

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS TERM AT TCHP?

- ❖ Whole school coffee morning
- ❖ Regular visits to The Orchard Care Centre
- ❖ Fundraising for the Irish Red Cross, DSPCA and bus fare to Carlingford
- ❖ Parent Teacher meetings
- ❖ Outings to the national Concert Hall
- ❖ Won the Association of Independent Junior School (AIJS) Chess Competition
- ❖ Celebrated World Book Day
- ❖ Visits from an AMI student teacher from Montpelier and an ex pupil doing Transition Year
- ❖ St Brigid's Day & St Patrick's Day celebrations
- ❖ Confirmation Ceremony
- ❖ A Parent Evening about the Relevance of a Montessori Education today
- ❖ Maintenance works at TCHP
- ❖ Montessori Infant Community Sessions
- ❖ Science workshop with We Love Science
- ❖ Visit from author Suzy Duffy
- ❖ Friendly chess match against St.Laurence's BNS

# THE MONTESSORI TIMES

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## Dear Parents

This edition is dedicated to 'The Natural World Around Us'.

We are fortunate at TCHP to spend time daily interacting with nature. Children care for our outdoor environment and love to explore it with curiosity and joy developing problem solving skills, resilience and understanding of natural elements

Happy Easter break!

*Micaela Kuh, Principal*

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**

***Happy Easter all!***

## NEXT TERM'S DATES

- ❖ **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April** Staff Inservice Training Day – school closed
- ❖ **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April** School re-opens
- ❖ **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** Biodiversity Action Day & Coffee Morning & Sports Day 11am
- ❖ **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** May Bank Holiday (school closed)
- ❖ **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** 6-9 Class trip to Clara Lara (to be confirmed)
- ❖ **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May** Whole school Powerscourt Waterfall Picnic 11am
- ❖ **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** School closes 12:30 for 6-12 Classes to prepare for First Holy Communion
- ❖ **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communion
- ❖ **27/28<sup>th</sup> May** 9-12 Class visit to Carlingford Adventure Centre
- ❖ **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June** June Bank Holiday (school closed)
- ❖ **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June** 6<sup>th</sup> Class graduation + Senior Class concert
- ❖ **Date to be confirmed** Fruit and Veg Party for 3-6 Classes
- ❖ **Date to be confirmed** Class photos
- ❖ **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** School finishes at 12.30pm for non-ECCE children
- ❖ **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June (inclusive)** Junior Class ECCE year continues
- ❖ **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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. In March we submitted our application for the Biodiversity Flag.

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

We focussed on different kinds of plants, animals, habitats and the way they link together in our school garden. We also looked at the classification of plants and animals throughout the school. The 9-12 Class children helped 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.



Children's House Primary –  
Montessori school aged 3-12 Dublin



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## The Natural World Around Us

Mahatma Ghandi, long term advocator for Peace on Earth once played THE SILENCE GAME with the children in the class of my first mentor Margot Waltuch, who studied with Dr. Maria Montessori in Rome in 1929-30 and became a national consultant, lecturer, and international examiner for AMI.

Ghandi noticed something special in the garden of the Montessori School in Sévres, France in the 1930's - he observed that the 3-6 year olds sat under a tree, in silence, listening. They listened to the sounds of nature. They heard the birds chirping, the insects buzzing and the rustling of the leaves in the breeze.

Today we are still striving for Peace and we call the sounds of Nature – the sounds of Biodiversity. We do still play THE SILENCE GAME...



We are fortunate that our school has trees and bushes for our children to explore. There are logs to lift and worms to find, butterflies to observe and insect hotels to be made. Birds are fed and squirrels observed, seeds are planted and flowers sprout forth.

Nature abounds and whether it is directly noticed or indirectly absorbed, children grow up and to The Children's House Primary oasis return. In awe they look at the bushes and see again the 'forest' they once used to explore.

For more information about the La Maison des Enfants(Sevres,France):

[namta journal 21 3 1996 summer 04.pdf](#)

*"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*

