

Newsletter

May 2024

Science Fair

We were delighted to recently hold our first ever Science Fair in the school. Every class worked really hard on some fascinating projects, exploring everything from transpiration and optical illusions to minibeasts and climate change. Second to Sixth Class hosted stands at the fair displaying their super science projects. Junior Infants to First Class presented photo displays of their work. We were also joined by STEAM Academy and some of their amazing robots and holograms. A special thank you to so many parents and guardians who took the time to visit the science fair and allow our budding scientists to share their knowledge and discoveries. Congratulations to Ms Holland's Fourth Class whose brilliant project on the lung, was declared best project, among some very stiff competition.



Trócaire

Thanks to your generosity, €633.27 was collected by GANS for Trócaire during their Lenten campaign.

Sacraments

Our congratulations to Sixth Class who made their confirmation on Friday 10th May and to Ms O'Sullivan/Ms O'Dowd's class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th May. Ms Lynch's class is busy preparing for their communion on Sunday 17th May and we wish them the very best, with our fingers crossed for good weather on the day.

Active School Week

This week is Active School Week at GANS and we have a full timetable of active events planned. We'll 'wake up, shake up' every morning with an 8.35am playground warm-up, there will be lots of daily active challenges, playground games, active homework and a tug-of-war. Everyone is

invited to wear their favourite sports kit on Thursday (only if they wish) and for the finale, the whole school is learning a dance routine that we can't wait to share at the end of the week.



[New uniform supplier](#)

Following a recent merger, all Guardian Angels' NS uniform items will now be available from Uniformity in Sandyford. Please [click here](#) to visit their website and view or order stock. Please note that Junior and Senior Infants need the tracksuit uniform only.

[Santry](#)

We wish our athletics team the very best of luck as they head to Morton Stadium in Santry on Thursday 26th May to take part in the relay and 100m sprint.

[Pupils not returning](#)

The new school year begins on Thursday 29th August. If for any reason your child is not returning for the new school year, please let us know as soon as possible to help us manage our waiting lists.

[STEAM workshops](#)

STEAM Academy runs an after-school robotics workshop here at GANS every Tuesday. We were delighted to welcome STEAM to the school recently for a series of robotics workshops across the whole school. The workshops were really engaging with lots of fun challenges to build and programme robots and a great insight into the career possibilities in the fields of science and technology. A highlight on the day was a visit from ProX the robo-dog, who can sit, stand, walk, dance and run as fast as 50km/h!



[School tours](#)

Our busy school tour season is about to kick-off with lots of really fun trips planned for the weeks ahead. Junior & Senior Infants are off to Glenroe Farm. First Class will visit Dublin Zoo, Second Class will explore the treetops at Avondale and Third Class are looking forward to a

great day out at Fort Lucan. Fourth Class will visit Aquazone, Fifth Class are going to Clara Lara and Sixth Class will be leaving for their annual three-night stay in Delphi on Monday 27th May.

Social media

We are moving our social media channel from X to Instagram. We hope you'll join us there (@guardianangelsns) to stay up-to-date with all our school news.

Junior Infants 2024/25

We were delighted to recently welcome the parents/guardians of our new Junior Infant class to the school. The Junior Infants will be invited to visit the school, see their classrooms and meet their new classmates in later June. Applications for Junior Infants 2025 will be accepted in October. Please keep an eye on the Admissions section of our website in September for updates and deadlines.

School calendar 2024/25

The school calendar for 2024/25 is now confirmed and available to view in the 'information for parents' section on the website - or by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming school closures

The school will be closed on **Tuesday 14th May** to facilitate teacher in-service training on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

We will be closed on **Monday 3rd** and **Tuesday 4th June** for the June bank holiday weekend.

Please note that the school will be used as a polling station in the European/local elections on **Friday 7th June**.

Past pupil sporting success

Our congratulations to the Class of 2021 past pupils Julie, Mercedes & Sorcha who have won the Division 1 Ladies Football Féile, with their Kilmacud Crokes U15 team. In a very close-fought final, they defeated Clontarf, after extra time.



Latest news from the PTA

The last term is going so fast and hopefully we are seeing some better weather on the horizon, a few nicer days creeping in now.

The final Readathon results were amazing, with over 1,100 books read and over €3,500 raised for the school. A huge thank you to Ms Holst for helping to organise, and Scholastic and Dubray Blackrock for the prize donations. Thank you to everyone for the support and sponsorship.

Just a reminder that we are looking for new PTA members from October, as per our note last month. If anyone would be interested in joining the PTA please contact your class rep or email ptaguardianangels@gmail.com. We meet once a month at 7.30pm for an hour to discuss events, ideas and any other topics or issues that have been raised. Outside of these meetings you can participate as much or as little as your time allows, everyone plays their part. It is a great way to get to know the parents, the school and see first-hand where the money raised is spent, as well as having a bit of fun along the way. If you cannot commit to joining the PTA, you can still volunteer at events as this help and support is always welcomed.

Last but certainly not least, congratulations to all the children celebrating their sacraments this month. Well done and enjoy.

Thank you,
GANS PTA