



Guardian Angels' National School

Newsletter – May 2023

Sacraments

Congratulations to Sixth Class who celebrated their Confirmation on Friday 12th May. A special thank you to Ms Whelehan, Mr Howley and Kay for all their hard work in preparing the class so well for such a milestone event. Second Class celebrated their Communion on three consecutive Sundays – the 7th, 14th and 21st May. The parish team was an invaluable support to us for both sacraments but especially for guiding us through the new Communion format. This was the first time the Communion ceremony was incorporated into a weekly Mass and we were all delighted to see that the change didn't affect the children's enjoyment of their very special day. We've had some lovely feedback through the parish on how well the children performed at their Communion ceremonies, while many parishioners felt quite honoured to be included in such a special celebration. A huge thank you to Mrs Doherty, Ms Horan and Michele for ensuring GANS was so well represented – and to the children for making us so proud.

Active School Week 2023

It's Active School Week this week at GANS and we have lots of extra fun activities and challenges to celebrate. We have set a school-wide challenge to 'Run Around Europe', there will be active homework every day, we'll have playground games, sack races, a tug-of-war and daily Twitter challenges. During Active School Week we'll continue our usual activities like PE, athletics, GAA and rugby and the whole school is learning a very special dance that we'll record and share at the end of the week.

National Children's Choir

Guardian Angels performed at the National Children's Choir concert in the National Basketball Arena on 25th April. Performing 15 songs, the choir was supported by a full orchestra and conducted by Orla Gillen. Thirteen GANS pupils have been selected by the NCC to sing as part of a bigger regional choir at a concert in the National Concert Hall on Sunday 28th May. We wish them the very best for their performance at what is sure to be a wonderful event.

Junior Infants 2023/24

We were delighted to welcome the parents/guardians of our new Junior Infant class to the school last week. The Junior Infants will be invited to visit the school, see their classrooms and meet their new classmates in later June. Applications for Junior Infants 2024 will be accepted in October. Please keep an eye on the Admissions section of our website in September for updates and deadlines.

School tours

We have a very busy few weeks ahead with lots of school tours and trips planned. Junior and Senior Infants are going to Glenroe Farm. First Class is visiting Dublin Zoo. Second Class is off to Lullymore. Third Class had a fun-packed activity day with Let's Go at UCD. Fourth Class is heading to the Aqua Zone water park and Fifth is going to Clara Lara. Sixth Class is heading west to Delphi on 29th May for three nights. The annual Delphi trip is always an absolute highlight for our pupils and a great way to end their GANS journey together.

Sports Days & Fun Day

We have three Sports Days planned in June. Our Junior and Senior Infants have their sports day on 21st June. The First, Second and Third Class Sports Day is 15th June and Fourth, Fifth and Sixth have theirs on 16th June. Sports Day will feature lots of events and activities to make sure there's something that suits everyone and all ages. This year's events include the 100m sprint, sack race, penalty shoot-out, javelin, 3-legged race, egg & spoon race and a tug-of-war. Fun Day for Junior Infants to Second Class takes place on Friday 9th June. We'll have a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course and giant games for our junior classes to enjoy.

Santry Sports

We wish the GANS team the very best of luck at Santry Sports on Tuesday 30th May. The whole school is rooting for them and we'll keep you posted on our results.

Free Schoolbook Scheme

We all welcomed the announcement of the new Free Schoolbook Scheme, where all books, workbooks and copies will now be paid for by a Department of Education grant. The school will order everything that's needed for the new school year across all classes. As all books and workbooks will be the property of the school, they must be returned at the end of the school year. We ask all our pupils to please take really good care of their books so they can be passed on in good condition.

Data protection

The Data Protection Commission has produced four short guides for parents on children's data protection rights under the GDPR. The guides are available to view in the 'News' section of our school website.

Not returning

If for any reason your child is not returning to Guardian Angels next year, please let us know as soon as possible to help us manage our waiting lists.

Arrival time

We need to again remind all parents and guardians that until the school gates open at 8.35am, there is no supervision provided by the school. We very much appreciate pupils arriving on time for school but from a safety perspective, please arrive between 8:35 and 8:50.

Lost property

The pile of lost hoodies and jumpers with no name tags is growing daily. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written or labelled on all uniform items. If not reclaimed, any lost property will be included in the PTA uniform swap before the end of the year.

Trócaire

Thanks to your generosity, €850 was collected by GANS for Trócaire during their Lenten campaign.

Staff news

We are thrilled to share that Ms Harten recently welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Elodie.

Updates from the PTA

Call out for new PTA members from October 2023.

There are a number of places opening up on the PTA from October 2023 and if you would like to seek nomination, please fill in the form attached or contact your PTA rep for further information.

PTA past fundraising and events

We proudly sponsored the 6th Class hoodies and hope the children love them.

Uniform swap

We will hold the very popular uniform swap on the last week of term: Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th June.