

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

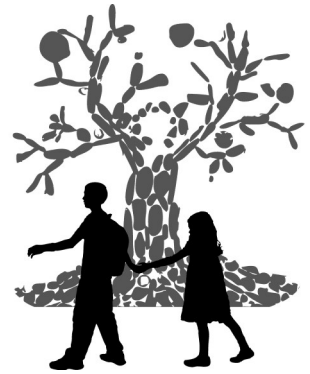
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Wednesday 22nd January: National Educational Psychological Service seminar for staff. **Classes finish at 12.15 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th.)** No after-school supervision session.

January Library Book Appeal: In January, please consider donating your old children's books (in good condition) to our school library. Books can be dropped at the office. Thank you.

Chess Club: Only pupils from 6th, 5th and 4th classes will be permitted to leave chess club (at 3.30pm) unaccompanied. All other pupils must be collected by parents/guardians from the School Library at 3.30pm sharp. Many thanks. - *The Chess Club Volunteers.*

Presentations on Owls by local bird keeper Colin Travers, Friday 17th January and Monday 20th January. (All classes.)

Internet Safety Talk

Join John Murray, Internet Safety Consultant on Thurs 23rd January @ 7.30pm for an Internet Safety Presentation.

'Find out practical tips for ensuring that your children are using the internet and social media safely, as well as information on the different types of technology and terminology that are currently in use (and the associated risks for your children.)'

This presentation has been organised by our PTA and is FREE to all parents. Please register your attendance in advance with the school office or text your name to Carol Ruth, PTA member on 087 2117250.

PTA raffle: €173.15 was raised in December. Many thanks! Proceeds to the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal, (via the 'Concern Worldwide' charity)



'Make education important in your home.... Don't let your child miss out on a good start in life! It is not okay to miss school.... Help your child to be proud of a good attendance record.'

National Educational Welfare Board

Almost half of pupils attending Gorey Educate Together N.S. have attendance records of 94%-100%, i.e. their attendance is above or well-above the national average.



Reminders

The children can only be marked present if they are in attendance when each morning roll is called.

Parents should always write to the teacher explaining the reason for a child's absence.

Please remember to write a note, even if you have spoken to a teacher about the absence. The reason for your child's absence will be filed. (Parents can also email the note to info@goreyeducatetogether.ie Include the child's full name and class.)

High levels of non-attendance are reported automatically to the National Educational Welfare Board, 16-22 Green Street, Dublin 7.

See also www.newb.ie for information in various languages.

Compliance Statement: Implementation of 'Croke Park Agreement'

The staff of this school implement all aspects of Department of Education Circular 0008/2011 regarding the 'Croke Park Agreement.'

Since February 2011 more policy development work and whole-school planning takes place after the pupils go home.

Thus, the number of half-days for pupils (to facilitate staff meetings and courses) was reduced from 8-9 per year prior to February 2011, to 1-2 per year at present.

Raymond Swan, principal