

Gorey Educate Together National School

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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.
Week of 7th–11th April: Event at the school to mark *Autism Awareness Month*. Details to be confirmed.
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.



Next 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!

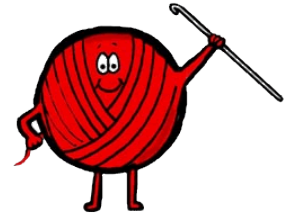


All classes will visit the Sale during Friday. Suggested spending money: €2 - €2.50 per child.

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

Craft Workshops for Parents

'Would you like the opportunity to teach crochet or felting to the children in our school?'



Our Parent Teacher Association is funding training for parents who are willing to teach these skills to GETNS pupils in their classrooms.

Crochet: 6 sessions on Tuesday mornings, (dates to be confirmed.)

Felting: one 3-hour morning session, (date to be confirmed.)

Please book your place by Monday 31st March by contacting Rachel (parent volunteer) on 087 9050561.

'Learn a new skill and pass it on...'

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.

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. (No SIM cards or chargers.)



Arklow School Bus Route? The campaign by parents to establish this bus route continues. All interested families are asked to text Stephen Hayes (parent volunteer) on 087 6839293. (Stephen will also leave forms in the office for completion by parents.)



Green-Schools

Green Schools: Well done to all the pupils who participated in the 'Value Water' poster competition. Our Green Schools Committee had the difficult job of choosing just 20 posters to forward to the competition organisers. *World Water Day* was marked in school assembly on Friday.

Winning Writers: Well done to our pupils in 5th and 6th classes who participated in the *Wexford Mental Health Association* essay competition. Congratulations to Erin, Ffion, Natalia and Sam who won school-level and county-level prizes!

Spelling Bee: Work is underway within the school to see which pupils will go on to represent GETNS in the county final of the *Eason Spelling Bee* competition. Good luck everyone!



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

School Photographs: Please see attached order forms. 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 for photos, school policies, calendar, resources for families and copies of all newsletters.

Healthy Lunches

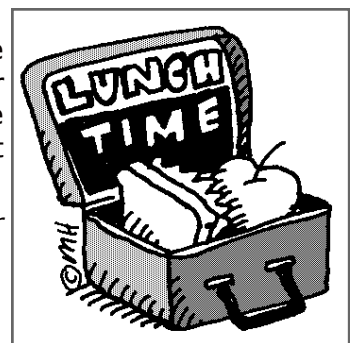
The children need balanced, healthy lunches each day. (Look out for the overall sugar and fat levels!) They need to be able to open, close and/or peel the lunch by themselves. (Please choose suitable containers and practise at home.) They need to provide their own spoons.

The children are asked not to share their lunches, and to take uneaten lunch home with them (so that parents are kept informed of their child's eating.) They also take all food packaging home with them each day.

Chewing gum, sticky sweets, fizzy drinks, high-sugar drinks, chips and crisps are not allowed. (If you need to agree a treat with your child, please choose one of the following: scone, plain bun/cake (no icing,) brack, plain biscuits, one small bar.)

The children need to be able to talk about their food allergies. Nuts are not allowed in the infant classes.

Ref: *School Guide for Parents & Guardians*



From our *Guide for Parents & Guardians*

Clothing: 'The children wear comfortable, casual clothing that they can manage on their own...'

'Long, dangling **earrings** are not suitable for school. They present a significant risk of injury if snagged while running on the playground, etc. **Chains** and **necklaces** (worn outside clothing) present the same risk.'

'The children should not wear (or carry) **make-up** to school. It could become a major distraction in the classrooms.'

Footwear: 'The children wear runners/trainers or non-slip shoes to school. Wearing unsuitable boots, sandals, heels, etc. would mean that the child couldn't participate in a range of daily activities (PE, dance, playground games, etc.) Heelies/wheelies, high heels and steel-capped boots are not permitted.'

