



## Guardian Angels' NS

Newsletter – June 2023

### Junior & Senior Infant Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to torrential rain making the Rockies park water-logged and unsafe, our Junior and Senior Infant sports day has been postponed to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am-12.

### Summer uniform

A reminder that the children may wear navy tailored shorts with their normal shirt/blouse during the summer term. If tracksuit bottoms are being shortened for PE, they must be properly hemmed and be knee length.

### Annual talent show

Our annual school talent show takes place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's always a highlight of the year and we are always wowed by the incredible talent on show. This year we will have singers, dancers, gymnasts and musicians performing – and we can't wait to see what's sure to be a brilliant show.

### Soccer

Our soccer team was delighted to welcome past pupil Adam Shiels as their coach every Thursday in the Rockies. It's been a great year for the team who entered the Leinster League – and won each of their five matches. Southside Sports asked us to pass on the following message: "thanks to all parents and guardians for their help in getting players to matches, for their support of the players, coach and refs and most of all for raising such well-mannered, happy children."

### Mobile phones and social media

A reminder that mobile phones are not permitted to be switched on during the school day or on school grounds. We'd like to gently remind all parents and guardians to please be aware - and vigilant - of your child's use of social media. Our school policy on social media use can be viewed online in the school policy section of [www.guardianangels.ie](http://www.guardianangels.ie). We have discussed the appropriate use of social media in the classroom with our older classes and it would be really helpful if you could please support us, by ensuring your children understand their responsibilities and how the policy applies to them. It is a good idea to delay for as long as possible before giving your child their first smart phone and all phones should be left "downstairs" at bedtime.

### Delphi

Sixth Class spent three nights at Delphi in early June and made the most of every second. The sun shone the entire time as they climbed boulder walls, navigated obstacle courses through the bog and learned how to safely build and light campfires. Friendships were consolidated as they hiked,

abseiled and kayaked their way across the resort, ensuring the Delphi trip is one they'll always remember.

### Athletics

Congratulations to all our brilliant athletes who competed in the Santry Sports trials at UCD. It was a tremendous team effort from GANS and while we didn't take home any medals on the day, we are immensely proud of our team and how well they represented us at the games

### Congratulations to the class of 2023

The end of every school year is always tinged with a little sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to Sixth Class. As they face their final days of primary school, we truly hope that they will fondly remember their years at Guardian Angels and all the teachers, SNAs and staff who supported and encouraged them along their way. We hope their memories of GANS are good ones, that they will cherish. We hope they know that many of the friends they made at GANS are their friends for life.

We hope that they move on with the confidence to embrace all the opportunities that secondary school has to offer. We encourage them to stay active, to try out different sports and activities and to take good care of their mental health. We gently remind them that followers on social media are not the same as the support and companionship of a real-life friendship. We hope they retain their curiosity and a thirst for learning. We hope that they stay kind.

It is with great pride that we have watched them grow and blossom over the last eight years. We now wish them the best for the next stage of their journey, knowing that they will continue to shine, long into their bright futures.

### Final notes

The school calendar for 2023/24 has been shared and is available to view and download from the website. The first day of our new school term is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. It has been an incredibly busy year at GANS and our sincere thanks to all our parents and guardians for your incredible support throughout the school year.

We also wish to say a very special thank you to our PTA for their ongoing partnership – as well as their amazing fundraising skills! A final thank you to the entire GANS team of teachers, SNAs and staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year to providing a safe, caring and nurturing environment for all our pupils.

Don't forget we finish up early, at **12.30** on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We wish you all a healthy, happy – and hopefully warm and sunny – summer break.



**HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER!**

## Updates from the PTA

### No-uniform day

The children greatly enjoyed wearing their own clothes on non-uniform day and many thanks to everyone for your donations which came to approx. €600.

### Uniform swap

The PTA will run a **uniform swap** from 08.30 - 09.15 on 26th, 27th and 28th June at the front gate. Please ensure that anything donated/swapped is clean and in reasonably good condition.

### Join the PTA

It is that time of year again - the PTA are looking for new members! A nomination form will be sent so please do get involved and help make a difference. The PTA email is [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com) for any questions.

### Thank you

Huge thanks to SuperValu in Blackrock for their donations of fruit for the sports days - don't forget to support our sponsors and donors!