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Joy, Fortitude and Love

CHRISTMAS 2018

Aim for the year

*"Every journey
begins with a
single step"*

Principal's Message

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter which will give you an insight into the wonderful range of activities and engagement with learning in the fullest sense that happens in The Teresian School. The spirit of solidarity and the Povedan ideal of being 'a person for others' is alive and well here, as was evidenced last week when the students immersed themselves in the annual Christmas campaigns. Each year group participated with generosity of spirit and good humour as they set about providing practical and moral support for those in need.

While Christmas is often portrayed as the happiest time of the year, it can be a difficult and challenging time for many. As we reflect on the hope brought to the world by the birth of the Christ Child, let us pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, those under financial pressure, those in fear of domestic violence, the sick, homeless and refugees. May our practical help, compassion and prayers bring courage and comfort to all those who need it.

I wish to sincerely thank the Board of Management, staff, parents and students for being part of the very vibrant, caring community that is The Teresian School. Wishing you all a very blessed, peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with health, harmony and contentment.

Deirdre Hickey
Principal



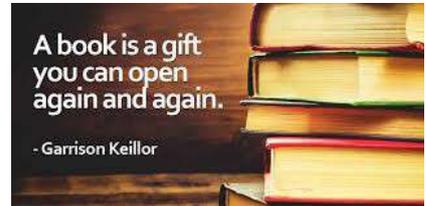
Christmas Thoughts
(Anonymous)

*"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;
It's not wrapping presents, its being present
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love;
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,
It's sending any card, anytime, at the right time;
It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display,
It's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart;
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,
It's Jesus coming down from heaven,
and giving us the gift of eternal life."*

Wellread Initiative



Recommended Reads - December/January



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Senior

The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Power of One, Bryce Courtenay
The Elegance of a Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery
The Tattooist of Auschwitz, Heather Morris
The Da Vinci Code, Dan Brown
The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Society, Mary Ann Shaffer
The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot
American Panda – Gloria Chao
Sanctuary Line, Jane Urquhart
Underground Railway, Colson Whitehead



Junior

Geek Girl , Holly Smale
The Stars at Oktober Bend – Glenda Millard
The Crossover – Kwame Alexander
Chalkline – Jane Mitchell
White Rabbit, Red Wolf – Tom Pollock
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
The Book of Learning - Nine Lives Thrilogy – E.R. Murray
Noughts & Crosses – Malorie Blackman
Mistletoe & Murder – Robin Stevens
The Eagle of the Ninth - Rosemary Sutcliff

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is going extremely well. We now have a home for all the books, the Wellread Team will be decorating it after Christmas.



A Literary Competition took place at lunchtime on Thursday 20th December. The winner Elizabeth Leahy received a beautiful Christmas hamper. Elizabeth managed to match the opening and closing lines to all the Harry Potter novels. Congratulations.

Science and STEM Club

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Science Week

Science week began on Monday 12th November, it was a huge success with many activities for students to partake in. We had the finals of the Egg Drop Challenge, Junior and Senior Science Quizzes, a Periodic Table Competition and a special STEM club. In addition, Transition Year, 5th and 6th Year students had a wonderful science talk on parasites, by Maureen Williams from the School of Natural Sciences at Trinity College Dublin.



Egg Drop Challenge

Winners: Grace Tansey, Zoie Ritchie, Lana Svipaite and Amelia Banks (1st Year)

Joint Runners up: Sara Erdenesuren and Yuhui Zhang (3rd Year) and Siofra Delaney, Ahana Majumder and Flynn Carter (2nd Year)



Senior Science Quiz

Winners: Elizabeth Tansey, Mollie O'Kelly, Georgina Banim and Helyn O'Farrell

Joint Runners up: Holly Groom and Iona Hourican (5th year) and Anna Keane, Pippa Mulhall, Lucy Roden and Faye Cantrell (Transition Year).

Junior Science Quiz

Overall winners: Ahana Majumder, Jessica O'Hagan, Isobel Finnegan and Eve Higgins

1st Year winners: Daniela Fernandez de los Rios, Eva Wang and Celia Martinez-Sanz

2nd Year winner: Lucy Reynolds

Periodic Table Competition

Winners: Alexandra Duffy and Aisling Dwyer, with the sentence 'HOW CaN I Be In TeN PLAcEs At ONCe'.

Thank you to all teachers involved and to all the students who took part, making it a very successful Science Week 2018.



Transition Year Activities

TY Language Fair, Dublin Castle

Our students participated in the TY Language Fair held in Dublin Castle. It is an awareness raising campaign on the value and importance of learning foreign languages and was hosted by Language Connect. It is part of Ireland's Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017-2026 and Implementation Plan 2017-2022.



The Soup Run

Every Monday Transition Year do a soup run. We prepare soup and sandwiches in our home economics class. We also give chocolate and bring hot water so that we can make tea and coffee for the homeless. We take the bus into town and start at the top of Grafton street and work our way to O'Connell Street. The soup run is an eye opening experience and is very fulfilling, you realise how much you have compared to some people and see how hard life can be for some of the people on the streets of Dublin city. You see how something that can mean so little to yourself can mean the absolute world to someone else. The homeless probably see hundreds of people a day passing them on the streets but people do not understand how lonely their days are. Visiting them to give them food and to ask how they are can make their day. It is a very interesting and fulfilling experience and I advise everyone to do it.



We are especially grateful to Class 5 and their teacher Lucy in the Junior School, who have been knitting hats for us to distribute. So far we have given out 23 hats they have hand made, using wool from our partners Winnie's Craft Café on Woodbine Road.

By: Kate Hudson and Siofrádh Fitzgerald

ISPCC Hollydays



As part of the school Christmas Campaign all TY students went into town to raise money for the ISPCC Childline Hollydays campaign. All the money raised goes towards running the Childline service over its busiest time - the Christmas Holidays. The service costs in excess of €3 million a year to run and is staffed mostly by volunteers.

The public were very generous and were very complimentary to us as students for taking the time to raise money for such a worthy cause. As students we were delighted not only to raise money that will go directly to supporting other young people, but also to be part of a school Christmas tradition stretching back over twenty years!



Transition Year Activities

Make A Wish

On Thursday 13th December, Transition Year Students made the trip to the Make-a-Wish Ireland head offices in Leopardstown. Make-a-Wish Ireland grants wishes for children living with life-threatening or terminal illnesses. We went on behalf of our class to deliver a

cheque for nearly €2,580 to this very worthy charity. This money was raised through a Halloween fun day in the school organised by our TY Business Class, it was greatly enjoyed by students from Kinder A to Sixth Year. We held fancy dress and classroom decoration competitions, with one class in each year winning a prize. We sold wristbands which allowed students entry to the hall, where they could take part in fun Halloween games such as bobbing for apples and fortune telling. There was a large variety of cakes and sweet treats also available for purchase, and overall, the event was a great success. We are delighted to have had the opportunity to raise such an amazing amount of money for Make-a-Wish Ireland and would like to thank everyone who organised it and participated in the day!

By: Anna Keane



Careers Evening

The “Careers Evening” took place on 24th of November. Varied contributors attended this event and gave students a unique insight into their individual career trajectories since leaving school. It also offered students’ a very good and realistic insight into a variety of different careers. Speakers on the night included: Ingrid Browne (Consultant Anaesthesiologist at NMH Holles St. and St Vincent’s Hospital), Zoe Kidney (Trainee Solicitor), Jill McGrath (Strategy/Budgeting Zurich), and Niamh Gallagher (Head of Public Policy at Amazon Web Services (AWS)). Students’ showed great interest and enthusiasm in the question and answer session which followed the presentations.

The School would like to sincerely thank the Parents’ Council for running the Careers Evening. Special thanks also to the participants who gave so generously of their time and energy to make this event such a success.

Mock interviews for 6th Years will be held on 16th January 2019. This is a valuable experience for the students’, and will be a great help to them in their future careers. Each student will be interviewed for 20-25 minutes by two professional volunteers and receive constructive feedback afterwards.

Peru Sale

The annual Peru Sale was held on Tuesday 27th November in the school. It was greatly enjoyed by all the students, parents and staff. All funds raised will go to support the Teresian Association Social Projects in Villa El Salvador, Peru.



UCD Entrance Scholars

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Congratulations to Kate Eustace, Katie Magee, Aoife Casey, Emily Appleby, Sarah MacMahon and Kate O'Neill who were awarded UCD Entrance Scholarships at a ceremony in UCD recently. These awards are made in recognition of excellent Leaving Certificate Results.

Lana Fitzgerald has been awarded a Trinity College Entrance Exhibition Award. Trinity College award one Entrance Exhibition Award to each school. Congratulations Lana.



Ice Skating



The 6th years went on their annual Ice Skating trip in i-Skate in the RDS during their PE class. The girls really enjoyed it and got very brave, trying some backward skating and even a few turns!



The 5th Years also went Ice Skating this week. What a lovely way to spend the last PE class before the holidays.

Art and Craft

1st Year Abstract Lino Prints



Art and Craft

1st Year Christmas Decorations made in Home Economics Class

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3rd Year Craft
Projects



Christmas Campaigns

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1st Years visited the Mary Aikenhead Centre in Donnybrook which they have been doing for many years. They brought baked goods and enjoyed chatting with the residents. They added to the Christmas atmosphere by singing Christmas carols which they had prepared with Anne Marie and Catherine.



On Friday 14th December, 5th and 6th Year students came together to create Christmas Food Hampers for St. Vincent De Paul. They managed to create a record of 42 hampers. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

Sport

Hockey Tournament - Glasgow

Fourteen Teresian students went to Glasgow to compete in the Topflight Schools Nations Girls Hockey Tournament during the October mid-term. Schools from Ireland, Scotland and England all competed, including two of our local schools Rathdown and Mount Sackville.

The girls had a very enjoyable trip and the experience helped them to bond as a team.



Sports Captains 2018 – 2019

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Amelia Banks &
Rachel Woods



Isobel Fitzpatrick &
Sarah O'Neill



Emily Hackett &
Grace Tansey



Carola di Giansante &
Zoie Ritchie



Zara Lynch &
Siofrádh Fitzgerald



Katherine Clarke &
Evie O'Riordan



Sophie Ritchie &
Alannah McGrath



Emma Kelly & Kate O'Grady



Sophie Bradshaw &
Alexandra O'Mahony



Charlotte Flavin &
Ella McGrath



Sophie Carr & Kate Hudson

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Sports Reports

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