



## Guardian Angels' NS

### Newsletter –April 2022

#### Seachtain na Gaeilge

We love Seachtain na Gaeilge at GANS and this year was no different! The whole school, from Junior Infants to Sixth Class got involved with games, puzzles and fun as Gaeilge played at every break time over the week. A special thanks to Ms Walker's Sixth Class who put in a huge amount of time and energy in preparing and playing games with the younger classes. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March was our annual Lá Glas when the school turned into a sea of green to celebrate St Patrick's Day.



#### Confirmation

Congratulations to Sixth Class on their recent Confirmation. We were delighted to be joined by so many parents and families to celebrate on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The sun shone and there was a real air of celebration that families could celebrate together again. We are now looking forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with Second Class on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Sporting news

We've recorded a series of very exciting wins in recent weeks across our Gaelic football, soccer and hockey teams. It's great to see team sports back up and running and so many of our girls and boys taking part. Win or lose, we are so proud of each member of the teams for their dedication. They have turned up and played in some really nasty weather conditions recently and we so admire their commitment to the game and to their fellow teammates.

Separately, after a Covid-induced hiatus, swimming lessons have resumed for Fifth Class and hockey has been extended for another four weeks.



### SNA graduation

Congratulations to the first of our wonderful Special Needs Assistant (SNA) team (Martina, Michele and Mary) who have achieved their Certificates in Inclusive School Support from UCD. This is the first dedicated national training programme for SNAs that covered inclusion, communications and language, a range of special needs and information on caring for students with additional care needs.



### Covid-19

Thankfully, our school life is gradually returning to normal. However, while Covid cases remain so high in the community, we would like to gently remind everyone to please keep children at home if they have any symptoms, even if mild. We thank all parents and guardians for their continued support – and for their patience and understanding during staff absences. A special thank you also to our incredible resource teaching team who have stepped in repeatedly to take classes and help keep disruption for pupils to an absolute minimum.

### Update on building works

Work has begun on clearing the site next door to the school, at Cluain Mhuire. The entire 140 unit development project is expected to take approximately two years and fences have been erected around the site to ensure our children's safety during the work. Separately, our own extension project is continuing to plan. So far, we haven't met any unexpected issues and remain on schedule to complete in late August.

### Easter holidays

As it's the end of our second term, the school will close early for Easter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The Red Group will finish at 12.10 and the Blue Group at 12.15. We return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for our summer term and in the meantime, we wish everyone a very happy and healthy break.

