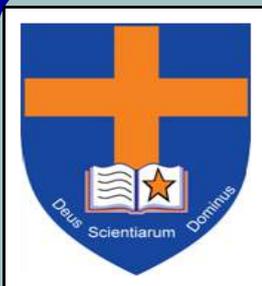


# Teresian Times

Joy, Fortitude and Love

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Aim for the year

*"Let your light  
shine for others"*

## Nearly There...

As I look out of my window I see how our school is changing. At first the work seems almost formless: ground is marked out, foundations are laid. Some things seem hardly to change at all. Now, in April 2017, I can see the school that we are becoming.



The sense of excitement around the school is palpable. The Junior School is practically complete. The portakabins that you see in the pictures will go over the Easter. We will have more space as a result. You can see the roof being positioned on the Multi-purpose Hall. I thank all our supporters: the teachers, parents and students and all our staff for working together through this momentous time.



Anthony Carty, Principal

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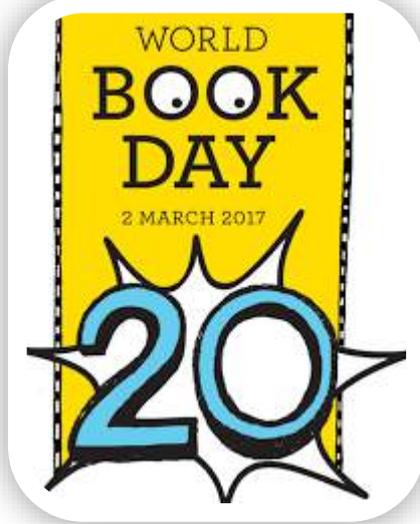


**Engage Seminars at UCD** - A group of 5<sup>th</sup> Year students visited the UCD School of Biomolecular and Biomedical Sciences at Belfield on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to attend the Engage Accessible Science event, an annual competition in which late-stage PhD students present their own research to a public, non-specialist audience.

The event highlights the importance of bringing scientific discovery, without scientific jargon, to the general public, the benefit being a better informed public with a greater appreciation of the importance of funding basic research.

Apart from the six fascinating presentations with a question and answer session after each, we had hands-on experience in the Kilty Outreach Laboratory, viewed posters displaying the work of PhD students and were given a tour of the School of Science.

To round off a great afternoon, we met two past pupils of the Teresian School, Sundas Bari (Class of 2013), now a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Genetics student and Sinéad Lanigan (Class of 2010), now studying for a PhD in Science!



Congratulations to all students who were involved in World Book Day this year. We had many events taking place during the week.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February saw the opening of our Whole School Competition –

**“If you could bring back one character from a book who has been ‘despatched’ in some way (e.g. died, banished, disappeared, retired) who would you bring back and why?”**

The prize was a specially commissioned Alice in Wonderland themed cake for the winning student’s class and an individual prize for the winner. The winner of this competition was Sarah MacMahon in 5<sup>th</sup> Year. Runners Up were Tanya Suhinthan in 6<sup>th</sup> Year and Amelia Quinn in 1<sup>st</sup> Year. Congratulations!

On Monday we also gave 1<sup>st</sup> Year students a bookmark from last year’s winning entry by Helyn O’Farrell in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> Years attended a performance of ‘Romeo & Juliet’ in The Mill Theatre.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March there was a ‘Mighty Book Quiz’ in the Library. This was attended by over sixty students. The winning team was Anne Marie Kinsella, Aoife Casey, Emma Holmes & Sarah MacMahon. (5<sup>th</sup> Year students)

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students attended a ‘Shakespeare Soiree’ and quiz ‘To eat or not to eat, that is the question’. The winning team was, ‘The Kings of LEARning’, Alva Lawler, Thea Kennedy, Sarah MacMahon, Emily Appleby and Emily McCaul.

At 12.20pm the whole school dropped everything and read.



Seachtain na Gaeilge was held during the week of March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>. The aim of the week was to celebrate and promote the Irish language. There were a number of events held including—Trath na gCeist run by 6<sup>th</sup> Year students for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students. Congratulations to the winning team from 3<sup>rd</sup> Year made up of Grace Childs, Sarah Holmes, Caroline Collins, Aisling Dywer and Isabelle Flavin. The second place team came from 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and were Alannah Fassenfeld, Anna Keane, Síofradh Fitzgerald, Sophie Eustace and Sophie Roden. Well done girls.

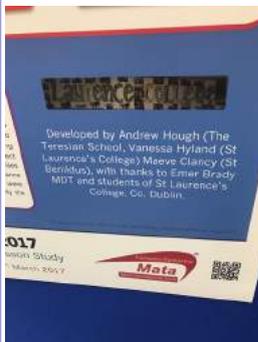
A debate between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Years as Gaeilge also took place. Congratulations to the students who debated in Irish. They showed great confidence and skill in the language. The winning team were the 5<sup>th</sup> Years of Síofra Carlin, Sarah Domoney and Anne Marie Kinsella. Well done to the 6<sup>th</sup> Year team of Ciara Jones, Nicola Barton and Róisín McGrath.

1<sup>st</sup> Year took part in a Seanfhocal competition with their posters displayed around the school.

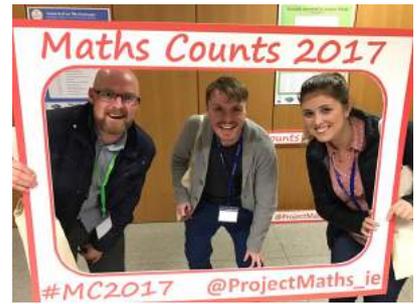
On Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> we had a celebration of Irish culture following our St. Patrick’s Day prayer service. Many thanks to the choir who sang Ag Chríost an Síol and to Caoilfhionn Casey (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Aoife Casey and Eva Harrington (both 5<sup>th</sup> Year) who also gave us some traditional hard shoe dances.

## "Maths Counts" Conference

On the 3rd and 4th of March the national 'Maths Counts' conference was held in Maynooth. The conference celebrated work produced by maths teachers all over the country on lesson study in the area of structured problem solving. Throughout the year teachers from different schools worked on producing ground-breaking lesson



proposals to enhance student understanding of a range of mathematical concepts. The Teresian School was one of over 150 schools involved. Andrew Hough collaborated with different schools locally to develop lessons on real life applications of quadratic functions. Cathal Halpenny has been working as a facilitator with schools in the Bray



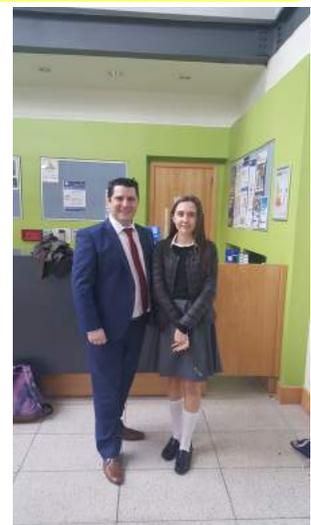
and Greystones area. A lesson he was involved with was taught live at the conference, a first of its kind in Ireland. We would sincerely like to thank the students, parents and The Board of Management for supporting this initiative and we look forward to reaping the educational rewards of our participation.

The Maths Department

## UCD Business Studies Award



Congratulations to Maya O'Riordan who has been recognised in UCD for her outstanding achievement in Business Studies in the Junior Certificate.



## 1st Year Sewing Project

1st Years have made some lovely cosy hot water bottle covers in Home Economics Class with Gail.



# 1st Year Trip to the Burren

On March 9th and 10th all 1st Years and the 5th Year Geography class went on a Geography field trip to The Burren, County Clare. It was a long bus journey but we saw some truly amazing sights! We saw the largest stalactite in the Northern Hemisphere. After lunch we visited the Cliffs of Moher, one of the Wonders of the World! That evening we had a huge dinner in our hotel in Lisdoonvarna. On Friday morning we completed field work on the Karst landscape of Poul nabrone beside its famous dolmen grave. On the way back we were treated to pizza for lunch in Obama Plaza!



## EMMANUEL CONCERT

On the 8th of March the Teresian School took part in the religious concert Emmanuel 2017 directed by Ian Callaghan. 1st Year, 2nd Year and 4th Year music classes took part along with Grace Childs and Irina Kearns from 3rd Year and 6th Year.

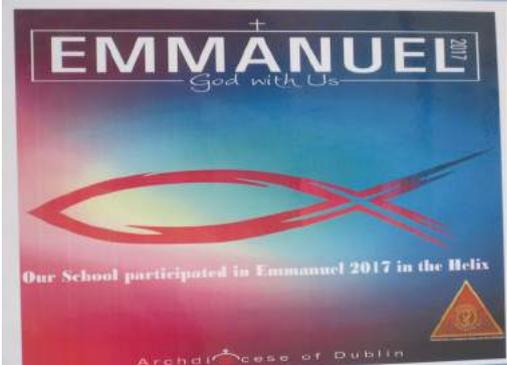
We arrived at Our Lady of Victories Church at 11:30am. When we arrived we were greeted by Ian Callaghan and we practised all the songs that we would be performing that evening. We then had two workshops where the two speakers gave us an insight into how science and religion overlap. This was very interesting as it gave us an insight many of us may not have thought of before.

After this we went for lunch and then to the Helix in D.C.U. We then had a run through of the whole show. Smrutha Sivakumar and Irina Kearns went through their solo pieces.

After that we went to dinner and then back into the Helix for the concert. We were nervous but very excited. We took our seats and the concert began. It was a great show and both solo pieces were sung beautifully. The whole concert was very uplifting and we had so much fun. The audience were very responsive and enjoyed it immensely. Ian Callaghan got everyone involved and was very enthusiastic.

It was a great experience and we would encourage anyone to take part in the coming years.

Sophie Eustace and Jennifer Collins





**Solidarity Week** is designed to raise awareness around development programmes run by the Teresian Association in Africa, Asia and South America. The monies raised during Solidarity Week will go towards the Peru Crew 2017 who will travel to Peru to volunteer with the Teresian project in Villa El Salvador.

The main events for Solidarity Week included -

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students taught a lesson themed around solidarity on Tuesday and Thursday morning. The lessons looked at issues around climate change and its impact on developing world countries and aid and volunteering and whether they help people in developing world countries.

*Well done to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students who led these lessons, showing excellent leadership skills.*

A solidarity debate took place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students. The motion was, 'The developed world is responsible for the poverty of the developing world'. An excellent debate was had and by a very tight margin the winning team was the 5<sup>th</sup> years of Síofra Carlin, Lana Fitzgerald and Kate Eustace. Well done to the 6<sup>th</sup> Year team of Kate McAleese, Síbeal O'Briain and Thea Kennedy.

Solidarity Day itself was held on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>, with all classes involved in fundraising activities. Well done to all classes and their teachers for the activities that they ran. A fun morning was had by all.



# Volunteer Trip to Peru

In preparation for their trip to Peru 5th Years attended Development Education workshops with Trocaire and the Latin America Solidarity Centre, to discuss global inequality and gender issues in developing countries.



5th Years are working towards getting more insights into social injustice to support their fundraising efforts towards the Peru volunteer projects. Well done for their participation and efforts made so far in fundraising!

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## *La Semaine Française*

## *French Week*

French week began on Monday March 20th. In assembly, the 1st Years sang a French song, "Vois Sur Ton Chemin", from the movie "Les Choristes". The morning prayer was said in French and a French proverb was also said every morning throughout the week.

Some students also held a Boulangerie, where other years got to buy some delicious French snacks, including croissants and pain au chocolat. On Tuesday, the junior years had a French egg hunt "Chasse aux Oeufs", where they were given French clues and they had to find eggs/chocolate lollipops which were hidden in various places. On Wednesday we all watched "Ratatouille" in French, in the library. On Thursday, the 3rd Years hosted a French Quiz, open to all junior years. This was also the due date for the Franglais poem competition. And Friday, the last day of French week, was the best day of all, because everyone got to eat freshly-made crêpes, starting with the 6th Years and the teachers, and ending with 1st Years.

Overall, we had a very good French week, with lots of fun activities and opportunities to learn more about the French culture and language. We are looking forward to next year's French week and we hope that it will be equally as good, if not better, than the last one!

### Marcella Buono



# Sports News

## Senior Hockey Team Win Leinster League

Congratulations to the Senior 1 Hockey team who won the Leinster Schoolgirls League. They beat Cluny 1-0. It was a fantastic match and the girls fought every bit of the way. Congratulations to Sarah Gardiner (6<sup>th</sup> Year) for scoring the only goal! The match was thoroughly enjoyed by all the supporters too!

The team also went on to beat St Killians to win the shield!! This is the fourth year in a row that our Senior team has won this competition. Brilliant season for the Seniors.



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On April 6th our Senior basketball team played against St. Cyprian's School, South Africa as part of their sports tour of Ireland. It was an extremely close match with The Teresian School just taking it in the final minutes! Both teams had great fun!! Well done to all involved, including some of our previously retired basketball players!!

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