



Guardian Angels' National School - **Your** Parent Teacher Association Newsletter

November 2017

Dates for your diary

- First Holy Communion
- Preparation - Nov 14th
- Parent Teacher meetings – 15th and 16th Nov (all classes except junior infants).
- Junior infants will be late Jan-date to be announced later.
- Confirmation enrolment – Nov 23rd
- School closed (Curriculum in Service day) – Nov 29th
- Cake sale – Dec 01st
- Carol service – Dec 07th
- Rehearsals have started for Jnr and Snr Infant class plays – dates to be confirmed shortly
- Christmas Break – Dec 22nd school closing at 12:30 p.m. and reopening on Jan 8th, 2018
- Dunnes stores bag pack- 03rd Mar (50+volunteers will be required)

Thursday Night Fever at School Disco!!!

We're delighted to report that both school discos held on Thursday evening, October 26th were a great success. The children had a ball dressing up for the event. Some of the costumes were amazing, the children were unrecognizable. There was plenty of showing off all their great moves on the dance floor. €1031 after expenses was raised for school initiatives.

We would like to thank everyone for coming along, to all the children for being so well behaved, to all our great volunteers, DJ Karen and of course, the members of the Blackrock branch of the Order of Malta who together helped ensure both discos were a fun and safe success.



Prizes

Calling on all parents and the companies they work in could you donate a **prize** for the cake sale raffle!

Simply drop prizes into the school office or give to any member of the PTA committee

SCOOTERS: A number of similar scooters have been mixed up recently. Please identify that you have the correct scooter before leaving school shed to help avoid future mix-ups.

If anyone has an unwanted scooter in good condition and would like to donate it to the school, please contact ptaguardianangels@gmail.com Thank-you

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CAKE SALE: It's our very own Guardian Angels bake off! The annual cake sale will be on **Friday 01st Dec.** Bake it or fake it – all are welcome – and will be on display from 9.30am. There will be cake spot prizes for children's creative baking and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful creations. Join in the fun by purchasing raffle tickets. There will be lots of great prizes. Don't worry if you haven't time to bake, you can bring items from your local shop. We would ask all bakers to attach a label to their cake listing its ingredients e.g. nuts, eggs etc. for people who may have specific dietary requirements.

All 6th class students take on a responsibility on the day. This year we are encouraging parents to drop in to see the cake displays and purchase a cake or treat. The children will have an opportunity to come to the halla with their class and make their own purchases. There will be a **gluten-free table**. If you can spare a little time to help on the day and join in on the fun and excitement, please contact ptaguardianangels@gmail.com.



- **Creative CAKE spot prizes**
- **Poster competition**
- **'Name the bear' and take him home**
- **Treasure tray hunt**
- **How many goodies in the jar? Win the jar**
- **Dates for Raffle tickets to go on sale to be announced later.**

Sponsored school walk: The annual school walk was held on 06th October. The rain stayed away, and it was a great success. The children walked around the "rockies" with Ms.Troy's (sixth class) walking as far as Blackrock playground. €5860 was raised. Many thanks to teachers, all parents, their families, work colleagues and neighbours for their support.

Christmas cards: The samples are back from the printers and have been given to the children. Thank-you to all parents for returning the order forms and payment. The amalgamated school order form is currently being finalised and will be posted on Friday 10 Nov. A PTA representative will call into all classrooms on Friday morning (10 Nov@9am) for a **final** call of any remaining last orders. Orders after this date cannot be processed as the cost of individual orders is too expensive. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the teachers and children for completing the Christmas card drawings in sufficient time to help have order ready. Well done to all children for great works of art produced.

National Parents Council: The NPC Special Education Conference for parents who want to know more about meeting their child's needs in special education takes place at 10.30 – 16.00 on Sat 11th November in the Aishling Hotel, Parkgate St, Dublin 8. Guest speakers include Adam Harris, Founder of AslAm.ie, an organisation working to build an Ireland where every person with Autism can "live and succeed as they are". You can find more information including booking online (admission is free) on the NPC website at www.npc.ie

Travelling to school safely: Again, we would like to thank all of you who are making the effort to walk, scoot, cycle, park 'n' stride to school. Please cross the road with Lollipop lady Audrey or at the pedestrian traffic lights near Spar.

Curtains: If there are any parents who has any contacts maybe with drama theatres etc and could help source new curtains for our halla or even be able to make them we be delighted to hear from you. Please contact ptaguardianangels@gmail.com.