

# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

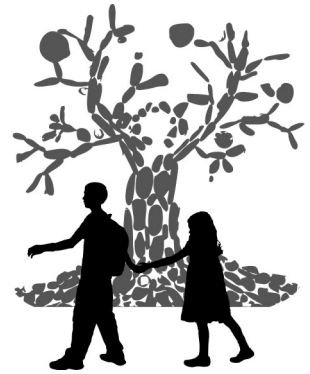
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**Wednesday 2nd April:** Football Association of Ireland 5-a-side competition, Gorey Showgrounds. The school will enter two teams in the event.

**Thursday 3rd April:** Final swimming session for the children in our special classes.

**Friday 4th April:** Bake Sale. See below.

**Thursday 10th April:** Visit by 6th class to Gorey Town Council.

**Friday 11th April:** Event at the school to mark *Autism Awareness Month*. See below.

**Friday 11th April:** End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15 and 12.30.

**Monday 28th April:** School Reopens. Optional after-school swimming sessions, see below.



**This Friday, 4th April: Bake Sale** by the children on our School Council. The children have chosen to donate the proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society.

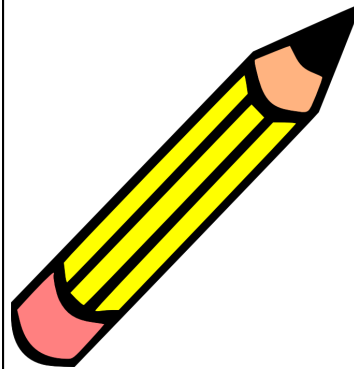
Donations of baked goods are needed: cup cakes, buns, cookies, sliced cakes, etc. Please bring donations to the school office on Thursday 3rd April or first thing on Friday morning, 4th April. Thanks!



All classes will visit the Sale during Friday.

Suggested spending money: €2 - €2.50 per child.

*(This event was originally planned for 14th February, but was postponed due to power cuts in the area following the stormy weather.)*



*'Faeries, Myths and Legends'*

*Gorey Educate Together N.S. Handwriting Competition 2014*

*This competition is now underway. Pupils - ask your classteacher for details.*



**This Friday, 4th April:** PTA coffee morning. 'The 1st & 3rd calendar Friday of every month.' All are welcome. Coffee, tea & cake. 9am in the PTA kitchen. No charge. 'Earth Hour' will be marked.

## Optional swimming lessons from April 28th for 4 Mondays, open to all classes

Swimming bus departs school: 2.25pm. A teacher will accompany the children. Lesson: 3pm-3.45pm. Bus departs Forest Park Leisure Centre, Courtown: 4pm. Arrive back at school: 4.15pm. **The children who need help with dressing/undressing must be met at the pool by a parent or guardian.**

Bookings: first-come-first-served for both the **main pool** and the **learner pool**. Pay-in-advance only. No refunds for illness, change of mind, etc. (The school still needs to pay the full cost of pool hire/bus/swimming instructors.)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:                      Main pool

Learner pool

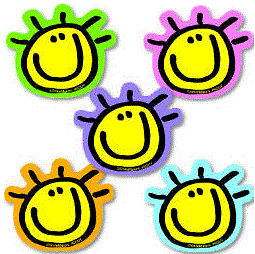
Parent/guardian signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_



In an emergency, I give consent to the school to authorise treatment for my child, as recommended by medical personnel. I enclose €30 (bus and entrance for the 4 Mondays.) **Book and pay by Thursday April 10th.**

**Remember to take swimwear, towel and swimming hat!** No shopping for food or drink at the pool. Pack some extra lunch, if desired.

Junior and Senior Infant swimmers can also avail of the 1.30-2.30pm supervised activity session at the school ('after-school club,') subject to availability of places. Cost: €12 for 4 Mondays. Book and pay in advance only.



## Seminar for Parents & Childcare Professionals:

Practical Ways to Understand & Manage Young Children's Behaviour

By Peadar Maxwell (Senior Psychologist, Child & Adolescent Psychology Dept., HSE, Wexford.) Wednesday 23rd April, Ferrycarrig Hotel. Cost €10. Flyer on school noticeboards or visit [www.wexfordchildcarenetwork.com](http://www.wexfordchildcarenetwork.com) for booking form.

**Lost & Found:** Please remove all clothing and other personal items from the school before the end of term - check the Lost & Found shelves and the classrooms. Leftover items (without name tags) will be sent for recycling.

**Craft Lessons for Parents:** A small number of places remain available. Please contact Rachel (parent volunteer) on 087 9050561.

**Wanted: Old Mobile Telephones** A parent is currently collecting old mobile phones, iPods and iPads through a *Down Syndrome Ireland* campaign. Collection bucket on hallway opposite Louise's Junior Infant classroom. All support greatly appreciated - the phones can be exchanged for a new iPad, for use by a child with Down Syndrome.



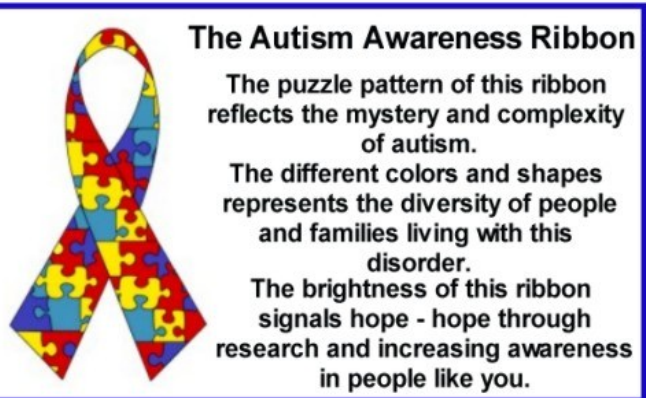
**Spelling Bee:** A pupil from 5th class will represent the school in next week's county final of the *Eason Spelling Bee* competition!

**Voluntary Contributions:** Forms were distributed last month. Copies are available on the school website. All support greatly appreciated.

**School Photographs:** After today, please return any order forms directly to the photographer. Copies of class photographs can be previewed at the school. Parents will receive a text when photos are ready for collection. (This may take several weeks.) There is no obligation to purchase any photograph. The school receives a % of all sales.



Our school website has a new look! Visit [goreyeducatetogether.ie](http://goreyeducatetogether.ie) for photos, school policies, calendar, resources for families and copies of all newsletters.



April is Autism Awareness Month. To play our part in raising awareness, the school will again run a **'Blow Bubbles 4 Autism'** event. (Many of our classes will also do a lesson on Autism.)

We again hope to raise funds for Co. Wexford's *Cottage Autism Network*. Children in 4th class will run a 'bubbles shop' at the school. The shop will open from 10.20-10.30 every day next week. Bubbles cost €2.50. (The children would store their bubbles in the classrooms until the event on the 11th.)

As a local supermarket is sponsoring 376 bottles of bubbles (this was organised for us by a parent volunteer - thanks!) **all** money raised in our 'bubbles shop' will go to the Cottage Autism Network!

Any available parents are invited to join us on the 11th. (We won't have spare bubbles for parents or younger siblings - bring a bottle, if desired.) Donations on the day are also very welcome!



**'Blow Bubbles 4 Autism'**

**12 noon sharp**

**Friday April 11th**

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