

GUARDIAN ANGELS'NS

*Parent Teacher Association Newsletter
December 2021*



NEWS ROUND UP

Christmas Cards: Well done to all of the children who created some fantastic Christmas cards. We saw some excellent designs and prizes will be handed out in the coming days.



Christmas T-Shirt Decorating Competition: Similar to previous years, there will be a Christmas T-Shirt decorating competition for the children where they can use their imaginations to design their very own T-Shirt. **The date for wearing the T-shirts is the final day of term, Wednesday 22nd December (note this has changed from the original date of 17th December).** A donation of €3 per child is requested to cover costs, running the PTA and an onward donation to Laura Lynn <https://www.lauralynn.ie/>

Mask wearing: many thanks to the children (and parents) who are helping GANS comply with the guidance from the HSE on mask wearing for children from 3rd class upwards. We have seen excellent adherence to the guidance.

DESTINATION SCHOOL RESULTS

Thanks to those parents who filled in the PTA Feeder School Survey . The aim was to conduct research to identify preferred secondary school destinations.

The top 4 results for boys, girls and overall are below, based on responses received:

Girls:

- 1.Newpark
- 2.Sion Hill
- 3.Loreto Foxrock
- 4.Loreto Dalkey

Boys:

- 1.Newpark
- 2.Oatlands
- 3.St. Andrew's
- 4.CBC

Overall:

- 1.Newpark
- 2.Oatlands
- 3.Sion Hill
- 4.St. Andrew's

Newpark was a clear favourite, which is unsurprising given its proximity to Guardian Angels, however two things to note with regard to Newpark; it is a Protestant school and therefore its main obligations around admissions are to the Protestant community. While Guardian Angels is within 10km of Newpark, and therefore counted as being in the catchment area, note that there are 30 feeder schools (Protestant and Educate Together) listed ahead of this criteria.

From speaking with the school it was noted that in a typical year, the majority of applicants to Sion Hill and Oatlands College are admitted. A number of the boys' private schools, e.g. St Andrews, Blackrock etc. have junior schools attached and priority is given to those schools and, sometimes, a limited number of feeders. Note also that St. Andrews College is also Protestant and has a junior school.

The results were not ranked in order of preference so the above tables are based on the number of times each school was picked as a response.

REMINDERS

- For any parents who have a valid Teaching Council Registration Number and would like to help the school in facing the current teacher shortage, please get in touch with the school as soon as is convenient to start the Garda vetting process.
- Please be reminded that all Guardian Angels' pupils should wear High Vis Vests and helmets when cycling and scooting into school.
- Parents can communicate with the class teacher through the homework journal on Aladdin or by leaving a message with the school secretary.
- Please be reminded that class birthday party bags should be simple and inexpensive.
- Don't forget to look at the school website and the school twitter to see creative artwork and school activities.
- The PTA are working on further events and sponsorship ideas -so will keep you up to date in future newsletters.

IMPORTANT DATES

December - T-Shirts to be worn on last day of term, Wednesday 22nd December

Important School Calendar dates - <http://www.guardianangels.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/School-calendar-2021-22.pdf>

If you wish to get in touch with the PTA, please email ptaguardianangels@gmail.com