

Newsletter

December 2024

Maths Masters 2024

A massive well done to our Maths Masters team who just narrowly missed out on Third Place in this year's Inter-schools Maths Quiz. There was very stiff competition on the day with 20 teams, from schools all over Dublin taking part. The GANS team put in a tremendous effort on the day and we were so impressed by their maths knowledge, how well they worked together as a team – and their incredible ability to stay calm under pressure!



Carol service & Christmas shows

The annual Christmas carol service is always one of our absolute favourite events of the school year and this year's service on 12th December certainly didn't disappoint. The entire service was a real treat, that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Junior and Senior Infants put on a fabulous festive show the day before, to a packed house of family and friends. Both events took a huge amount of practice and preparation so a very special (and much deserved) thank you to all the teachers, SNAs and staff who gave so much of their time and energy in preparing.

After-school activities

After-school activities for next term are currently available for booking. There are loads to choose from including Kung Fu and self-defence, Spanish, chess, art, dance (Irish and hip-hop), robotics, tennis, hockey, basketball and multi-sports. All details can be found on our website [here](#) and if you have any questions about joining or trying any of the activities, please contact the providers directly.

Christmas holidays

The school will **close early** on Friday 20th December to mark the end of our first term. **All classes will finish at 12.30.** If possible, please collect your Junior and Senior Infants first,

before collecting older children. We return on Monday 6th January and after such a busy term, we know how ready the children are for a well-earned rest.

Student Council Christmas Jumper Day

The Student Council has planned a very special fundraiser for their first official event – a Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Stroll in aid of St Vincent de Paul. Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (only if they wish) on Thursday 19th December for what's sure to be a very festive Santa Stroll in the Rockies. The Student Council suggests a donation of €2 per pupil – or whatever amount a family may choose. Donations can be made directly to [St Vincent de Paul](#). We are all very impressed with the leadership our council has shown so far - and that they have chosen to fundraise for such a worthy charity.



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...

We're delighted to share that we received a special message from the North Pole to let us know that every single girl and boy in GANS is on Santa's nice list this year (as 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.





Update from GANS PTA



Dates for the diary

- Thursday 13th February – Table Quiz. Further details will follow in the New Year.
- March/April (dates tbc) - World Book Day and Readathon

Bake sale and competition

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought cakes, raffle tickets and volunteered their time to make the event a great success. It was wonderful to see so many children get involved and help. We had some great prizes donated from the school community and businesses including Bake Shop, MF Auto Services and Greenville Deli – thank you. Congratulations to the talented bakers and raffle prize winners. As always, everyone's support is greatly appreciated and the event has raised nearly €5k which will go towards environment for the children at school.

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season and new year.

Thank you on behalf of GANS PTA <https://www.guardianangels.ie/pta/>