



Guardian Angels' NS

October 2022 Newsletter

Halloween celebration

We are inviting everyone from Junior Infants to Sixth Class to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday 28 October. Dressing up is optional and anyone who would prefer not to, 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, brooms or false teeth. GANS girls and boys are always at their creative best at Halloween so we can't wait to see all the costumes (even the scary ones!).



First Holy Communion

We are delighted to have dates confirmed for our Second Classes to celebrate their First Holy Communion. A registration form for First Holy Communion has been sent to parents and guardians and must be completed and returned by Friday 11 November. Do This in Memory masses begin on Sunday 4 December and First Confession takes place on Wednesday 1 March. First Holy Communion ceremonies will be held at 10.45am mass on Sunday 7, 14 and 21 May. We are still waiting for a date for Confirmation and as soon as we have an update from the parish, we'll let you know.

Junior Infants 2023

A gentle reminder that the closing date for applications for Junior Infants 2023 is Monday 31 October. Even with a sibling in the school, you still need to submit an application form for a new Junior Infant. Application forms and more details can be found in the Admissions section of our

website guardianangels.ie. Please note that any applications received after 31 October will be placed on a waiting list.

Maths Week 2022

Our annual Maths Week took place from 16-23 October. We had tons of fun with interactive maths activities, games and challenges planned across the entire school. There were games, art, puzzles and tricky riddles to solve. We tuned in to Maths Week TV daily and even attempted writing a 'Pi-ku' poem which is a mathematical form of Haiku! Some great ideas for games to play at home at any time, can be found at www.mathsweek.ie



Cycle safety course

Our Fifth Classes will start a seven-week cycling safety course in early November. 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 active daily and when possible, to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Last year we installed extra covered bike racks and with the introduction of many new cycle lanes in the area we are delighted to see so many of our girls and boys arriving on their bikes every day.



Mid-term break

The school will close at the usual time (1.30 and 2.30) on Friday 28 October for mid-term break. After such a busy start to the year and the return to all our pre-Covid activities, we know that everyone is really looking forward to the break. We wish all our pupils and families a restful, happy and healthy mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7 November.

Latest updates from the PTA

Message from Maeve, Daniel's mum:

You might have noticed the purple balloons on the school gates on Friday 14th to celebrate Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day. Daniel has DLD which means he has difficulty processing and using language. Daniel wrote a comic about what it's like to have DLD and it was published in a newspaper, each child in the class will have one to bring home. I would really appreciate it if you could have a chat with your child about what they learned about DLD in school on Friday through the games and resources that I sent in. Really, it's about giving someone with DLD extra time and patience and to make sure they are involved in work and play. We are so proud of Daniel wanting to spread the message and help other children with DLD, it was a big day for him.

Halloween costume swap

Thanks to everyone who participated in the costume swap, this was a great success and a huge number of costumes found new homes – expect many scary monsters to call at your door this Halloween! On Friday, prizes will be awarded in school for the best dressed in the class - so be creative!

Sponsored walk

Many thanks to all who took part in the sponsored walk. The proceeds are still being tallied and we will update you next month. Please ensure you have returned your sponsorship cards if you have not done so already!



Car parking

Can we please remind parents with children in the infant classes that it is not permitted to park in the pastoral centre (the small car park near the infant gate). This is for pastoral centre staff only and obviously has our youngest children all walking, scooting and cycling through, so it is best to not have any additional cars.

Diwali

A very happy Diwali to all celebrating this 24th October. For any other cultural events you would like mentioned, please feel free to reach out to the PTA by email on ptaguardianangels@gmail.com.

PTA Committee

We are delighted to welcome new members to the PTA Committee following our AGM. To those who have recently stepped down from the committee we extend our warmest gratitude for their time and commitment. For the full list of committee members, please visit the PTA section of guardianangels.ie.