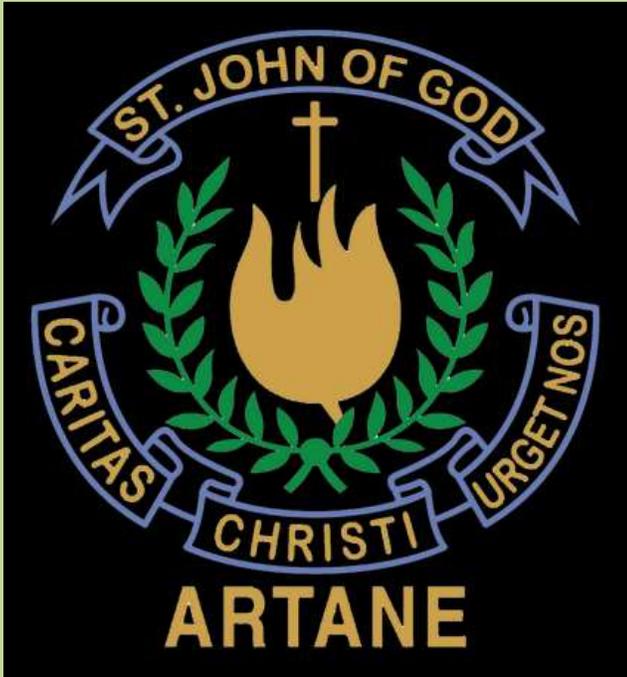


St. John of God G.N.S. September Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our girls and to you, their parents and families. We would like to give a very special welcome to all our new Junior Infants. We hope that your time with us in St. John of God G.N.S. will be very happy and fulfilling.

Good Behaviour Week will run from 18th-22nd **September** and during this week there will be an emphasis on reminding the children of the school rules and ways that we can promote positive behaviour throughout the year. Keep an eye out in your child's bag for information for parents during this week.

We are also delighted to welcome **Aisling Gleeson** back as our Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator (**HSCL**) again this year. Aisling has already commenced meeting the parents of our new infants and will hopefully get to touch base with all our new parents in time. Aisling is in school on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you ever need to chat with her give her a quick buzz on 086 0439773 or drop in. Aisling will be organizing classes for parents like First Aid during the year and also classroom-based activities for the parents to get involved in with their daughters like Maths for Fun/Literacy for Fun. This is a great way for parents to get involved in their daughter's school life and has been very rewarding for both the parents and children.

To get things started Aisling is inviting all the parents in on **Tuesday 26th September** for a **coffee morning in the school**. It will be a lovely opportunity for parents to mix with each other and get to know other parents in your daughter's class. There will also be some tasty treats to start your day on a happy note!

The **Credit Union Savings Scheme** will get going again from **Friday 22nd September**. If you had brought home your daughter's savings book for the summer, please drop it back to school over the next few days so it will be ready to go on the 22nd September.



The Parents' Association are a really vibrant society and have a hugely positive impact on the school through their running of events, fundraising and contagious energy! The current Chairperson of the Parents' Association is Vivienne McCormack. The P.A. will be holding their annual **A.G.M. on Thursday 5th October** in the school hall at 8p.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come along and get involved as much or as little as you can! It can be a wonderful social outlet for parents as well as a really rewarding experience.

The Parents' Association have two events coming up in the month of September. There will be a P.A. meeting on **Friday morning 22nd September** and they are also organizing "**Freaky Hair Friday**" on the same day where the girls can get as imaginative as they like with their hair-styles for the princely sum of €1. No amount of hairspray or backcombing is too much on Freaky Hair Friday. We look forward to seeing the creativity on display on the day!!

A day to leave the hairspray and back-combing at home though will be **Wednesday 20th September**, when **photographer Richard Gavin** will be turning the school hall into a photo shoot and capturing some beautiful Junior Infant grins. Richard will also be taking the photos for the class calendars and book marks on Wednesday so we ask that everyone makes a special effort to be in school that day in full uniform, even if it is your P.E. day.

A 6 week block of **swimming lessons** in Northside Pool will be commencing on Tuesday 19th September for the children in **4th, 5th and 6th classes**. We will be looking for female parent volunteers on 19th and 26th September and the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October to accompany the girls to and from the pool. If you are available on any of these dates, please let your child's teacher know and she will liaise with you about times etc. The school is delighted to be able to subsidise these lessons as we believe swimming is a life-skill that all children should learn.



In what is fast becoming an almost annual event, we will hold a County Colours Day or "**Dubs Day**" if you prefer, on **Friday 15th September** to show our support for the boys in blue as they take on Mayo once again in the fight for Sam on Sunday 17th September. The children may wear blue to school (instead of their uniform) on Friday 15th. Anything blue will do; please don't feel under pressure to buy jerseys for the day. Some Mayo supporters may be in green and red on the day as we are an inclusive school! **COYBIB!!!!!!**😊

I look forward to working with you all this year as your partner in education. If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school as it is in working together that we will help each child to reach her potential and to make her schooldays the happiest of times.

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Principal

