

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

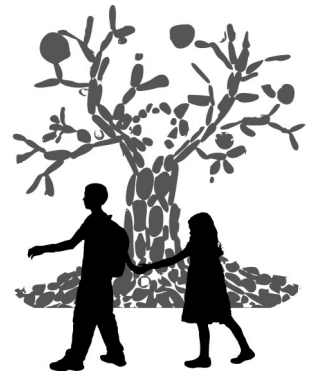
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School Photographs: Annual whole-school photo: Wednesday March 7th, (weather permitting.) Class & individual/family photos: Thursday March 8th. All pupils are included in the group pictures, unless parents withdraw consent (please write to the principal.) Signed consent form needed for individual/family photos only – such photos will only be taken if forms are returned. There is no obligation to buy any photograph.



St. Patrick's Day parade: Gorey, 3pm Saturday March 17th. For the school entry, the children on our School Council have chosen an *Olympics* theme. Think about dressing up as an Olympic athlete, an Olympic torch, Big Ben, etc.



4th, 5th and 6th classes enjoying a visit from Tommy Martin (our rugby coach) and Leinster's H'cup!

Women's Mini Marathon, Dublin, June 4th: A group of parents will participate and raise funds for our school. All are welcome to join the training and/or the event - please leave your name and contact number with the school office.

School Musical: further information

Wednesday March 7th: Rehearsal 2.30pm-4.30pm. All children involved are expected to attend. (Many children in 2nd-6th classes are participating.) All other rehearsals are taking place during school time. Please pack an extra snack/drink, if desired.

Two casts: all participating children will take part on both nights. The children with certain individual spoken or singing parts may perform that part on one night only. Parents, please check this information with your child. (List is also on the school website.)

We're looking forward to a full house! However, to be fair to our performers, we are asking families to avoid bringing babies and toddlers. Any children attending as audience members should be well supervised. (Also, please note that all our pupils will see the show performed during school time on Wednesday March 7th.)

Costumes are provided. If possible, the children should wear *plain footwear*. (White/black/brown shoes, runners or boots. 'Flashy' footwear might look out of place with some of the costumes.)

All children involved should come to the school at 6.30pm on Thursday and Friday. (Costumes, make-up, rehearsal, etc.)

School Musical

Our pupils, together
with Vincent Kennedy
(composer) and his
artistic team, present:



'The Heart of Truth'

Two performances: Thursday March 8th
at 8pm and Friday March 9th at 8pm.

Venue: the school hall. Doors open: 7.45pm.

Admission is free. Parents, guardians, grandparents...
we look forward to welcoming you on the night!

Vincent Kennedy was commissioned by Gorey Educate Together National School under a *Per Cent for Art* scheme (funded by the Department of Education and Skills) to write and develop a school musical.

The Heart of Truth is based on an original story by Arklow writer Gwen Brennan. The artistic team includes Director and Playwright Declan O'Brien (a regular contributor to Joe Duffy's *Funny Friday* RTÉ radio show,) Musical Director Ronan Dooney (a member of the original *Commitments* band and currently a member of the *RTÉ Late Late Show Band*,) local Visual Artist (and school staff member) Niamh Murphy and local choreographer Edel McDevitt (who is also a teacher at the school.) The musical comprises 11 new songs and additional musical interludes scored for a professional band of piano, synthesiser, percussion and saxophone.

The musical encompasses the ethos of Educate Together schools. From the outset, Gorey Educate Together NS pupils shaped the production with their suggestions and talents. They remained at the core of the project and benefitted from on-going singing, drama and comic-acting lessons.

Vincent Kennedy's music has been performed at home and abroad by the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Bands of the Army and Garda, Cantando Choir and many other groups and ensembles. He has received commissions from RTÉ, Wexford County Council, Meath County Council, Donegal County Council, Offaly County Council, Lyric FM and from the Peace II and Peace III cross-border initiatives.

The Heart of Truth promises to entertain and uplift.

Parent volunteers wanted: Thurs. and/or Friday.

- **Photographer.**
- **Help with make-up.**

Please contact the office as soon as possible.