

# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

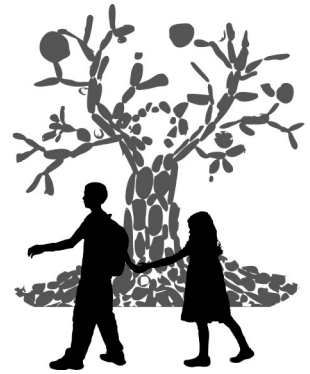
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**Tuesday 8th April:** Football Association of Ireland 5-a-side competition, Gorey Showgrounds. The school will enter two teams in the event. (Originally planned for last week, this event was postponed due to bad weather.)

**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 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th class.) Infants using school buses (or with older siblings) will be supervised until 12.30.

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

**Wednesday 30th April: Staff Meeting. Classes finish at 12.15 & 12.30.**

**Thursday 1st May:** Visit by 6th class to Gorey Town Council. (Originally scheduled for April 10th.)

*Friday's Bake Sale by the children on our School Council (with lots of help from 6th class) raised €747 for the Irish Cancer Society. Thanks! See website.*

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



**Lost & Found:** Please remove all clothing and 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.

**Milk:** This year's School Milk Scheme ends on Friday 11th April.

**Private School Buses/Taxis:** Please see school noticeboard for details regarding these privately operated bus/taxi services.

**Dyslexia Workshops in Enniscorthy:** Affiliated with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland, providing extra tuition for children diagnosed with dyslexia. Tuesday evenings. Contact Annette Ormond on 086 071 8154.



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 this 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!

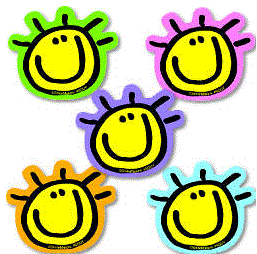
Any available parents are invited to join us on the 11th. (We won't have spare bubbles for parents or younger siblings - bring a bottle, if desired.) Donations on the day are also very welcome!

**'Blow Bubbles 4 Autism'**

**12 noon sharp**

**Friday April 11th**

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## 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.

### Compliance Statement: Implementation of the '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*

The **Music Committee** would like to thank everybody who has returned completed Music Questionnaires. Any forms returned by **Wed, April 9th, 2014** will be entered for a draw for an Easter Egg. NB: Orchestra and Band is for any family member. This is purely to gather information regarding interest and, at a later stage, we would hope to incorporate them into our school life. Thank you. *Ros Leonard*

**www.kilasfirststeps.com** Cake Sale & Coffee Morning, 10.30-3.30, 17th April. Loch Garman Arms, Gorey. Spread the word! Kila is the sibling of one of our pupils.

## School Calendar 2014-2015

### Term 1

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

School closes Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and reopens Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

End of Term, school closes Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 2

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

School closed Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

School closed Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

End of term, school closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March\*

### Term 3

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

School closes Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and reopens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

School closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

End of term, school closes Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

*\*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 are possible make-up days i.e. if the school was forced to close because of winter weather, etc.*

The school day begins at 8.50am and ends at 1.30pm (Junior and Senior Infants) & 2.30pm (First to Sixth classes).

For the first day of school only, Junior Infants start at 9.30am. For the first two weeks, they finish at 12noon. Thereafter, the normal infant day applies.

**Morning supervision is provided from 8.40am-8.50am (mainly to facilitate our school buses and to help the traffic flow.) No child should be dropped at school before 8.40am.**

*This calendar will soon be uploaded to the school website.*

## 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.