

WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS TERM AT TCHP?

- ❖ Whole school coffee morning
- ❖ 6-9 Class and 9-12 Class sessions with Key Conversations followed by a Parent Evening on children's Social & Emotional Development
- ❖ Regular visits to The Orchard Care Centre
- ❖ Fundraising for the Irish Red Cross, DSPCA and bus fare to Carlingford
- ❖ Parent Teacher meetings
- ❖ Outings to DSPCA, Fighting Words, Killruddery House
- ❖ Took part in the Association of Independent Junior School (AIJS) Chess Competition, Spelling Bee & Verse Speaking Competition, the Texaco Art Competition and Eason's Spelling Bee
- ❖ Celebrated World Book Day
- ❖ Published the TCHP Parents' Charter – 'No Smartphones until Secondary School'
- ❖ Writing and Comic Drawing workshop with Aiden McDermott
- ❖ Visits from two AMI student teachers, a Montessori teacher from San Diego, CA and an Irish Red Cross Community Outreach worker
- ❖ St Brigid's Day & St Patrick's Day celebrations
- ❖ Confirmation Ceremony

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Dear Parents

As always, we have had another wonderfully inspiring term here at TCHP. The children continue to impress us daily with their enthusiasm, creativity and growth.

Since this edition is dedicated to Biodiversity make sure you enjoy sharing those moments together in Nature in the lovely Spring weather.

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Micaela Kuh, Principal

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 29th April**

***Happy Easter
all!***

NEXT TERM'S DATES

- ❖ **Monday, 28th April** Staff Inservice Training Day – school closed
- ❖ **Tuesday, 29th April** School re-opens
- ❖ **Friday, 2nd May** Coffee morning hosted by Front Room
- ❖ **Monday, 5th May** May Bank Holiday (school closed)
- ❖ **28/29th May** 9-12 Class visit to Carlingford Adventure Centre
- ❖ **Monday, 2nd June** June Bank Holiday (school closed)
- ❖ **Tuesday, 3rd June** 6-9 Class trip to Clara Lara
- ❖ **Tuesday, 10th June** Mini Summer Fete for whole school + 6th Class graduation + Senior Class concert
- ❖ **Date to be confirmed** Fruit and Veg Party for 3-6 Classes
- ❖ **Date to be confirmed** Class photos
- ❖ **Thursday, 12th June** School finishes at 12.30pm for non-ECCE children
- ❖ **Friday, 13th June – Friday, 27th June (inclusive)** Junior Class ECCE year continues
- ❖ **Friday, 13th June – Friday, 27th June (inclusive)** Senior Class Summer Camp



OUR BIODIVERSITY FLAG

At TCHP we are proud to have been awarded four An Taisce Green Flags so far – currently flying on the flagpole in front of school. We are currently working towards the Biodiversity Flag.

BIODIVERSITY is the fifth theme of the Green-Schools programme.

We will have the opportunity to focus on different kinds of plants, animals, habitats and the way they link together in our school garden.

The 9-12 Class children have been busy helping educate the younger children about the wonders of the natural world. In true keeping with the green flag and Montessori approaches they are sharing their knowledge with the school community.



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BIODIVERSITY IN OUR SCHOOL

Our unique green sanctuary with tall trees, beautiful flowers, green bushes and lots of wildlife is a haven for all of us who work in this beautiful school – big and small.

The garden is a home for wildlife and a stunning spot for children to develop naturally.

The luxurious forest is a fun place where they can explore.

Side-by-side with nature the children play football, play imaginary games of house and mummy and daddy, they build sandcastles and pretend to be pirates in the wide open sea. They play basketball and four square and have the freedom to run, jump, sing and dance within the extensive garden .

We are lucky to witness on a daily basis all the other wonderful animals that live in this green oasis.

We have very cute squirrels who scurry up and down our trees and in and out of our play structures. The birds are magnificent with a huge number of magpies, hooded crows, pigeons, song thrushes, robins, blackbirds, tits of all types and some very cute little wrens. We have even witnessed them nesting in our climbing plants.



Unseen under rocks and logs are a wide variety of invertebrates. Lifting rocks and logs in search of these extraordinary creatures is something the children love to do. Slugs, beetles, centipedes, worms and many other small creepy crawlies can be found by our intrepid explorers.

Understanding the biodiversity of this garden is not just about existing side-by-side with all these beautiful animals and plants but also having the opportunity within our Montessori classrooms to classify, categorise and learn about all the interesting flora and fauna around us.

By feeling close to nature we can appreciate the interconnection of all living things.



“There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature”.

Maria Montessori

