

Teresian Times

Joy, Fortitude and Love

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Aim for the Year:

"Be the Solution"

Hi from the Editor

This year for the first time in school history, this edition of the school newsletter has been produced and edited by the Transition Year.

Every student had a job to do, we were all assigned a year and we had to encourage students from that year to submit articles for the newsletter. A team was put in place with responsibility for putting the newsletter together. For this edition the team were:

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Anthony Carty, Principal

Everyone has a part to play in our future. This summer we sent students out into the world with Leaving Certificate

Results and a Teresian education which they could build their lives upon. For the last three years 80% of our students have achieved over 400 points. This year 55% achieved over 500 points. More importantly, students got the courses they

wanted. Our Junior Certificate results were also strong, but it is important to say that everyone could celebrate their individual achievements together. No-one is better than anyone else here; everyone is important. As a school we have worked together to achieve many things. I am delighted and proud to present a Teresian Times which has been almost entirely written and put together by students. Work has been completed over the sum-

mer which has enhanced the school environment and we will continue to make the school a better place, working together.

Look at our new website (www.teresian.ie) and see the talent and promise we have throughout the school. I know that students will be as creative with the website as they have been with this newsletter!

Team Captains 2014

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew.28.co



The 2014 Captains and Vice-Captains for the 3 school teams are Áthas, Caoilfhionn Burke and Róisín Casey, Misneach, Ellen MacMahon and Imogen McCullough and Grá, Freya Timon and Aoife Power.

The teams which are made up of students from each year 1st to 6th have a chance to win a weekly rosette based on commendation slips, which in turn lead to a year prize for the team who collected the most rosettes.



The Student Council chose the following girls as the winners of the "Design a Logo for your Team": Alexandra Duffy, Áthas, Argeluun Gambold Misneach and Helyn O'Farrell and Maggie O'Gorman, Grá. Well done!



The aim of the teams is to foster links between students in different years. A message from the Captains and Vice-Captains to all students, wear your badge with pride and keep gaining commendations for your team.

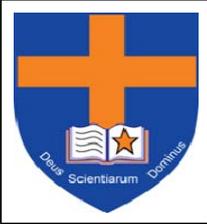
Roisin Casey

First Day of School

A few weeks ago it was my first day of Secondary School. The night before, all I was thinking was will I be with my friends or not? When I walked through the school library doors I was welcomed with a big circle of hugs from my friends. I sat down and realised that I had forgotten about all of the new girls. It was then I figured out that all I am doing is moving into a class next door (as I was in the Junior School), whereas they have moved from a completely different school so it was much harder for them.

When our year got split into the two classes, Victoria and Segovia, I was happy to go to Segovia but I was also a little sad because I wasn't with some of my other friends. All in all it was a great day, the teachers were nice and the classes were interesting. Best of all I got my new locker.

Alexandra Duffy 1st Year



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TY Trip to Birr Outdoor Education Centre

On the 24th of September, 4th Year left The Teresian School to go to Birr in Offaly. When we arrived we were told the rules and what to expect during our stay there. The next morning our year was split into two groups. The first group went canoeing followed by pier jumping. The other group went outside and did some team activities. At midday both groups returned to the main building and had lunch. Then in the afternoon both groups swapped activities.

Personally I preferred the canoeing and pier jumping. I had never done it before and it was enjoyable to be with people in our year racing and then afterwards pier jumping into the river Shannon. Although freezing cold and shivering it was worth it in the end.

The following day our whole year was brought gorge walking. This is where you walk upwards in a river. Many people in our year had never done this before. It was very interesting. There were small waterfalls that we were allowed to swim under. Overall the trip was great. The whole year really enjoyed our short but eventful time there. I would recommend people to go there if they have the opportunity.

Robyn Fleming, TY Victoria



5th Year Inter Schools Quiz

Inter school quiz to mark the European Day of Languages - 5th Year Teresian students and Saint Michael's students and their exchanges.



1st Year Trip to 'The Jig Gig' in RTE

On the 1st of October the first year students went to The Jig Gig at RTE. It is an Irish dancing show where people compete to win. We left at one o'clock and walked over the road. We all got seated down in our seats, then a director was telling us to cheer and clap for all the contestants as loudly as we could. The first group came on stage and were very good! Then the judges gave them advice and judged them in Irish. We found it difficult to understand what the judges were saying because they spoke in different kinds of Irish! Once all of the contestants were finished dancing, the judges decided on which two were the best groups and then they then decided which one would win!

It was a really fun day!

Leea
Roughan



2nd Year Trip to the Chocolate Factory

On the 26th of September 2014, 2nd Year went on our school tour to the Chocolate Factory and Jump Zone. We arrived in school and our class teachers played a movie for us while we waited for our bus.

We got on the bus and twenty minutes later we arrived at the Chocolate Factory. The ladies that ran the factory were very nice and they played a video about the making of chocolate. The video was interesting. They then brought us to do a workshop on how to decorate our own chocolate which was really fun.

After this we got onto the bus and went to McDonalds. We stayed for half an hour then got back on the bus and went to Jump Zone in Sandyford. First we got to play dodgeball and then we did free jumping. Tired but happy, we got back on the bus and arrived back at 3:30. We had a great day and we all really enjoyed the trip!

Anna Tripp



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Parent Council 2014

The Parent Council meet once a month to discuss issues of importance to the school.

They have organised a Careers Night for T.Y, 5th and 6th Year students to take place on 20th November.

Also in the pipeline is a planned social evening in January. It is hoped that arrangements for an invited speaker to talk on the subject of "Mental Health" will take place.



Parent Council Members — Principal: Anthony Carty, Staff Representative: Damien McCormack. Year Representatives: 6th Year: Helen Cooney, Lorraine Leonard. 5th Year: Mema Byrne, Maire Peirce. 4th Year: Mark Mariotti, Shane Maguire. 3rd Year: Orla Murphy, Rioghnach Hourican. 2nd Year: Brian Arnold, Garth McColgan. 1st Year: Rory Dwyer, Edel Banim

Coffee Morning After School Mass



Trip to Spain

I spent my two weeks Easter holiday earlier this year with Ainhoa Carrellan who lives in Madrid. Ainhoa had invited me to spend Easter with her family. She had come to Ireland to help improve her English and she was a class mate of mine in 2nd Year Victoria. Visiting Spain was a great experience and I got to practise my Spanish with Ainhoa's family and friends.

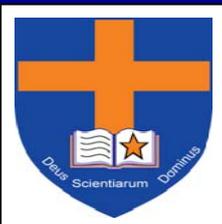
One day we went to visit Avila. It was a one-hour drive from Madrid. When we began to approach Avila we were able to see the old wall surrounding the town. The wall had turrets and ramparts. All of the turrets were the same distance apart and were so well maintained. It was fascinating it was so intact, considering it was built in Roman times. Apparently it is one of the best maintained town walls in Europe. When we got inside the town it was very pretty, with narrow streets and red tiled roofs on the houses. The people were very friendly. There were many souvenir shops with lots of mementos of St. Teresa of Avila - statues, pictures, prayer cards etc. We visited the church which was dedicated to St.

Teresa of Avila. It had a statue of St. Teresa at the entrance. It was lovely to be able to visit a town of such importance and relevance to our school. Ainhoa's family hadn't been to Avila before and they enjoyed hearing about our school's connection with St.Teresa.

I really enjoyed my visit to Spain and hope to return again soon. I really loved the food there. Ainhoa's family were very welcoming.

Ainhoa really enjoyed going home to Spain for Easter but said she would really miss the Teresians a lot when she left in June. She said she enjoyed her year here immensely. Ainhoa's mum said in a recent email to my parents that she would love to be able to meet all Ainhoa's friends in the school to thank them for all they have done for her daughter this year. Of course, all her former classmates really miss Ainhoa too!

Sarah Domoney, 3rd Year



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Trip to Peru

Last June, eleven fifth years, along with Hilda Geraghty and Morwenna Quinn, travelled to Villa El Salvador, Peru, to volunteer with Teresian projects. We aided teachers in a poverty-ridden area with their classes, rejuvenated libraries in two separate schools and organised an intercultural fair to encourage unity within the community. The hardship we saw affected us strongly from day one yet it was incredibly heart-warming to see the happiness of the locals even though they had so little. I think it made us all re-evaluate our lives. We en-

joyed a weekend away in Luanahuana, Huacachina and Paracas (south of Lima). We experienced a range of new



Photo: Teresian volunteers with the teachers and pupils of the Maria Clodilde School

activities like quad-biking through the foothills of the Andes, sand bugging and swimming in the Pacific Ocean. Peru was a surreal experience that we will never forget. We would greatly encourage any other students in school to make the most of the opportunity to go to Peru. All in all it was a life-altering experience which allowed us to see the world in a different light. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraising efforts and hope that you continue to support these deserving projects in the future.

Hazel MacMahon, on behalf of Peru Crew 2014

“Lourdes Lunch”

Aine Callaghan, R.E. teacher, with Teresian pupils, past and present at the traditional “Lourdes Lunch “2014



It is very rare to come across a place that truly inspires. Lourdes inspired me on so many levels. This was not simply for reasons of prayer or worship but rather for the absolute compassion and kindness that is drawn from the small village in the South of France. It was aptly described to me as a ‘cocoon of goodness’.

I was blessed to be accompanied by two exceptionally compassionate and considerate sixth year students who represented our school with pride this year. Freya Timon and Saoirse McNally embodied the very ethos of joy, fortitude and love every day with their sick and elderly pilgrims. In their modesty, they will truly express the difference I know they made.

The past pupils of the Teresian School are heavily involved with the Lourdes Pilgrimage as they return every year despite college or work commitments. This dedication and enthusiasm is at the heart of this volunteer programme. It all began as fifth year students in the Teresian School at the age of seventeen and has since shaped their lives. This admirable quality is something that I hope continues in our school for many years.

Áine Callaghan, R.E. Teacher

Trip to Lourdes

Freya and I travelled to Lourdes with the Dublin Diocese in September. We were there for five days, a short time, but one that was filled with activities from morning to night.

We were very lucky to be working in the wards of the temporary hospital. There we befriended and cared for sick pilgrims. They shared stories and experiences with us, and we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these wonderful and interesting people.

Getting to know the pilgrims was definitely the highlight of our short trip, but we also had other great experiences there. We had the opportunity to meet so many inspiring and caring people, from the nurses and White Shirts to other Blue Shirts. When we weren't in the Accueil or helping the pilgrims there was tons of other activities on for us to do. For example each night we took part in a prayer which helped us reflect on the day. There were also fun activities such as a table quiz and a singsong.

We really enjoyed our trip to Lourdes and would thoroughly encourage anyone who was interested to go because it's definitely a once in a life time opportunity

Saoirse McNally, 6th Year.



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Junior Certificate Results Day



School Musical

This year we are doing the school musical, SINGIN' IN THE RAIN. Auditions took place at the start of term and roles have been allocated. Every week we practice dancing, singing and acting with the director Meghan Sexton. We will be performing the play on the 14th, 15th and 16th of January next year. It has been a really enjoyable experience so far and we are all excited for January. We hope that you can come along to the play.

Clara O'Carroll, TY Victoria



T.Y. Mini Companies

The Teresian Library

As our TY mini company, we are setting up our school library. We need your help to get books! Please donate old and new books suitable for teenagers. There will be a box at the front of the school ready for your donations. ☺



The new library project was made possible by funds raised from the Summer Fair 2013.



Delicious Delights

"Delicious Delights" a new TY Mini-Company are delighted to offer our products for sale at the Christmas Fair. Delicious Delights inspires thoughts of food and Christmas treats, but this is a well presented party cup filled with goodies such as nail varnish, lip balms, sweets and temporary tattoos. These will come to a price ranging from €5-€7. These are perfect for stocking fillers and Kris-Kindle presents during the festive season and would make a welcome break from selection boxes. They will be on sale at the Christmas fair and pre-ordering is available by contacting; deliciousdelights.TY@gmail.com. Happy Holidays.

Hannah Mackey, Isobel Duffy, Rosin McGrath and Amaru Ni Cheallaigh



Let's Go Teresians!

Hockey Report

Junior Team

The hockey season has got off to a great start for all teams. Junior 1 travelled north to play Dundalk Grammar for their first league match. They won 4 – 0, a victory which gave them great confidence to go on and improve their game further. Their first cup match was against Muckross Premier. Although they lost 2 – 1, they were on top for all of the second half and were unfortunate not to come out winners.

1st Year Team

There is a huge amount of participation from the 1st Years this year.

They have warmed up with some friendly matches and a Blitz in Alexandra College in mid October. It was great to see the enthusiasm from the players and we look forward to the start of their season.

Sibéal O' Briain

Other Sports

Sailing

I take part in regional and National events in sailing. On Sundays I'm involved as a coach with an initiative which helps people with disabilities to learn to sail.

Sarah Cooney, 6th Year

Tennis

I first came in contact with tennis when I was four, being ball girl for my parents and sisters. Eight years later, I now play for the Irish team in the national tennis centre in DCU. I train six times a week. It is hard but I love it. I have had the opportunity to play many international tournaments. This past summer, I played the Irish Junior Fitzwilliam, my hard work paid off and I won the under twelve title. I had great matches and lots of fun! After this tournament I represented Ireland in the Tri-Nations. The Irish team won.

Olivia Mariotti, 1st Year

Basketball Report

Senior Basketball

The U19 Senior Basketball team consists of 4th, 5th and 6th yrs. Junior players also help us in our matches. Our season got off to an unfortunate start losing our first league match playing against St. Joseph's of Cluny. The following week we played a match against Holy Child, losing by a point after extra time. These matches lead to the important cup match that we won, against Loreto Mullingar. We look forward to the matches to come and we hope to lead our school to victory.

Kate Maguire & Ciara Jones



Junior Basketball

The U16s team which consists of eleven 3rd Years and one 2nd Year (Ali Mulhall), started off the season with an exciting league match against St. Joseph's of Cluny. We won by one point in the last couple of minutes as everyone watched on the edge of their seats. It was one of the best matches we've ever played because we played as a team and didn't give up, though Cluny put up a great fight.

Our second match of the season, also our first cup match, was a tough game against St. Joseph's of Kerry. Unfortunately, we lost by three baskets but we fought until the very last buzzer. The following day we had another league match against Mount Temple which unfortunately resulted in a loss.

As for the 1st and 2nd years, their season begins after Christmas.

We hope our hard work will take us all the way to the finals.

Grace Mullin, 3rd Year

Swimming

I train with the Leinster Swimming Squad. Earlier this term I came 2nd in the 100 m Free Style event at the All Ireland National Championships.

In December I will compete in the National Championships in Lisburn, in Northern Ireland.

Ali Mulhall, 2nd Year