



# Guardian Angels' National School - **Your** Parent Teacher Association Newsletter **December 2020**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### TERM 1:

December 22 – school closes for Christmas  
Red Group – 12.10pm  
Blue Group – 12.30pm

### TERM 2:

6 January – school reopens  
Red Group – 8.30am  
Blue Group – 8.50am

If you have any queries or questions for the PTA you can contact us at [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com).

We've had a busy month at GANS. The children have been continuing to work towards their active flag by running a kilometre a day and it's taking them all over the country, whilst staying in the school yard!

There was a great response to the **Sponsored Walk** this year and we thank everyone again for their support. We raised **€3753.50**, which is an incredible amount.

The children were delighted with their Christmas cards and look forward to sending them out! This is a really fun activity for the children and raised **€2779.80** for the school. The teachers picked a short list of their favourites and Mrs Collins selected a winner from each year group.

### **Congratulations to all the winners:**

**Jun. Infs:** Iniyah Santhosh    **Sen. Infs:** Emma Hanna  
**1<sup>st</sup> class:** Arwen Mc Evoy    **2<sup>nd</sup> class:** James Godfrey  
**3<sup>rd</sup> class:** Sarah Stones    **4<sup>th</sup> class:** Thomas Kelly  
**5<sup>th</sup> class:** Hannah Greenan    **6<sup>th</sup> class:** Abbie-Rose Fogarty

On **Tuesday 1 December**, the school held a **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration day. The kids were encouraged to come in 70s gear, wear their clothes backwards or wear something extra colourful. It was great fun, with the teachers joining in the fancy dress and with extra games and activities throughout the day, not least being the big surprise of the ice-cream van arriving in the yard!



The school would like to thank parents and pupils for their support during the first COVID-19 case. We should all be very proud that we have made it this far and that it was handled with such speed and efficiency. It is never going to be ideal, but as long as everyone is working together, we can make it as smooth as possible.



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**Parent/Teacher meetings** will take place throughout the month of January. The school will send out details after the holidays for you to book a slot with your child's teacher, who will conduct the meeting by telephone. These will be the normal 15-minute slots, so please be prepared with any questions prior to the phone call!



By now all the pupils should have received their t-shirts for decorating. The children are invited to go wild with a Christmas theme or whatever takes their fancy. On **Tuesday 22 December**, they can wear their t-shirts into school to show off their designs (they can wear their own clothes with the t-shirts). We will be awarding a prize to the best t-shirt in each class. Pupils are asked to donate **€3 by Friday 18 December** either via Aladdin or to their class teacher. This year one third of all proceeds will go to the **LauraLynn Children's Hospice**.

The PTA would like to thank **Titan Sports** and **Dunnes Stores** for their hugely generous help in sourcing the t-shirts this year and also, **Southside Sports** who have donated an extra special prize for the best design in the school.



***Don't forget to purchase your GANS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book! It has arrived hot off the press and is now available to buy! You can place your order through Aladdin and it will also be available to purchase at Spar, Newtownpark Avenue!***

If you have a message for your child's teacher please use the general school email address, putting the teacher's name in the subject line. You can also telephone the school and leave a message or put a note in your child's bag requesting a chat. The teachers are doing their best to get back to everyone as quickly as possible.



## **INFANT CLASSES:**

Please note that on icy days, the 4 infant classes can use the side gate by the church. The infant gate will still be open if you are coming from the Rockies.

The infants are also invited to wear their tracksuits until the holidays as the weather is especially cold!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS