

Newsletter

Guardian Angels' NS

December 2023

Inter-schools Maths Quiz

A team of five took part in the annual Inter-Schools Maths Quiz held at St Attracta's SNS, Ballinteer. Our team worked so hard in preparation and absolutely shone on the day, showing excellent teamwork and super problem-solving skills across six tough rounds. We could not be more proud of the team – and thank them for representing GANS so well.



Parental complaints procedure

The parental complaints procedure was revised and agreed by the Irish National Teachers' Organisation and the management bodies of primary schools, the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association, the Church of Ireland, An Foras Pátrúnachta, the Muslim Primary Education Board, Educate Together and the National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education in 2023. It is designed to provide an open and clearly defined process to facilitate parents/legal guardians in raising concerns about their own child/children in an agreed, fair and transparent manner. The new procedure policy takes effect on 1st January 2024 and can be viewed and downloaded from our website, or by [clicking here](#).

Carol service

The carol service is always one of our absolute favourite events of the school year and we very much look forward to this year's service on Wednesday 13th December. Pupils from First to Sixth Class will perform – and from the sound of rehearsals, we're in for a real treat on the night. A special thank you to all the teachers and staff who gave so much of their time and energy in preparing for the carol service. We're sure the effort will really pay off in an event that will be thoroughly enjoyed by

all. The service starts at 19.00 and we urge all to be seated by 18.50. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is once again our chosen charity and you may donate through our Aladdin app.

Cycling safety lessons

We are delighted to welcome the Cycling Safety School back to Gans for weekly cycling safety and awareness classes. Fifth class are thoroughly enjoying their lessons while learning vital skills for using the roads safely. These skills will be of huge benefit to all children, whether they cycle the roads daily or even occasionally.



Christmas gifts

There is a long-standing tradition of gift buying for teachers in the school. While such generosity and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated, we would just like to remind everyone that teachers do not expect gifts at any stage in the year. Your ongoing support of our various fundraising activities is so generous, so appreciated and hugely helpful to the school.

Finally...

The school will close early on Friday 22nd December to mark the end of our first term. All classes will finish at 12.30. We return on Monday 8th January and after such a busy term, we know how ready the children are for a well-earned rest. We're also delighted to share that we received a special message from the North Pole to let us know that every single GANS pupil is on Santa's nice list (as absolutely expected) – so we hope it is a very special celebration this year, in all your homes. On behalf of all the teachers and staff at GANS, we wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful break. Nollaig shona daoibh go léir.



Latest news from the PTA

Thank you for all the hard work and contributions in fundraising for the school. So far this year, between the sponsored walk and Halloween disco, a total of €9,773 has been raised. There are three classrooms left requiring interactive whiteboards and these funds will go towards purchasing them.

Bake sale & Christmas jumper swap

Thank you to everyone who came to our bake sale on Friday 8th December, ensuring it was a great success. We have some fantastic bakers in the school, well done. Many thanks to all who baked, bought tickets, cakes and volunteered. We also had some lovely raffle prizes donated from parents and businesses.



Christmas cards

You should have received your Christmas cards and are ready to show off your artistic talent to family and friends.

Christmas jumper day, 22nd December

On Friday 22nd December, the last day of school before the holidays, the children are invited to get in the festive spirit by wearing their Christmas Jumpers to school.

Hope you all have a lovely festive season and a Happy New Year 🎉