

Newsletter

October 2024

Climate Action Week

This week is Climate Action Week at Guardian Angels and we have lots of events planned to celebrate and mark this very important feature of our school calendar. Tarren Leigh from Education for Sustainability kicked-off the week by meeting with First-Sixth Class to share all the ways we can help combat climate change in our daily lives. We will be litter-picking around the neighbourhood and our new Green Committee will be elected. We encourage all families to leave the car at home (where possible) and Sixth Class will take a daily poll to find the class with the 'best carbon footprint'. Pupils in this class, more than any other, will have walked, scooted, cycled, car-pooled or taken public transport to school. We are so proud of how dedicated our pupils are to taking responsibility - and action - to address climate change, in any way they can.



Halloween celebration

Junior and Senior Infants are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday 25th October. Dressing up is optional and anyone who would prefer not to, is welcome to wear their own clothes. First to Sixth Class will have the opportunity to show off their costumes at the Halloween disco on Thursday 24th. Please be mindful of any props that might be safer at home or easily lost (light sabres, swords, wigs, brooms or false teeth!).

Student Council elections

Elections for the 2024/25 Student Council take place in the Halla on Wednesday 23rd October. Being part of the Student Council is the best way to make sure student voices are heard – and of representing your class. Well done to all the pupils who have nominated themselves and we wish everyone the best of luck on election day.

Happy Haven

Thanks to our very talented SNA Feeóna, we have two new additions to our sensory garden, Happy Haven - Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay. Our girls and boys all know Betty and Harry from 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'. Betty and Harry arrived to celebrate autumn with us and are dressed sustainably head-to-toe from local charity shops. We're delighted to have them join us and are sure they're going to have a great time getting to know all our fabulous GANS girls and boys.



Football update

Well done to our boys' team for going all the way to the quarter final of the Cuman na mBunsocil league. Despite a gallant performance in the quarter final, they lost out to Scoil Oilibhéir. Both our girls and boys teams have been excellent ambassadors for the school all year and we are very proud of how well they played and supported each other throughout the league. We wish Scoil Oilibhéir the best of luck in the next stages of the competition.



Junior Infants 2025/26

A gentle reminder that the closing date for applications for Junior Infants 2024 is Tuesday 31st October. Even with a sibling in the school, you still need to submit an application form for a new Junior Infant. Application forms and more details can be found in the Admissions section of our website. Please note that any applications received after 31st October will be automatically placed on a waiting list.

Mr Tom Garry RIP

Mr Garry, who died last Thursday, was principal of GANS from 1976 to 1992. A native of Co Limerick, he was a much respected and loved leader. He undertook the first building project in the school when he oversaw the construction of the Halla and Infant block. His fundraising efforts were legendary and GANS owes him a considerable debt. Deepest sympathy to his wife Ann, sons Michael, Brian and Gerard, and daughter Rosemary.

Condolences

We were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr James Docherty, beloved principal of our neighbouring school, Willow Park. We send our heartfelt condolences to Mr Docherty's family and the entire Willow Park school community.

Mid-term break

The school will close at the usual times (1.30 and 2.30) on Friday 25th October for mid-term break. After such a busy start to the year, we know that everyone is really looking forward to some downtime. We wish all our pupils and families a restful, happy and healthy mid-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th November.



Update from GANS PTA



Upcoming Events

15th and 16th October 8.30-9am [Halloween Costume Swap](#) at the school gate. It's a great sustainable way to pass on costumes or pick up a new one. You don't have to bring one to take one but please make sure any donations are clean and in good condition.

17th October – [PTA AGM 7.30pm](#) in the school Halla, with guest speaker, David Murphy, Psychotherapist. All are invited to attend and if you are interested in signing up for the PTA, please contact your class rep or email ptaguardianangels@gmail.com

24th October [Halloween Disco](#) in the school Halla. 1st to 3rd class 5.30 – 6.30pm, 4th to 6th class 7 – 8.30pm. Tickets on sale soon via Aladdin. Single ticket €5, family ticket (2 or more) €8, includes a sweet goodie bag. Junior and Senior Infants can wear their costumes to school on Friday the 25th October and have a mini disco in the Halla.

Other items to note

Sponsored Walk – Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The Aladdin link will remain open until Wednesday 16th October.

[Junior and Senior Infants coffee mornings](#) – These are held the first Friday of every month at the pastoral centre by the church for anyone who is free after drop-off.

Parents are reminded that the use of mobile phones is NOT permitted on school premises, at any time. Whilst the school is aware that some children carry devices for their journey to and

from school, parents are encouraged to be aware (and make their children aware) of the relevant school policies and guidelines, which can be found on the school website: <https://www.guardianangels.ie/policies/>. Please pay particular attention to the Code of Positive Behaviour, Anti-cyber Bullying, and Social Media policies.

Thank you on behalf of GANS PTA.

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