



## Guardian Angels' NS

Newsletter – April 2023

### Thank you to our PTA

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for their ongoing support and fundraising for the school. Thanks to their hard work and the support of the entire school community, we have recently had five additional Promethean interactive whiteboards installed. These whiteboards are invaluable for interactive learning and are very popular with the pupils and teachers alike. Thank you all again, it is great to see how your generous donations make such a positive difference to the school.

### National Children's Choir

Our Fourth and Fifth Classes have been busy practicing for the National Children's Choir concert on 25th April. The National Children's Choir is a lovely opportunity for children from different schools to sing and perform together. Our pupils have really enjoyed their joint rehearsals with our neighbouring school, Our Lady's NS, Booterstown and their repertoire covers lots of different genres of song – from plantation songs to Latin, folk, traditional Irish and soul. Tickets are still available to buy at the door on the night. We're all really looking forward to what is sure to be a very special evening.

### FAI Schools 5-a-side

We fielded two teams at the recent FAI Primary Schools 5-a-side championship at Irishtown Stadium in Ringsend. Our boys put on a great performance and won three of their four matches, coming second in their group. Our girls outplayed every team in their group to win all four of their matches.

Unfortunately, they were just beaten in a very close and exciting final. A massive well done to both teams for their commitment, incredible skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

### Trócaire box collection

A reminder to please return any remaining Trócaire boxes to the school by Wednesday 26th April for collection by Trócaire.

### Robot Wars winner

Congratulations to Evan in Fifth Class, who recently won Robot Wars at the Kinia Creative Tech Fest. The Tech Fest is an annual showcase for young people to display their tech skills and creativity. The highlight of the festival every year is Robot Wars and Evan won the event with his incredible fighting robot 'The Flipper' which he designed and built himself.

## School calendar 2023/24

The school calendar for next year is now confirmed and available to view on our website in the 'Information for parents' section. The first day of our new school year will be Wednesday 30th August.

## School uniform

A gentle reminder to please make sure your child's name is clearly written or labelled on all items of the uniform - especially the jumpers and hoodies. With the warmer weather, jumpers and hoodies are being lost almost daily but with a name, it's that much easier to reunite them with their owners.

The school uniform should be worn to school every day except on the days when your child's class has PE or some other sports activity. The school uniform is blue shirt/blouse, school crested jumper, school skirt/navy trousers, and black shoes. On PE days the school tracksuit with a blue polo shirt may be worn. During the summer months shorts may be worn, but these must be tailored and knee length. If the tracksuit bottom is being shortened, it must be properly hemmed and knee length. We encourage all our pupils to keep themselves neat and tidy. Large hooped or dangly earrings should not be worn for safety reasons. All pupils presented themselves really well on the day the photographer visited, we would love to see this every day. We thank parents and guardians for your co-operation with this.

## Aladdin

There is a 'Using Aladdin' section in 'Information for parents' on our website with guides on how to register, download and use the Aladdin app. This includes a guide to using 'Attendance notes' on the app which allows you to notify teachers directly of any pupil absence – on the day or in advance.

## Paddy Duggan RIP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Paddy Duggan last month. Paddy had a long association with the school. He was a member of the Board of Management for many years and served as Chairperson for a number of terms. Paddy will be particularly remembered for his work on the school finances. A native of Galway, Paddy had huge interest in GAA. We are fortunate to have people like Paddy who give of their time and expertise voluntarily for the good of the school. We extend our deepest sympathies to Paddy's family. *Suaimhneas siorraí dó.*

## Upcoming school closures

The school will be closed on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd May for the May bank holiday weekend.

## Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Ms Laura McDonnell who is substituting for Ms Harten for the remainder of this school year.

## Latest updates from the PTA

The PTA would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who contributed, as well as those who shared details, to the recent fundraiser. The 'Evening with John Fogarty' was a huge success with €2,675 raised. The evening was smoothly run by Mark Byrne who did a great job interviewing John and the attendees got some great insights behind the scenes of Ireland's recent Grand Slam in the Six Nations. Thanks again to all.

The PTA would also like to wish everyone well who is celebrating Eid-Al-Fitr and we hope you enjoy it with your family and friends.