

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

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Monday 3rd February: Lunchtime sports league for 3rd class gets underway. First sport: basketball.

Tuesday 11th February: Trip for 5th class to Dublin Buddhist Centre.

Thursday 13th February: Trip for 4th class to Enniscorthy Castle.

Friday 14th February: Bake Sale by the children on our School Council. Details to follow.

Mid-term break, school closes Friday 14th February and reopens Monday 24th February. (Classes finish at normal times [1.30/2.30pm] on Friday 14th.)

Table Quiz: Well done to the two teams who participated on Friday evening. Many thanks to our staff volunteers!

Music Committee: A small committee is being formed to further develop music education within our school. Parents with knowledge of this area are invited to participate or to share their ideas — please contact the school office by this Friday, 7th February.

See school website for photos and news. **Check the PTA section of the website** for other useful information for families - list of local childcare facilities, Directory of Support Services in Co. Wexford, etc. Further information will be added from time to time.



*Chinese
New Year*

*2014 — The
Year of the
Horse*



Last term's sponsored walk raised €1,679. Our Winter Fair also raised €2,882 for the school!

€640 of the above money has already been used to enhance school life as follows: a new set of novels for our 6th class library; two days of educational presentations on owls; 'fortune cookies' for last Friday's Chinese-themed school assembly; a small coffee machine for the PTA room.

This money (plus income raised by school discos) will also mean that, again this year, the PTA can fully fund our end-of-year event for children in 6th class.

A portion of the money raised by the Winter Fair is being set aside to further develop parental involvement in school life. (See 'Craft Workshops' below.)

Other details on how PTA funds are used will appear in future newsletters.

Special thanks, as always, to our school's many volunteers & supporters.

*Raymond Swan
Principal*

Attention Craftspeople & Artists!

Gorey Educate Together NS invites proposals for **Craft Workshops**. These would be delivered to parents at the school. Participating parents would then go on to share the craft skills with our pupils & staff through classroom sessions.

To apply, please submit an outline CV (1-2 pages) along with examples of work to date (between 3 and 5 images.) Please also submit a typed proposal (1-2 pages) to include: details of the craft and details of the proposed workshop(s) - content, materials, duration, number of participants, total fee.

Budget: €200-€250 to include all costs, [delivery of the workshop(s), all materials for participants, travel, VAT, etc.]

Proposals should reach the school office by Tuesday 25th February 2014. Mark envelope 'Craft Workshops.'

A three-person committee (Board of Management, PTA and Parent Class Reps) will select at least one application based on: quality offered within the proposal, its suitability/ accessibility in the context of this primary school, and value for money.

It's expected that workshops would be delivered before the end of May 2014.