

Guardian Angels' NS

Newsletter – November 2019

Visit of All Star

There was huge excitement in the school when All Star Dublin footballer Lauren Magee visited. Lauren has won three All Ireland titles in a row with Dublin and shared her passion for the game, encouraging everyone to get involved in sports.

Parent/teacher meetings

We were delighted to recently welcome parents to the school for 1st-6th class parent/teacher meetings. These meetings offer a great opportunity to meet class teachers and discuss your child's progress. We appreciate the time everyone gave to attend the meetings, but, if for any reason you missed your parent/teacher meeting, please contact your child's teacher to rearrange. Parent/teacher meetings for Mrs. Collins Junior Infants will take place on 23rd and 24th January 2020.

Science Week 2019

Science Week 2019 took place from 10-17th November. The theme this year was climate action, aiming to help people understand climate change, how science and technology can help us create a positive climate future and the impact we, as individuals can have on climate change. To celebrate, the school held science workshops and events across the week, involving pupils in investigations and experiments.



GANS tree planting

As part of Science Week, and in an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, GANS pupils planted 100 birch and alder trees in Rockfield Park. The tree planting ceremony was organised by one of our parents Susie Barry, a true eco-warrior. Susie encouraged our pupils to think about the effects our lifestyles have on climate change and what we can all do to reduce our carbon footprints. Our thanks to the staff of DRCC who were on hand and who really helped the children to enjoy the experience.

Hockey

A new hockey season has begun, and it's great to see so many of our pupils taking part. Well done to our boys' hockey team who won their first match of the Leinster Junior & Primary Schoolboys

Hockey League. We strongly encourage all our pupils to get involved in sport, to get active, stay fit and learn the importance of fair play and team work.

Cake sale

Our annual cake sale takes place on Friday 29th November. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your baking skills and the incredible creativity and talent we have in the school. There is no pressure to bake so if you'd prefer not to bake it, please feel free to fake it by donating shop-bought cakes or cupcakes. All donations will be gratefully accepted and there will be games on the day and prizes to win.



Snow Globe Competition

Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre has organised an innovative Christmas competition for schools in the area to create snow globes. The challenge brought out our pupils' artistic flair and together they created a truly beautiful and unique snow globe. It was great to see pupils from across classes working together and sharing ideas. Congratulations to all involved and if you'd like to see the GANS snow globe, it will be on display in the shopping centre from 18th November.

Christmas Carol Service

An annual event we all look forward to – the Christmas carol service – will take place on Thursday December 12th at 19.00. Pupils from 1st-6th class will take part and we will collect non-perishable food on the night on behalf of St Vincent de Paul.



Infant Plays

Our Junior and Senior Infant pupils are very excited about their performances on 10th December and are busy rehearsing. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please help them to learn their lines and songs at home to make sure we have no stage fright on the big day.

Christmas Outing

Continuing with the Christmas theme, our Junior Infants will travel to the Mill Theatre in Dundrum on 17th December to see this year's Christmas panto 'Robin Hood'. The panto, followed by lunch in KFC, is a highlight of their school year and always one of our pupils' favourite GANS memories.

Christmas Visitor

GANS will be welcoming a very special Christmas visitor to the school on Thursday 19th December and will celebrate his arrival with a Christmas party and disco.



Shakespeare Festival

The pupils in 2nd and 3rd classes are currently becoming acquainted with Shakespeare's poetry. Professional actors from the Mill Theatre delivered two workshops to the children. On December 9th the pupils will travel by bus to the Mill Theatre to perform the poems in the Dundrum Shakespeare Festival. Who knows what budding actors are in our school. Watch this space!!

WOW

We are thrilled to see so many of our students walking, scooting and cycling on Wednesdays. If it's not possible to walk, scoot or cycle, we encourage you to park and stride, leaving the car a little further away from the school and walking the last few metres.



Morning yard

A reminder that the yard is supervised by teachers, in a voluntary capacity, from 8.35am each morning. The children are expected to go to their class lines and chat – there should be no chasing or ball games at this time. Please note that parents/guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children in the yard until 8.35am.

Car park

Finally, our thanks to all of you who are parking safely in the car park. We are all aware of how busy it can be but by showing consideration for each other we have so far been without incident this year.

We would also remind you to please be mindful of our neighbours, when parking on Newtownpark Avenue and never block anyone's driveway.