

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

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SPORTS DAY

Our 'Activity Stations' format has served us well each year since 2006, and will be used again this year. The format is *very* popular with our pupils ('fun for all,') but requires **many helpers** to run the stations.

Three years ago we struggled somewhat to get the necessary number of helpers, (and some parents & staff were 'stuck' on a station for the entire event, with no one to relieve them.)

Again this year we will do our best to get **past pupils** to help out on both sports days. (This worked well in 2012 and 2013.)

However, we still need **all available parents** to volunteer to run a station. (**Try pairing up with another parent, and doing 'one-half-on, one-half-off.'**) Helpers: please come to the school 30 minutes before the starting time, for orientation.

Not available to run a station? Please help by walking your child (and the other children in her/his group) from station to station, as instructed. And please support the past pupil or parent volunteer at each station. (Most help like this will be needed with the junior sports day.)

- * Regular school times each sports day.
- * The children should wear **sunscreen** and bring an extra **drink** (in a container that they can carry from activity to activity.) Sturdy **runners** must be worn: no flip-flops!
- * Some water-based activities again this year perhaps: shorts and t-shirt recommended. Children to carry a **towel** and to bring a **change of clothes**.
- * Any changes because of the weather will be notified by text-a-parent. [Events may go ahead in light rain/showers: children to bring a **rain jacket**.]

Chess Tournament for GETNS pupils by Gorey Educate Together NS Chess Club

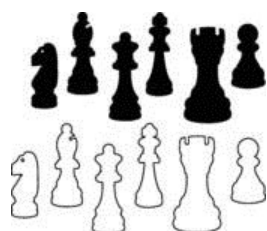
Tuesday 17th June

For children in 2nd-6th classes

2.30-4.30pm

Entry: €2

All proceeds to 'Kila's First Steps'



Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, 2014–2015

Special class for children with autism: Jacinta Hayes, Pauline Carroll, Sadie Harpur

Special class for children with autism: Grace Sexton, Katryna Maciulskyte Kinsella, Jill Scragg, Niamh Murphy

Junior Infants: Deirdre Flynn, Lisa Kelly

Junior Infants: Louise Redmond, SNA to be confirmed

Senior Infants: Mary Foley, Caitriona O'Neill (Deirdre's current class)

Senior Infants: Helen Flynn, Mary Kinsella (Louise's current class)

First Class: Lynn Reddy, Teresa Carey

First Class: Fergus Lacey

First Class: Teacher to be confirmed

Second Class: Emma Walsh (Fergus')

Second Class: Daire Gohery, Sue Balfe (Orla's)

Third Class: David O'Shea

Third & Fourth Class: Brendan Breen

Fourth Class: Teacher to be confirmed, SNA Edel Hogan

Fifth Class: Edel McDevitt (Brian's)

Fifth Class: Teacher to be confirmed, SNA Ken Blackmore (Anna's)

Sixth Class: Laura Dagger

Learning Support and Resource Teaching: Imelda Wright, Andrea Maher, Chloe Kenny, Mairéad Jordan, others to be confirmed

Special Pre-School Class for Children with Autism: Patrick Cashman, Anna Caria, other SNA to be confirmed

Again this year, teacher & SNA recruitment in many schools will be finalised during July. An updated staff list will be posted on our website during July.

Book Lists 2014 – 2015: As usual, all books will be supplied in class. Please pay the full amount or €40 deposit by the end of June. A receipt is issued for all book payments. School reopens Thursday 28th August. Please pay the balance on your account by Monday 1st September.

This year, your child's books and supplies can only be passed on to their classteacher when the booklist has been paid for in full. Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to make any exceptions to the above.

Many booklist totals are down a little again this year. Please help us to *keep* these totals as low as possible: **look after rental books very carefully and always return rental & library books to the school.** (Most rental books are in use in our older classes. Our younger classes use more workbooks.)

Eligible families may wish to apply for the 'Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance': details available at Social Welfare, HSE and Citizens Information offices.



School bus, taxi or car...
always wear your seat belt!

Tuesday 10th June: School Tour for 3rd class. (Kildare Maze.)

Wednesday 11th June: School Tour for 4th class. (National Aquatic Centre.)



Wednesday 11th June, 3pm: Orientation meeting for new pupils & their families.

Thursday 12th June: School Tour for 2nd class. (Greenan Farm & Maze.)

Friday 13th June: performance at the school of *The Fire Bird* by the West Midland Touring Theatre Company. Sponsored by the school's PTA.



Tuesday 17th June: School Tour for special classes for children with autism. (Sealife Centre, Bray.)

Tuesday 17th June: After-school chess tournament for GETNS pupils. All proceeds to 'Kila's First Steps.'

Thursday 19th June: School Reports sent home today.

Thursday 19th June: Evening event in honour of 6th class, 7-9pm. For 6th class & their parents.

Friday 20th June: Sports Day, 5th & 6th classes 9.30-11.30. 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes, 12noon to 2.30pm.

Saturday 21st June: PTA bag-packing fundraiser at Tesco, Gorey.

Monday 23rd June: Sports Day, infants and 1st class, 11am-1pm.

Tues 24th & Wed 25th June: Back up dates for Sports Day, in case of bad weather.

Friday 27th June: End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15 and 12.30.

Monday 30th June – Friday 25th July: Summer programme for children with autism.

Thursday 28th August: School reopens to pupils.

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We're gathering ideas from pupils, parents and staff on ways to mark the school's 10th anniversary.

Email your suggestion to
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