

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS TERM AT TCHP?

- ❖ Introduction of After School until 5pm introduced for 6-9 and 9-12 Classes
- ❖ International Feast Evening
- ❖ TD Neale Richmond unveiled time capsule plaque
- ❖ Walk to School Week
- ❖ Whole school coffee mornings
- ❖ Open Day for prospective parents
- ❖ Hallowe'en Concert & Party and Fundraiser for The Children's Health Foundation
- ❖ 9-12 visits to The Orchard Day Care Centre (Alzheimer's Society of Ireland)
- ❖ Parent Education Evening – Neuroscience and Montessori
- ❖ Book Fair
- ❖ AIJS Soccer Blitz
- ❖ 6-9 Class visit to Mill Theatre pantomime
- ❖ Christmas Plays

## THE MONTESSORI TIMES

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*Dear Parents*

We have had another action-packed term full of joyful and meaningful events for all.

The children run up the path ready for the excitement and challenges that each day brings.

In this edition 'Peace' is our theme. We hope you enjoy it.

May the festive season be fun-filled!

Wishing you Peace and Happiness for 2024!

*Micaela Kuh, Principal*



We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**



## VISITORS TO TCHP

- ❖ TD Neale Richmond came to unveil the Time capsule plaque, which was buried to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TCHP



- ❖ AMI students from the University of Barcelona
- ❖ Visitor from International Montessori Schools of Brussels
- ❖ VDP representative, Jane Marshall (Lisa and Anna's grandmother!)
- ❖ Rory Geogahan – Science demonstrations for 6-9 and 9-12 Classes
- ❖ Storyteller, Helena Byrne from Stillorgan Library
- ❖ Sabine Cuffe – art demonstration for the 9-12 Class

## FUNDRAISING

- ❖ €790 for The Children's Health Foundation
- ❖ MS ReadAthon
- ❖ Christmas card sales
- ❖ The whole school contributed to food hampers, the 9-12 Class also made and sold handmade cards and books for the local VDP



## TCHP in the Community

The 9-12 Class visits to The Orchard Day Care Centre have resumed with benefits for all as mentioned in this recent article in The Independent newspaper :

[At this care home, 70-year-olds with Alzheimer's and school kids are meeting up to talk, laugh and play – and the results are amazing | Independent.ie](#)

## NEXT TERM'S DATES

- ❖ **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
School resumes
- ❖ **14<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
AMI 6-12 Orientation course – Trainer Micaela Kuh
- ❖ **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January** Coffee morning hosted by Front Room
- ❖ **February** Parent teacher meetings
- ❖ **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
St Brigid's Day National Holiday
- ❖ **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Parent Evening on Internet Security for children
- ❖ **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
School closes at 3pm for half term
- ❖ **February** Wellness Week
- ❖ **12 – 16 February (inclusive)**  
School closed for half term
- ❖ **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
St. Patrick's Day National Holiday
- ❖ **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March** School closes at 3pm for easter holidays
- ❖ **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
Staff Inservice - Pupil Free Day
- ❖ **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
School re-opens

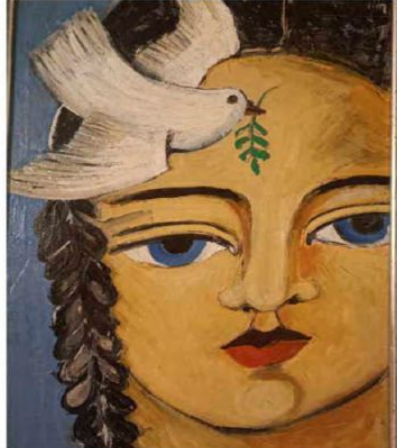
\*\*\*Keep an ear out for a similar feature about our visits to The Orchard Day Care Centre on RTE One Radio during the break!



## MONTESSORI AND PEACE

While Maria Montessori's work primarily focused on educational principles, her philosophy also embraced the profound connection between education and peace. She believed that fostering a child's natural curiosity and independence could contribute to the development of peaceful individuals and societies.

Montessori observed that when children are given the freedom to explore and learn at their own pace, they develop a sense of self-discipline, empathy, and a respect for others.



## PEACE IS ...

ACCORDING TO EXTENDED  
DAY CHILDREN:

*...relaxing...quiet...*

ACCORDING TO THE 6-9  
CLASS:

*...having a safe home  
and friends...helping  
each other...having a  
life with no one  
interrupting  
you...calming  
down...having a nice  
school and home...a  
lovely life...having a  
nice school like The  
Children's House  
...having a nice home  
to live in...*

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*“If you want peace,  
prepare the child”*

Maria Montessori



## MONTESSORI AND PEACE (cont.)...

In her vision, education played a pivotal role in shaping individuals who could contribute positively to the world. Montessori emphasized the importance of creating environments that promote cooperation and understanding, cultivating a sense of global citizenship from an early age.

*Maria Montessori was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1949, 1950, and 1951. Her supporters included Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Mahatma Gandhi.*



## PEACE IS

**ACCORDING TO THE 9-12 Class:**  
*...no wars and everybody is nice and kind...going to the cinema...no wars or racists...swimming in the sea and going to the Zoo with my friends...researching history...not that many poor people and everyone treated equally...quiet...walking through the moors without a war...fixing old electronics...relaxing...hanging with my friends...laughter...no wars, nobody is homeless and quiet everywhere...going on the trampoline...relaxing...*

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