

# Newsletter

## February 2025

### Upcoming school closures

A reminder that our mid-term break is from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (inclusive) and we are closed for St Patrick's Day on Monday 17th March. On Friday 4th April we are closed for an in-service training day on the new maths curriculum. We close early for Easter holidays on Friday 11th April and return to school on Monday 28th April.

### Upcoming school events

We have lots of events happening in GANS after mid-term break. Creative Schools Week runs the week of 24th February, followed by STEM Week the week after and Seachtain na Gaeilge the week of 10th April! We have loads of exciting events planned to celebrate each - and will keep you updated as they happen.

### Random acts of kindness

Since early November, we have been running a very special project at GANS. Each week, we focus on a different random act of kindness and encourage the whole school to take part. So far, we have given compliments, used kind words, shown our appreciation for someone special and brightened lots of peoples' days by giving them smiles. We have also made a special effort to say, 'thank you' and have done lots of practical and useful random acts of kindness such as holding the door, picking up litter and making donations to charity. Our junior classes are working hard on being kindness-bucket-fillers and we are enormously proud of how kind they are being to themselves and each other. Each week, our Random Act of Kindness will be displayed on the noticeboard at the main gate.



### School photography

We were delighted to welcome Memory Lane back to Guardian Angels on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. They expect to have proofs available after mid-term break and any orders can be placed directly with Memory Lane.

### Returning to school after an illness

There are lots of bugs and colds circulating in the school at the moment. To help keep everyone as healthy as possible, please see the guidance below from the HSE on when it's safe for your child to return to school after an illness. Please note that after vomiting, a child must be kept at home for **48 hours** after the last episode. We really appreciate everyone's help and support in keeping our whole school community healthy and well.

## WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE?

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### Chicken Pox

When scabs are dry

### Conjunctivitis

No need to stay out\*

### Diarrhoea or Vomiting

48 hours after the last episode

### Flu

5 days after start of illness

### Glandular Fever

No need to stay out\*

### Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay out\*

### Head Lice

No need to stay out\*

### Impetigo

When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics

### Measles

4 days after rash appears

### Mumps

5 days after swelling appears

### Scabies

After first treatment

### Scarlet Fever

24 hours after starting antibiotics

### Slapped Cheek

No need to stay out\*

### Threadworms

No need to stay out\*

### Whooping Cough

5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

\*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.

### FAI 5s

We are entering a girls and a boys team in this year's FAI 5s blitz competition. Last year, over 2,000 children from over 2,000 schools took part nationwide. Our blitzes are in late March and we'll keep you posted on our progress.



## Update from GANS PTA



### Dates for the diary

**Thursday 13th February – Table Quiz**, 8pm at The Wishing Well. Gather your friends and family for a fun night with raffle and prizes. Teams of up to five people, pre-payment details on Aladdin or you can just turn up on the night...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair**

**24<sup>th</sup> March-2<sup>nd</sup> May – Readathon**. Competitions and prizes, further details to follow.

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