



Guardian Angels' NS

February 2023 Newsletter

Demolition of prefabs

You will have noticed a big change to the school since our return this week with the demolition of the prefabs. Their removal has given us lots of extra space in the junior yard which we now plan to redevelop. A committee will be set up to ensure that everyone, especially the pupils, has their say on how they would like to see the space used. We'll keep you updated on any decisions made once the school-wide consultation is complete and our plans are finalised.

Green Party school visit

We were delighted to recently welcome Minister Ossian Smyth, TD with his Green Party colleagues Councillor Kate Ruddock and Councillor Tom Kivlehan to GANS. Having heard about the recent installation of our new solar panels, the Green Party members were keen to visit the school and see the panels in operation.

Separately, we were thrilled to be featured as a winning school in Friends of the Earth's 'For the Love of Solar' video. The video has had thousands of views on Twitter (@Gans_Blackrock or @foeireland) and YouTube. A massive well done to Ms Harraghy and her pupils for doing such a great job in representing our whole school. As a school community, we're so proud to be recognised for our ongoing efforts and commitment to creating a greener school environment for all.

School photography

Memory Lane Photography will visit the school this Friday, 24th February. Individual photos of our Junior Infants will be taken that day as well as photos of them with any older siblings. A group photo of each class, from Junior Infants to Sixth will also be taken. Pupils should arrive on Friday wearing their full school uniform and looking as neat and tidy as always.

General reminders

A gentle reminder that the full school uniform should be worn to school every day, unless it's a PE/sports day. We'd also like to again remind all parents and guardians that until the school gates open at 8.35, there is no supervision provided by the school. We very much appreciate pupils arriving on time for school but from a safety perspective, it's best to arrive between 8:35 and 8:50.

Past pupil news

Congratulations to our former pupil Sibéal Cherry (class of 2017) who was recently appointed captain of the Dublin Minor camogie team. This is an incredible achievement and the whole school is so proud of Sibéal. We wish her and the team every success for the season ahead.

Upcoming school closures

We will be closed on **Friday 10th March** for an in-service training day on the Primary Language Curriculum.

Finally

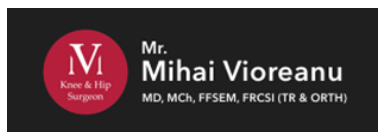
Our secretary Cathy would like to extend her heartfelt gratitude for the many kind messages of support and sympathy she received on the recent loss of her sister Delia.

Latest news from the PTA

Fundraising

Further to the recent purchase of two new interactive whiteboards for the school, the PTA is now working towards purchasing more whiteboards, including through the running of the pub quiz on Thursday 24th February.

The PTA would like to extend its sincere thanks to all of our sponsors and donors and would urge everyone to support them where possible: Dunnes Stores, SuperValu, MF Autoservices (<https://www.mfautoservices.com>) and also a very generous donation from a parent at Vioreanu Medical (<https://www.mihaivioreanu.ie/>) in particular. Thanks also to PTA member Carmen McMahon who leveraged her Google staff discount to donate a FitBit for the pub quiz.



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An evening with Irish rugby scrum coach, John Fogarty

Provisionally scheduled for 8pm on 30th March in the Wishing Well, John Fogarty will be sharing insights on his role in the Irish Rugby set-up and we will also be auctioning off a signed Ireland shirt.