



## Guardian Angels' NS

### Newsletter – March 2021

#### Welcome back (again)

After a staggered return, we were thrilled to finally welcome the entire school back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces coming through the gates – with everyone clearly happy to be back in school and reunited with their friends. A huge thank you to all the parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings and minders who supported us in home learning during lockdown. I think we can all agree that no-one found it easy, but the high level of engagement and support for our teachers and ongoing learning was so appreciated.

As you are aware, last September we introduced a range of new initiatives to accommodate Covid-19 restrictions such as staggered start and finish times, designated pods, class bubbles and extensive cleaning and sanitising of the school. Thank you to everyone for supporting us in adhering to the restrictions and providing as safe an environment as possible for all our pupils and staff.



#### Active School Flag

Guardian Angels is very proud of its Active School Flag and we're currently working hard to achieve our second. We encourage all our pupils to be as active as they can every day by walking, cycling or scooting to school, where possible – and with in-school activities like 'Run a K a Day' and 'Drop Everything and Dance'. Now however, Active School has set us a new challenge – to Run Around Ireland.

This four-week running challenge started on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and is one of the key criteria for schools like ours, working towards their next Active School Flag. Run Around Ireland supports the Athletics strand of the PE curriculum and will give pupils the opportunity to develop a good running technique. It's also a great way to bring learning outdoors by teaching our pupils about Ireland's most famous landmarks. Keep an eye on our school website and Twitter for regular updates on our progress.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We raised a total of €1,566.73 in the Christmas St. Vincent de Paul appeal. Well done everyone.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 1-17 March. This is an annual celebration of the Irish language and culture and here at GANS we held lots of special activities, games, dances, art workshops and events across the whole school. Seachtain na Gaeilge was topped off with our own annual celebration of all things Irish – our very special Lá na Glas on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all our pupils who arrived to school head-to-toe in green to kick-start the St Patrick's Day celebrations.



### Easter holidays

The school will close at 12.10 for the Red Group (infants included) and 12.30 for the Blue Group (infants included) on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March for our Easter holidays. We look forward to welcoming our Red Group back at 8.30 and Blue Group at 8.50 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. In the meantime, we wish everyone a happy and healthy Easter.

