



WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS TERM AT TCHP?

- ❖ The 3-6 Classes Christmas plays
- ❖ Visiting students/observers from Czech Republic (Erasmus), a Swedish Montessori School, students from Barcelona Montessori AMI Training Centre, St.Nicholas College
- ❖ Visiting guests – Mary and her guide dog, Geal, from the MS Society
- ❖ Hallowe'en concert and school party combined with a fundraiser for The Children's Health Foundation €1800 raised
- ❖ The 9-12 Class have started on the Green Schools Travel Flag Programme with a visit from Green Flag coordinator
- ❖ Outings to National Museum, The Ark, The Mill Theatre, the Zoo
- ❖ Virtual Open Evening for prospective parents
- ❖ Confirmation Commitment ceremony
- ❖ The Senior Class (6-9 & 9-12 Classes) took part in the MS ReadAthon €1219 raised for MS Society Ireland

THE MONTESSORI TIMES

Welcome to the first edition of The Montessori Times from The Children's House Primary!

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Dear Parents

We have had a fantastic term with many great activities. These have all been part of continuing to build community in our wonderful school.

It's great to see the children running in to school, ready for the challenge of each new day.

On behalf of all our staff I'd like to wish everybody a very happy Festive Season.

Enjoy your break and Happy 2023 to all families present and past!

Micaela Kuh, Principal



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE PRIMARY
Montessori School Age 3-12



The Montessori Approach to Drama

I'm sure you will agree that the Christmas plays put on by the **3-6 Classes** filled us with the joy of the Christmas season. The children of this age group have a great sensitivity for language and wonderfully absorbent minds. Through repetition they master the dialogue, the carols and the understanding of playing accompanying music.

When the children move to the **6-9 and 9-12 Classes** (Primary Years) they become interested in the whole world. Their minds become more expansive and universal in interest. No spoilers will take place BUT you will witness their broadening horizons when you see the great show the 6-9 Class have prepared!!

SAVE THE DATE - TCHP is 70!!

Save the date! We will be celebrating **70 years** of The Children's House Primary on **Friday, 12th May** with a Gala Dinner at The Royal St George Yacht Club. We hope as many as possible of our current parents and alumni will be able to attend. There will be a raffle and auction on the night.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

We are trying to connect with as many of our alumni as possible in advance of our big 70th celebration.

If anyone knows any of our alumni please pass this link onto them for them to fill in to be in our alumni contact list:

<https://forms.gle/add4GSDDgRQmEaoX8>



'What is required is a new world, full of miracles. Children also seem to work miracles when we realise how eagerly they seek independence and the opportunity to work, and they possess great treasures of enthusiasm and love. A new world for a new human – this is our most urgent need'...

Maria Montessori

NEXT TERM'S DATES

- ❖ **Thursday, 6th January** School resumes
- ❖ **Wednesday, 11th January** 6-9 Class Christmas Play
- ❖ **Tuesday, 20th January** 9-12 Class Christmas Play
- ❖ **Monday, 6th February** Bank Holiday - St Brigid's Day
- ❖ **7th – 10th February** Wellness week
- ❖ **Friday, 27th January** Coffee morning hosted by Ms Hale/Gleeson's Class
- ❖ **13 – 17th February** Half-term holidays
- ❖ **Saturday, 25th February** Family Walk in Deer Park 10am
- ❖ **Thursday, 9th March** Parent Education Evening with alumni
- ❖ **Friday, 17th March** Bank Holiday – St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ **Friday, 24th March** Social drinks – **Union Café**
- ❖ **3-14th April** Easter Holidays
- ❖ **Monday, 17th April** Staff Inservice - Pupil Free Day
- ❖ **Tuesday, 18th April** School re-opens for children

The Montessori Approach to Drama in the 9-12 Class

In the 9-12 Class we have created a tradition over the years that 6th Class children write the play themselves. Every year the children start afresh and we never know what the outcome will be. This year 7 enthusiastic authors were involved. A great benefit of this approach is that the children truly love the dialogue as it's their creation. The children's great sensitive period for Imagination is also evident as the play can go way beyond the boundaries of Planet Earth!!

As it is also the age when children enjoy the support of a specialist in the field, we are lucky to have Mr Mansfield as Drama teacher in TCHP.

Enjoy your breaks everybody and the songs of the season!!

We very much look forward to the postponed Senior Class plays!!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ❖ We welcomed our new and returning families in September
- ❖ The first coffee morning was hosted by the Senior Class in September
- ❖ The whole school enjoyed the Hallowe'en Party and fundraiser in October
- ❖ November saw a Parent Education Evening:
***Nurturing The Mathematical Mind
A Montessori Approach***
- ❖ The next coffee morning will be hosted by Ms Hale and Ms Gleeson's Class on **Friday, 27th January**
- ❖ Family Walk in the Park – bring your dog! **Saturday, 25th February**
Deer Park
- ❖ Parent Education Evening
Thursday, 9th March – to be confirmed
- ❖ Drinks/ Catch -up **Friday, 24th March 8pm**

A big THANK YOU to the Board and the Class Parents for all their hard work!!



NEW CHRISTMAS PLAY DATES!

- ❖ **Wednesday, 11th January**
6-9 Class Christmas Play
- ❖ **Tuesday, 20th January**
9-12 Class Christmas Play

DECEMBER HAIKUS

Beautiful sunsets
we say goodbye to you now
the winter comes forth

Advent has started
everybody is cheery
all the trees are bare

Decorate your house
tinsel and lights everywhere
Christmas Day is near

It's the 21st
everyone is in Newgrange
the days are darker

Christmas Eve is here
leave out the cookies and
milk
nobody can sleep

Santa Claus has come
having fun with family
it's truly Christmas

The year nearly gone
numbers counting down from
ten
celebrations start.

By Luke O'Gorman, 9-12 Class