

# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Quaire*

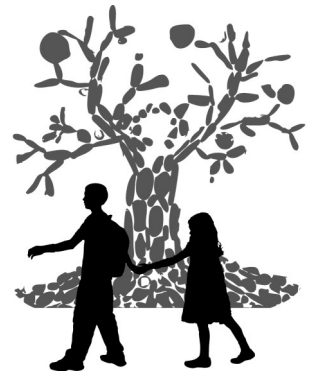
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**Our Blow Bubbles 4 Autism event** was quite a sight!

According to the Guinness World Records website, 'the most people blowing bubbles simultaneously

was 34,529 at 198 venues around the UK for an event organised by Flair Plc. and Gazillion Bubbles on 3 July 2007.' Was that record broken last Thursday? We'll have to wait a little longer to find out. The event last week was led by an organisation in the United States: they are currently collating the results. Any further donations for Cottage Autism Network, Wexford can be dropped into the school office by Friday. (Almost €200 so far - Thank You!)

Our school was represented at the **Educate Together (National) Annual General Meeting** in Dublin on Saturday. Education Minister Ruairí Quinn addressed the meeting.

There are currently 60 Educate Together primary schools across Ireland, with 13,920 pupils. The number of schools will rise to 65 this September. An announcement regarding the first Educate Together secondary school(s) is expected in the coming weeks!

**Classes finish at the usual times this Friday. School closed Monday 7th May (Public Holiday.)**

*Playground fun: many thanks to Fergus for arranging some new playground activities (including giant Jenga & space hoppers.)*



**Learn Together news:** Have you noticed the *World Water Day* display on the Learn Together notice-board? Every year International World Water Day is held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March to raise awareness about the importance of the sustainable management of freshwater. It is coordinated by the Food & Agriculture section of the United Nations. The children have made a display & posters about conservation of water and the dangers of pollution.

You might see the "Class of the Week" photos also. Each week the classes compete at Junior & Senior level for this award. We use the 'Orange Card' system to give the award. Each class must try to earn Orange Cards for including others, good line-up behaviour, safe play and using the S.A.L.T programme during playground time. The class with the most Orange Cards each Friday receives a trophy, a certificate and a special treat. Usually the pupils and their teacher vote for their preferred treat. Activities to date have included baking, discos, extra outdoor games, to name but a few. Here are some photos of pupils enjoying their reward.

*Andrea*

