

# Tileagd Community School

## Autumn 2011 Newsletter from the staff & children at the School & Nursery

Since our last newsletter in March 2011 many things happened in the Smiles Nursery and School. Day by day life can bring many surprises, some of them good, some of them not so good. We have had our joys and our challenges. Besides the usual activities that take place in any nursery or school, there are also some important special events that deserve a special mention.

For example, in April many activities were based on the Easter Story. Every teacher, together with their children, arranged a part of their classroom to represent a certain scene from Jesus' last days spent on the earth. These included the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' Judgment by Herod and Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection.



The children's involvement in making and decorating these themes and scenes in a classroom helped them understand better what Jesus endured and how much God loves us, giving His only Son for our salvation. We hope the pictures will bring

it to life for you. The children loved doing it. Unfortunately, I was not directly involved in these activities because a medical problem arose unexpectedly and



kept me away from school for three months. I had difficult and complex surgery followed by a period of recovery. I missed Tileagd and the children very much and was kept aware of everything that happened in the School and Nursery. I couldn't resist making a contribution "from a distance"! I know that many people prayed for my recovery and for sure God listened to all the prayers, because I could feel that He was with me every second. I would like to thank you all for sustaining me in all those difficult moments. I am much better now and very happy to be back at work with the children I love so much. For the first time I did not participate at the Educational Challenge Programme at the end of May, but I helped to prepare and organize it long before it happened. We were privileged to welcome 11 teachers from

UK, who were led by our Educational Adviser, Stephen Woodward. They had the opportunity to be fully involved in the life of our Nursery and School for three days. They were able to work with our children, to attend demonstration lessons by our teachers, to join in our extracurricular activities, to visit the children's homes and to be engaged actively in the organization of the International Children's Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>. These experiences helped them understand the impact and importance of the education offered by the Smiles Foundation in the lives and the futures of these children.

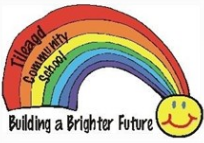
Their involvement and support give us new hope. Reading the report written by



Sophie Clements on the Educational Challenge 2011, I was encouraged, inspired and strengthened in my belief that the Challenges should continue as excellent professional development opportunities.

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# It's great to share our News with you! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

A very special time, which everyone looked forward to, was the end of the school year. In the middle of June we had a wonderful celebration. The children



and teachers prepared it with great enthusiasm and there were some very emotional moments. The children demonstrated their talent once again and delighted those present with songs, dramas and dance. They children were rewarded with diplomas, presents and



many congratulations. The summer holiday is a relaxation time for all the children (and teachers!!), a period of rest and recovery. Very soon, however, the children get bored at home and the parents prefer them to be out of mischief in the safety of the School and Nursery! During the holiday the Smiles Foundation came once again and helped the children by organizing the Summer School, so that every Wednesday and Thursday all the children had the opportunity to meet their school-friends, take part in a variety of enjoyable activities: games, competitions, sports, dance, crafts, computer games ...

The time spent in Nursery and School during the holiday brought both learning and pleasure for the benefit of the children that attended.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of September the children started a new school year and they were warmly welcomed by all the School and Nursery staff. Everyone was very happy and there was a real atmosphere of love and new hope. The opening of the new school year was another emotional time, which started with prayers together, a welcome



for everyone and good wishes for the future. All this happiness was shattered, when only 3 days later we received the terrible news that Adela from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade had a very serious car accident. The moment I heard the news, I recalled the image of the first day of school, when Adela came to give me a hug and we were



so happy to see each other again. I didn't think at that time that her hug was actually a goodbye one, because just 3 weeks after the accident all of us prepared



to lead Adela on her last journey. She was a wonderful, beautiful, well-behaved and intelligent girl and the memory of her will stay alive in our hearts for a long, long time. Thank you very much to all of you who are involved in one-way or another, so that the lives of the children from Tileagd Community School and Nursery can be changed. Thank you for staying beside us during the last school year and making it possible to start a new school year with new hope and optimism. I hope the words and images contained in this newsletter give you a glimpse of what Tileagd Community School and Nursery are all about.

I would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** for those of you who come and visit us; your presence means a lot to us and motivates us.

**May God bless you all!**

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