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Joy, Fortitude and Love

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Aim for the year

"United in doing good"

It was fitting that the celebration of the opening of our Jubilee Building took place on 15th October. This is the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila whose writings inspired Pedro Poveda, founder of the Teresian Association, to dedicate his life to the education of young people.

Sunday 15th was a memorable occasion, starting with a beautiful mass in the fabulous new multi-purpose hall, concelebrated by Mons. Paul Callan, Mons. Lorcan O'Brien and Father Conor Harper S.J. and attended by a huge congregation.

The doors then opened for our Open Day. It was wonderful to see so many people walking around the campus, admiring the new building and the refurbished buildings. Present and past students and their parents, present and past staff members, friends of the School and the Teresian Association, people involved in the Jubilee Project and people coming to see the School for the first time.... it was a very busy day!

We have had many messages from people who were here on the day. All mentioned the lovely atmosphere around the School. Our students were praised for engaging so nicely and enthusiastically with the visitors. "Lovely, chatty and full of information" was one comment.

We are very proud of our students and we were delighted to have the opportunity to show off not only the "new" School but also our students' personalities and talents.

I would like to add a word of thanks to all those who made the celebration and opening possible. I believe the spirit of the Teresian School was apparent to all on the day. Long may it flourish.

Brenda Hynes - Acting Principal



Pre-Season Camp

As part of the coaching programme on offer for Basketball and Hockey in the school, the coaches ran a pre-season training camp on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of August. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a nice introduction to the start of the new year.

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Team Captains



Áthas

Lana Fitzgerald - Captain
Caroline Kirwan - Vice Captain



Grá

Jane Terry - Captain
Amy Mackey - Vice Captain



Misneach

Anne Marie Kinsella - Captain
Jennifer Horgan - Vice Captain

Opening Mass



Prayer for the New School Year

Lord,
What will this year bring?
Only you truly know;
Help us Lord, to see it is a new beginning;
To take the example of St. Pedro Poveda
By the planting of a seed that will grow,
The seed of fruit that will blossom in times
to come.
It is new hope;
Hope for good work, for successful results,
For friendships, for fun, for prayer, for
learning.
May there be hard work, faith and
friendship.
May there be kind words, charitable action
and mutual respect.
As we begin this year in hope, in prayer and
in friendship,
As we begin with joy, fortitude and love,
We ask you Lord to begin it with us,
Be with us during it,
And remind us of your loving mercy always.
Amen

The opening mass for the new school year was held on Wednesday September 20th. The mass reflected the school motto for the year - **United in doing Good**. It was a beautiful ceremony enhanced by the wonderful choir.

Spanish Competition



Well done to Lana Fitzgerald who won the all Ireland Spanish Translation competition!

Lana translated a literary extract from Spanish into English and was selected by the Irish Translators and Interpreters Association as the best translator. Lana received a prize on Saturday, 14th October at the Irish Writers' Centre.

Concern Debating

Congratulations to our Concern Debating Team who beat St. Michael's College in their debate on Wednesday 25th October. The motion before the house was, 'For women to access leadership positions, gender quotas must be implemented'. Kate Eustace (Captain), Maggie O'Gorman, Anne-Marie Kinsella and Lana Fitzgerald opposed this motion.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On 7th September I travelled to Lourdes with four classmates and our teacher Frances O'Brien.

We went to Lourdes to accompany and help sick pilgrims from the Dublin Diocese. With Sarah and Lana, it was our job to help sick pilgrims into chariots or wheelchairs in order for the pilgrims to explore Lourdes and attend the beautiful processions and services that were scheduled for the week. Eva and Katie were on ward

duty. This meant that they had to take care of the pilgrims in their assigned wards.



Our time there was magical. We sang songs, chatted and assisted pilgrims in their wards every single day. It allowed us to catch a glimpse of how fortunate we are to be living in full health and happiness. The experience also gave us the opportunity to express our creative side of Christianity through interpreting God's teachings in our own way every day.

We were never bored, the week was packed with an amazing Youth Mass, stunning processions and we got to take a trip to the Baths in Lourdes which gave us a closer insight into our faith. We went

as 'Blue Shirts' which signified that it was our first time being there. Despite this, huge trust was put on us and I believe that we lived up to our responsibilities to make sure that the pilgrims had the best week of their lives. All the Blue Shirts joined together each night for a reflection. On two nights, we had a table quiz and a sing-song.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the school for this outstanding experience and we would definitely recommend it to any student. The experience was overwhelming and it allowed us to develop as strong, capable and grateful individuals. We would also like to thank all the students and teachers who kept us in their thoughts and prayers while we were on our pilgrimage.

Síofra Carlin—6th Year



Transition Year Activities

Barista Skills FETAC Level 4

This year our Transition Year students have embarked on their first of 3 FETAC courses – a Level 4 in Barista Skills thanks to the team at *The Way Ahead* Training. They will be the only Transition Years in Ireland to complete this course and earn the full FETAC Certification.



Students attend the course on location for three hours each Tuesday evening in October and November, with classes being a mix of practicals administered by industry leaders and theory delivered by the instructors at *The Way Ahead*.

School Bank

This year the School Bank has got off to a flying start. This is a TY - specific programme run in conjunction with Bank of Ireland for 8 weeks, in the new foyer on Wednesday afternoons. All students have the opportunity to open and manage an official Bank of Ireland bank account including receiving a Visa Debit card. Within 2 weeks we had opened over 25 accounts!



To become a member of the bank team Transition Year students had to fill out an application form detailing why they were suitable for the positions and they were interviewed by a panel from Bank of Ireland. We now have a team of six students running the bank and reminding students to engage with their account each week.

Our partnership with Bank of Ireland is very important to us as a school community. They assist us with our Christmas Campaigns in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul and run amazing events involving dozens of schools such as the Bond Trader competition and informative talks such as *Stay Safe Online*.



Trip to Birr Outdoor Education Centre

TY students had an early start on September 28th having to meet at school at 6.45am to begin their journey to Birr Outdoor Education Centre. We got to the centre in Birr Co. Offaly at 9.30 am and got stuck into team building games that encouraged us to think in different ways and work together as a year and in teams. Particular favourites were the 4-way tug-o-war and selfie orienteering. After a great hot lunch, we went canoeing on the River Shannon, made our own mudslide into the water and got to do pier jumping! It was cold but amazing fun. Afterwards we got a lovely hot dinner and then went on to do more activities such as archery, bouldering and caving. That night we braved the rain to get the best snacks Tesco had to offer before coming back to our rooms.

The following morning, we were split into two groups after breakfast. One group got to do rock climbing and zip lining on-site while the other put on two wetsuits each and went gorge walking in a local river. None of us had done anything like gorge walking before – it was some adventure and well worth any bruises! After lunch the groups swapped activities before getting back on the coach home.



Junior Certificate Results

Congratulations to all those students who received their Junior Certificate Results, they did extremely well and we are very proud of them. Below is a table showing how the Teresian School's results compare to the national average in all subjects.

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Subject	Level	National Average A	TERESIAN	National Average B	TERESIAN	National Average C	TERESIAN	National Average D	TERESIAN
IRISH	A	10.9	16.6	33	25	37.9	47.2	16.4	11.11
IRISH	G	3.1		23.7		39.3	100	26.6	
MATHS	A	14.1	38.8	28.4	33.3	31.7	16.6	21.4	11.1
MATHS	G	6.2	50	29.6	50	35.1		23.2	
HISTORY	A	14.8	52.5	26.6	37.5	27.5	10	21.9	
GEOGRAPH	A	8.2	7.5	30.7	62.5	34.3	27.5	22.9	2.5
FRENCH	A	10.2	31.03	27.2	34.48	35.1	20.68	23	13.79
GERMAN	A	11.7	100	29.2		30.1		21.9	
SPANISH	A	14.5	36.36	30.8	36.36	29.6	27.27	18.7	
ART CRAFT DESIGN	A	22.8	66.6	32.9	19.04	33	14.28	10.3	
BUSINESS STUDIES	A	8.4	17.85	35.1	53.57	36.7	28.57	17.8	
MUSIC	A	12.6	28.57	42.3	35.71	31.9	35.71	11.9	
HOME ECONOMIC	A	13.3	66.66	50	33.33	30		6	
SCIENCE	A	9.4	37.5	28.9	32.5	37.8	27.5	22.1	2.5
C.S.P.E	C	20.5	70	41.2	30	26.4		9.3	

English	Distinction	Higher Merit	Merit
National Average % Higher Level	1.8%	20.2%	59.7%
The Teresian School	12.5%	55.0%	32.5%

School Tours

All years went on a school tour on Friday September 29th.

- 1st Year - Maze & Tullow Chocolate Garden
- 2nd Year - Bowling & Chocolate Warehouse
- 3rd Year - Tibbradden Zip It
- TY - Birr Outdoor Education Centre
- 5th Year - Causey Farm
- 6th Year - Carlingford Adventure Centre



Maths Week

Even though our Maths Week was cut short because of the storm, we were able to put that aside and have some fun during the three days. This is what we did.

On Wednesday during lunch, we did an activity called a “Maths Murder Mystery”. The teachers gave us a booklet in which we had to crack a code to solve the mystery. It was very interesting to do and we had a lot of fun learning.

During Maths class on Wednesday, we were assigned a Maths project for a competition about how maths is involved in a career of our choice. We all thought it was a great idea and were excited to find out who the winner was. We were also assigned a task of taking a photograph, seeing Maths in it and putting a catchy caption on it.

On Thursday during lunch we did an activity called a “Mathematics Olympic pentathlon” in which we did five activities, estimated the results and saw how close these were to the real results. An example of one was the discus in which we threw a paper plate, estimated how far it would travel and the winner was the student whose estimation was the closest to their real score. This was a really great fun and we all enjoyed it very much.

Friday’s lunchtime activity was Maths puzzles where we had to crack the code. This is called Cryptology. Each day there was a Maths conundrum posted outside the Maths classrooms for us to try. **Nieves Cheves & Iona Bi - 2nd Year**



Sports

Team Captains for 2017 - 2018

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Senior 2 Hockey Team
Hockey Captain - Alexandra Duffy
Vice Captain - Isabel Corry



U19C Basketball Team
Captain - Katie O'Dwyer
Vice Captain - Síofra Carlin



U19B Basketball Team
Captain - Rachel Jameson
Vice Captain - Iona Hourican



Senior Prem Hockey
Captain - Holly Madigan
Vice Captain - Sarah MacMahon/Isabelle McGrath



U16B Basketball Team
Captain - Sophie Ritchie
Vice Captain - Síofradh Fitzgerald



U16C Basketball Team
Captain - Rebecca McConn Walsh
Vice Captain - Victoria Xu



Junior Prem Hockey Team
Captain - Lucy Roden
Vice Captain - Alannah Fäsenfeld



Junior 2 Hockey Team
Captain - Sophie Eustace
Vice Captain - Anna Keane



Minor Prem Hockey Team
Captain - Hannah McConn Walsh
Vice Captain - Ella Clarke

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2nd Year B Basketball Team
 Captain - Amelia Quinn
 Vice Captain - Duna Miguel



Minor 2 Hockey Team
 Captain - Jenny Murphy
 Vice Captain - Ella Bruton



2nd Year C Basketball Team
 Captain - Tess Morgan
 Vice Captain - Beatrice Capone

Rowing Champion

During the summer I was all over Dublin with my rowing crew. We were racing against the under 16's in different clubs. We won the first race but thought we had just been lucky, however we went on to become East Coast Champions. All our training and effort had been worthwhile. **Megan Dunne 3rd Year**



Basketball

IN ONLY their second game this season, having marginally lost to neighbours Muckross Park College in their league opener, Des Fitzgerald's Teresian team played above themselves to grind out a fantastic 11-point win over the Kerry boarding school in what was the first-ever game on their new home court.

The Gaeilgeoir school made a good go of it in the final quarter when they got the gap down to ten points, but they met their match in a Teresian team led superbly by centre Holly Madigan whose rebounding at both ends of the court was a stand-out feature on the day.

DEFENCE

Madigan's defence was the the cornerstone for Teresian's victory but overall it was a fine team display with Rachel Jameson's energy from the base of the court also crucial on the day for the Donnybrook school

Newspaper report from the All-Ireland Girls Under 19B Cup.

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