



## Guardian Angels' NS

### October 2020 Newsletter

#### Halloween dress-up

We are so disappointed that we can't hold our annual Halloween disco this year so instead we invite everyone from Junior Infants to Sixth Class – to wear their costumes to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Fancy dress is optional and anyone who would prefer not to dress up, 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 or false teeth. We can't wait to see all the costumes – but beg the children, please don't be TOO scary (for the sake of our staff).



#### Sponsored walk

Thankfully the rain held off for our annual sponsored walk on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Every class in the school took part by walking varying distances through the Rockies, while staying within their designated pods. Huge thanks to our PTA for organising such a well-run event every year and for all their support and hard work in raising such valuable funds for our school.

#### Car park safety

Many parents have been in touch to ask us to please remind everyone to take extra care when turning into and leaving the school carpark. The new cycleway is extremely busy, with many of our pupils now cycling to school and we ask you to please be aware and respectful of this extra cycle traffic.

### Wall of kindness

Sharing with everyone the importance of kindness in everyday life, our first ever 'wall of kindness' has been created, reflecting our school motto 'kind hands, kind feet, kind words'. The wall offers our girls and boys a chance to reflect on the benefits of being kind – to themselves and to others – while sharing acts of kindness that they have both given and received. Created by Ms Rafferty, it proved so popular that the 'wall' of kindness has grown from the noticeboard outside Mr O'Neill's office to a dedicated display stand in the school lobby. Everyone is encouraged to take a moment to read some of the kind notes and to post any they would like to share. In these more difficult times, it is such a lovely way for all staff and pupils to experience a little kindness every day.



### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

While many of the planned celebrations for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary were unfortunately shelved due to Covid, we are still planning lots of ways to mark such a special milestone. Thanks to Ms Campbell's amazing artistic talent, we have hung our very own bespoke birthday banner outside the school. Our commemoration book has gone to print and will be available to buy in the very near future. The book will be a very special keepsake for current and past pupils and staff. It features school events and special occasions, stories, artwork, group photos of every class and a pictorial history of our wonderful school.

### Maths Week 2020

Maths Week Ireland is the largest festival of maths in the world and the 2020 event proved a huge success in Guardian Angels. Every class got involved with pupils taking part in all sorts of fun and interactive activities that showed how maths can be used in all areas of life from art to architecture. They solved riddles and puzzles, made shape art, explored tangrams and much more. Although Maths Week 2020 has officially ended, there are still lots of fun activities to be found at [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie)



### Mid-term break

The school will close at the usual time on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October and after such a busy start to the year, we hope all our pupils have a restful, happy and healthy mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.