

# Gorey Educate Together National School

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**Tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd May:** Staff meeting. **Infant classes finish at 12.15pm, other classes finish at 12.30pm.** The 15-minute separation helps the traffic-flow. Do not obstruct the school buses. (Families with siblings: infants will be supervised until 12.30pm. Infants using school buses will also be supervised until 12.30pm.) All buses depart at 12.30pm. No after-school supervision session on days when classes finish early.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4th June:** School closed.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Sports Day, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day, Infants – 1<sup>st</sup> class.

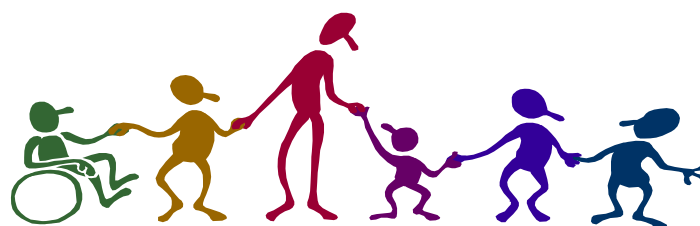
**End of term,** school closes Friday 29th June.

**Monday 2nd July - Friday 27th July:** Summer programme for children with autism.

**Monday 2nd July - Friday 6th July:** 'Summer Stars' summer camp at Gorey Educate Together. Contact the organiser directly - flyers on noticeboard.

**School reopens** to pupils at 8.50am, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Following on from their wonderful performance of 'The Blue Bird' at the school last year, the West Midland Touring Theatre Company return to us at 9.30am this Friday 25th May with a brand new show... **'The King of Copenhagen.'** This is another great opportunity for the children to see professional actors in action. **Cost: €1.50 per child, (max. €3 per family.) Please pay the classteachers before Friday.** *Parents are also very welcome to attend. However, space is very limited – book a free seat through the office, (first-come-first-served.)*

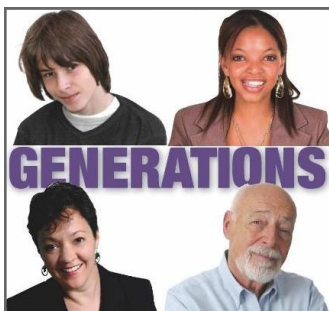


**Diversity Week 2012** We're all a little different from one another - in our personalities; our skills and talents; our fears and challenges; our looks...

For 'Diversity Week 2012' we are going **multi-generational!** Can the diverse generations associated with our school community come together to inform and inspire each other?

Our aim: to improve understanding of one aspect of diversity, while learning how to show respect, empathy and friendship. (In 2011 we looked at gender, and the need for equality and respect for boys & girls, women and men. In 2010 we worked to gain a better understanding of special needs and the different challenges that some people face.)

Diversity Week 2012 will culminate in **Generations Day**, Friday June 15th - we hope to see as many **grandparents** and **great-grandparents** as possible visit our school! Details to follow... The days leading up to the 15th will see the classes undertake activities related to genealogy, as well as spending time with visitors from other generations (see below.)



**Diversity Week 2012: Visitors Wanted!** Help turn this multi-denominational school into a multi-generational space!

We're especially interested in involving **grandparents** and **great-grandparents**. (For families without grandparents, a parent or other relative is invited to become involved.) *Spend 15-30 minutes with us: read the class a story or answer some questions about your school life; show us how to knit or how to garden or paint; tell us how you use the internet; teach us a dance or a game; coach some sport; let's listen to some of your favourite music; tell us about an historical event; help out with an art lesson; do some baking with us... the choice is yours!*

**Return this slip to the child's class teacher:**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Visitor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact no: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date to visit, any day Wednesday 6th June—Thursday 14th June: \_\_\_\_\_

Morning or afternoon? \_\_\_\_\_ Possible activity: \_\_\_\_\_

*We will try to schedule as many individual visits as possible - we will contact you to confirm the details. Please note that the school will also host 'Generations Day' on Friday June 15th. This will be a more general opportunity to visit us for a cuppa, to have a look 'round the classrooms and to find out what we are learning.*