

Newsletter

December 2025

Maths Masters 2025

We sent a talented team of mathematicians to Ballinteer SNS recently, for the annual Maths Quiz. This is always a very hard-fought affair. The GANS' team came 6th out of a total entry of 34 teams. Well done to Juliet F., Ella, Amelia B. and Robbie.



Carol Service & Christmas Shows

Our annual carol service with Rockford Manor Secondary School will take place on Wednesday, December 17th in the Church of the Guardian Angels at 19.00. Our Junior and Senior Infants put on three fabulous festive shows, to packed houses of family and friends. These 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-defense, 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 19th 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 5th January and after such a busy term, we know how ready the children are for a well-earned rest.

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 during 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 the 18th of December: Pyjama Day in aid of Children's Health Foundation. Children should wear comfortable clothing. Please avoid slippers, crocs, uggs and any shoes that could cause slipping in the classroom. If your child would prefer not to wear their pyjamas then anything comfortable and Christmassy is allowed!

Thursday the 12th of February: Table Quiz. Further dates will follow in the new year.

Other points of note:

On behalf of the PTA, the parents and the children we would like to warmly welcome Lily Cleary as the new school secretary.

Bake Sale Event: This was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, baked, bought goods, bought raffle tickets and got involved. The atmosphere was fabulous, and the kids had a great time. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners and to the excellent bakers. A special thanks also to those that donated prizes, including F45 Fitness Training, MF Motors and Happy Healthy Living Massage Centre. As always, everyone's time and support is greatly appreciated. The event raised almost 5,000 Euro!

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

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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/>.

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

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