



Guardian Angels' NS

October 2021 Newsletter

Halloween dress-up

We are inviting everyone from Junior Infants to Sixth Class to wear their Halloween costumes to school this Friday 22nd October. Fancy dress is optional and anyone who would prefer not to dress up, is welcome to wear their own clothes. Please be mindful of any props that might be safer at home or easily lost such as light sabres, swords, wigs or false teeth. We can't wait to see all the costumes but really really hope they're not TOO scary.



Confirmation 2020/2021

It was such a joy to meet and catch up with so many of our past pupils and their families as we were finally permitted to celebrate Confirmation with our classes of 2020 and 2021. We can't believe how much they have grown and matured and we were delighted to share in the celebration of this final milestone of their primary school journey. We are so proud of how well they are all doing in their new schools and to see such a strong bond still so evident among them. It was a lovely reminder that a GANS friend is a friend for life.

Communion 2021

We are delighted to have a date for our Third Classes to celebrate their Communion. The children are busy preparing to make their First Confession at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th November before celebrating their Communion on Saturday 13th November at 11am.

Maths Week 2021

Maths Week Ireland is the largest festival of maths in the world and an annual highlight in the GANS calendar. This year, Maths Week is taking place from 16-24 October. We have tons of fun and interactive maths activities, games and challenges planned for the entire school. There will be games, art, puzzles and tricky riddles to solve. Well done to our Sixth Classes who will lead maths-themed play during break times across all classes in the school. For great ideas for games to play at home at any time, visit www.mathsweek.ie



Parent/teacher meetings

Our annual parent/teacher meetings will be held over Zoom across three weeks, starting Monday 8th November. Parents can book a suitable slot for their meetings from Wednesday 3rd November – with details on how to arrange meetings sent directly. Please note that Junior Infant meetings will be held in January.

5th class cycling course

Our Fifth Classes will start a seven-week cycling safety course after mid-term break. Run by the Cycling Safety School, the course will teach the vital skills needed to cycle safely on the roads – including a theory section on road safety, rules of the road, traffic awareness, understanding road signage and bicycle maintenance. We encourage all of our pupils to be as active and when possible, to walk, scoot or cycle to school. With the introduction of many new cycle lanes in the area we have lots of new GANS cyclists and have installed extra bike parking at the school.

Covid 19 and changes to contact tracing

The HSE recently updated its advice to parents/guardians on contact tracing and testing for children aged between 3 months and 13 years. Details of its new guidelines can be found at the Covid-19 section of our website (www.guardianangels.ie). Please note that the HSE continues to advise that if a child feels unwell, or has any symptoms of Covid, that parents should not send them to school. A full list of symptoms and advice can be found at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/symptoms/symptoms-child/>.

Junior Infant admissions 2022

A gentle reminder that the closing date for applications for Junior Infants 2022 is Tuesday 12th November. Applications received after that date will be placed on a waiting list. Full details as well as an application form can be found in the Admissions section of guardianangels.ie.

Staff news

Our caretaker Walter Furlong recently made the decision to retire. A stalwart of Guardian Angels for more than 20 years, we are so grateful for his many years of service and very sorry to see him go. We are sure you'll join us in wishing Walter a long and healthy retirement and a very well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming Walter's replacement, Peter Lawless on Monday 1st November.

Mid-term break

The school will close at the usual time on Friday 22nd October and after such a busy start to the year, we hope all our pupils have a restful, happy and healthy mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st November.