

*Our mission is to build a community to support our daughters.*

## Raising Money for Temple Street

The TY Social Justice Group recently organised a dress-up day in aid of Temple Street Hospital which was a huge success! Not only did it bring fun and humour into our school but raised much needed funds for a worthy cause. Very well done to the students and teachers who showed good spirit, be proud - together you successfully boosted everybody's Wellbeing.



TY student, Sorcha Corr

## Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter 2020

Who will ever forget the start of this school year? The huge changes in the physical layout of the school seen here in this newsletter are a reminder of the changed times we are living through. And despite all the upheaval, school life goes on day to day and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the enormous work involved in keeping the show on the road. We are so grateful to Ms. Gogarty, Ms Molloy and all the staff for providing the safest possible environment for the girls.

These are difficult times for many and we are conscious that second time round, lockdown is even harder on some than others. We have set up a competition for the girls to enter which we hope will remind them of more normal times. Everything must be handled digitally of course but please do encourage them to enter. A sense of belonging and common purpose is so important at times like these.

A big thank you to all the parents who have joined us at the PA meetings in September and October and for the AGM. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please contact the Parent Class reps or come along to the next PA meeting which will be held by zoom on November 4th.

And thanks also to Elaine Feeney who has come on board as our Communications Officer at a time when communication is so important (no pressure Elaine!) and put this newsletter together. We hope to keep the whole school community connected, even if only virtually for the time being.

Wishing you all a well-earned mid-term break.

*Julie Way*

Chairperson

## A New Way of Teaching and Learning

To quote Ms. Gogarty in her letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of October; *"the students have been very good humoured and adaptable in what are far from ideal conditions for teaching and learning"*.

In following the Department of Education protocols, the entire school body continues to work tirelessly to reduce the transfer of Covid 19 alongside educating our daughters. We all have a part to play to help our school in any way we can.

Should you have any ideas or issues to raise in this regard please contact the Parent Class reps listed in the school app. The Parent reps will communicate all ideas or issues raised with the Parents Association who will bring them to the attention of the Board of Management. Any learning issues involving teachers should be directed to the Teacher Year Heads listed on the school website.



## School IT Upgrade

A big thank you to all the Parents who took the time to email their local TD's about internet connectivity in the school. The response received from the Minister for Education, following a question raised in the Dáil by Seán Haughey TD, revealed that our school has already been identified as one of 8 schools to be upgraded in the current school year. Fingers crossed for a speedy procurement process.



*Images taken by the Parents Association and shared at the virtual AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.*

## Stronger Together

During what feels like the most challenging of times, we are seeing the best of humanity - the power of community. While social distancing separates us physically, technology is bridging the gap and allowing us to reach out virtually to help those who need it. School events, work experience and trips have been cancelled and together we need to find virtual alternatives to these wherever possible.

As a school community we need to build our online connection, come together to support our daughters. Please give your time to share your skills and get in touch by email, connect on LinkedIn and follow us on Twitter and invite past pupils, and friends of Holy Faith Clontarf to do the same. Join our monthly PA meetings. Everybody is welcome.

## Committee Members 20/21

Chair: Julie Way  
Vice Chair: Máire Ní Chleirigh  
Secretary: Louise Mc Kenna  
Treasurer: Clarissa Bryans  
Communications: Elaine Feeney

Share your ideas, your knowledge, or your expertise. Connect and Follow



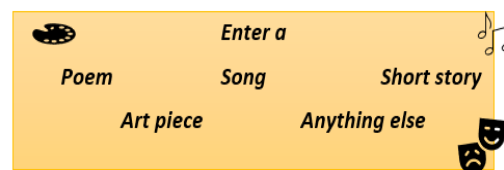
## Competition Time!

Winning a prize makes us feel good. Sharing our talents and our passions with others boosts our self-esteem, our sense of peace and creativity; and those you share your talents and passions with benefit too.

To celebrate completing a challenging first term, the Parents Association are running a fantastic competition with generous prizes over the mid-term. We are calling on all our student artists, photographers, writers, poets, songwriters and creatives to submit a digital entry to our competition on the email below. Winners will be announced next term.

Best of Luck!

## MID-TERM COMPETITION



**Themes**  
Memes, Masks, Mingling  
School, Soap, Social distancing



### Rules

1. Entry should be submitted digitally only (photo, pdf, etc.)
2. Entries to be submitted to [paholyfaithclontarf@outlook.ie](mailto:paholyfaithclontarf@outlook.ie) by 5pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
3. By entering, you agree to us displaying your entry on school website

## Can't See it Can't Be It

Be that mentor you wish you had – and inspire, support and encourage the senior students to realise their potential. We are calling on volunteer speakers willing to tell their career story and take part in a series of virtual career talks. Please drop us an email if you work in the following sectors:

- STEM
- Education & Training
- Law
- Finance
- Architecture/Construction/Property
- IT
- Medicine/Nursing
- Hospitality
- Business
- Arts
- Media



## Dates for your Diary

- Next PA Meeting, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2020
- Last day for competition entries Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of Nov 2020
- Careers talks (TBA)

