

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

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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.' Many thanks to the Chess Club volunteers for all their work during the year! (Inspection copy of Chess Club accounts is available from the office.)

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. (Full calendar on school website.)

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**.]

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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
10years@goreyeducatetogether.ie



After-school supervision (1.30-2.30pm) for the new school year: Parents can now register their interest — please contact the office. In September, places will be allocated on the following basis: 1. Junior & Senior Infants who use our *Bus Éireann* approved school buses. 2. If places remain available, they will be allocated to infants with siblings in 1st–6th classes and who live a considerable distance from the school. Demand may exceed availability — families not using school buses should make contingency arrangements.

Please check at home for school **Library Books, English books, rental books**, etc. Please return to the classteachers or the office.

Please check the school for **lost & found** clothing, etc. Items left after the end of term will be disposed of.

Gifts for teachers and other staff? Again this year we would like to say that we neither encourage nor expect gifts from children/families. We already feel supported and appreciated. For the child who still wants to give *something* - a simple **card** (homemade or bought) with his/her thoughtful message written inside would be most welcome.



Supervision Before and After School: Parents are reminded to carefully supervise all children (including pre-schoolers) whilst on school grounds.

- No climbing on walls, benches, etc.
- No damage to school property, (including our school gardens.)
- No disturbing the work of pupils, teachers and secretaries.

- No access to our 'Outdoor Classroom' unless accompanied by a member of staff.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Children!

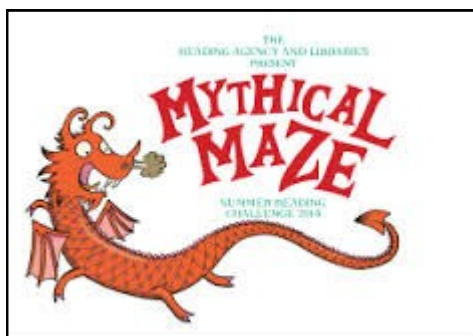
Reading Success is yours for the taking...

Keep reading during July and August.

(Ask your parents about a visit to Gorey Library.

Sign-up for their summer reading challenge —

Mythical Maze.)



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.



'Summer Stars' camp

Venue: Gorey Educate Together NS

June 30th-July 4th

Age: 7-12

Cost: €80 per child; discounts for siblings.

For further details check your child's bag for the yellow camp flyer, see school noticeboard, or speak to Louise Redmond or Grace Sexton.

(Parents should contact the organisers directly - not the school office.)