

Newsletter

March 2026

Upcoming school closures

We will close on the 27th of March at 12:30pm for Easter break. We will reopen on Monday the 13th of April. We will be closed for midterm break from the 4th of May – 8th of May. The school will be closed for staff training on the 13th of May.

2026/27 school year

If your child is not returning to GANS for the 2026/27 school year, can you please let us know as soon as possible, to help us manage our waiting lists.

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light will take place on March 26th at 7:30pm at Guardian Angels Church.

Hot Meals

Our invitation for tenders to provide hot meals to GANS is now up on the E-tenders platform. Companies are currently doing site visits here before they submit their tender applications. The next stage will be the evaluation of tenders.

World book day

At the beginning of the month, we celebrated World Book Day with a fun-filled day across the school. The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, showcasing great creativity. The PTA also organised a book swap, giving everyone the chance to share and discover new stories. It was a lovely way to encourage a love of reading.



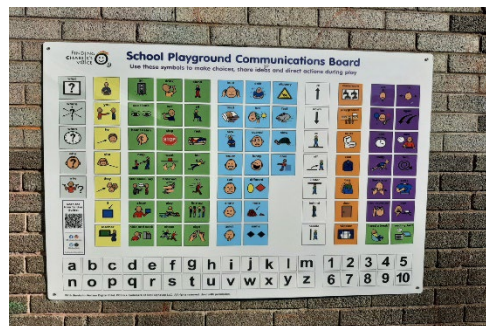
Seachtain na Gaeilge

For Seachtain na Gaeilge we had games, puzzles and quizzes as Gaeilge – all brilliantly organised and led by Fifth and Sixth Class. There was Irish dancing and singing in the Halla. On Friday the 13th, GANS went green for Lá Glas to celebrate St Patrick's Day.



School playground communication board

We are delighted to have installed two communications boards to assist pupils with speech and communication needs. These colourful and attractive boards help pupils use a total communications approach to get their message across.



STEPS engineering Ireland

We were delighted to welcome DBFL engineering graduates into GANS on the 4th of March. They were representing STEPS engineering Ireland and kindly gave up their time to introduce 3rd and 4th class to all types of Engineering. It was a fun and very engaging morning and was topped off with a competition to see who could build the tallest spaghetti /marshmallow tower. One of the graduate Engineers remembered GANS well because she was a past pupil! Her name is Hannah Hodges and loved her time in GANS.



FAI Schools Primary 5's

Our 6th class pupils are taking part in the FAI Schools Primary 5s, organised by the Football Association of Ireland. This is a great opportunity for them to represent our school, enjoy teamwork, and take part in a fun and exciting competition. We wish them the best of luck!



Music Generation

Our 1st to 6th class pupils are delighted to be taking part in the Music Generation Ireland programme starting this month. This wonderful initiative gives children the opportunity to explore music through singing, instruments, and group activities. We are especially grateful that this programme is being supported through our PTA's fundraising efforts, and pupils will be making great use of our own school ukuleles as part of their learning. We are very excited to see our students develop their musical talents.

The Incas and Peru

4th class have been learning all about The Incas and Peru over the last few weeks. We are very excited to see their fantastic learning at their exhibition this week in the Halla.

On behalf of the GANS community, we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Paul Timmons.



Update from GANS PTA

Dates to remember: 12th of April: End of the Readathon

The readathon will finish on the 12th of April. This will give the kids the Easter holidays to enjoy getting stuck into their books and to engage in some healthy competition! Their teachers have been armed with book tokens from Raven Books in Blackrock to incentivise their reading as appropriate!

Books that your kids have read can be logged online here:

<https://primaryschool.ie/fundraiser/2026-readathon-9nk5pf>

Updates

Book swap: This event was a huge success in the hall on the 6th of March. Thank you all so much for fabulous book donations. There were a huge amount of books and the vast majority found a new home. It was a brilliant chance for the kids to find new books to read in a sustainable way.

Uniform poll: This is now live on Aladdin. Make sure you use the opportunity to have your say on what you would like the kids to wear to school. There are three simple options so please take the time to let us know your opinion.

Matched Giving Incentives for community initiatives and organisations. We are reaching out to the school community to ask if anyone has access to this type of incentive. We would be grateful if you would consider projects in GANS. Please contact the PTA if you can help ptaguardianangels@gmail.com

A reminder that the various school policies including use of mobile phones and social media can be found here at <https://www.guardianangels.ie/policies/>.