



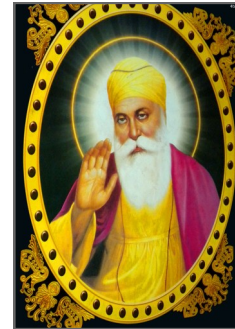
Educate Together is a multid denominational school which means that it welcomes pupils from all religious backgrounds or indeed, none. While there is no teaching or practice of prayer or worship within classes; the pupils are taught about the beliefs, practices and celebrations of the main world religions, including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Other religions may also be discussed from time to time, particularly if a pupil in the class wants to share information about their own religious practices at home with their class members. The pupils may often ask questions about atheism/agnosticism also and this will also be discussed in an age-appropriate and respectful manner within classes. Some of our pupils in 2nd & 6th classes will take part in sacramental preparation for Communion & Confirmation with local Catholic schools and church members. The younger classes have been learning about different places of worship during the last month. Why not stop to admire the lovely pencil drawings they have made on the Learn Together noticeboard just down from the main school office.



Andrea Maher

Some festivals and events at this time of year: Can you match the event with one of the images below?

Advent (Christian) Hanukkah (Jewish) Christmas (Christian) Hogmanay (Scottish — New Year's Eve) New Year's Day (Secular) Ganjitsu (Japanese New Year) Guru Singh's Birthday (Sikh)



Parent-Teacher Association Winter Raffle

Parents will sell tickets in the PE hall on Wednesday, 19th December (before the children's performances.)

Any donations of prizes would be most welcome; please leave in the school office by Monday 17th December.



TwoCans Food Appeal: for Gorey Community Social Services Council (any canned food, including canned fruit, etc.) AND the North Wexford Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (cans of pet food.) Our collection box is on the ground floor hallway - any donations by Monday 17th December would be most welcome.



RTÉ 2fm **TOY APPEAL** for St. Vincent de Paul

Teacher thank you for all your help throughout the year. Instead of buying you a gift I have donated a Toy to the 2FM Toy Appeal on your behalf.

Signed _____

St Vincent de Paul is a Registered Charity — CHY 6892.

Gifts for teachers and other staff? Again this year we would like to say that we neither encourage nor expect gifts from children/families. We already feel supported and appreciated. For the child who still wants to give something - a simple **card** (homemade or bought) with his/her thoughtful message written inside would be most welcome. **Some children might also like to make a €1 or €2 donation to the 2FM/St Vincent de Paul Toy Appeal.** Collection box in the school office. Donate by Friday 14th December. We will total the donations and ask the children on our School Council to help us choose some toys to purchase and to drop to the collection centre. (Optional: paste the token on the left to the card for the teacher or SNA or secretary.)