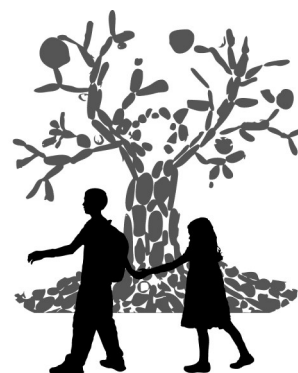


Gorey Educate Together National School

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Principal's Newsletter 30th September 2014 Tel: 053 94 89662

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Tuesday 30th September: Sewing classes for parents begin. Six Tuesdays, 9.00-10.00am. Places still available.

Tuesday 30th September: Chess Club continues, 2.30-3.30pm every Tuesday. For pupils in 2nd-6th classes.

Thursday 2nd October: After-school science sessions begin — 'Junior Einsteins.' For 8 Thursdays.

Friday 3rd October: Parent Coffee morning, 9am. 'The first calendar Friday of every month.' All parents/guardians are welcome. No charge.

Friday 10th October, 1pm-1.25pm: Parents and Guardians of the new Junior Infants are invited to attend a short information meeting with Louise and Deirdre (daily routine in the infant classroom, lunches, clothing & footwear, homework.) *The Junior Infants will be supervised by other staff during this meeting.*

Friday 21st November: 'Sing Out Loud' event at Wexford Opera House. Pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th classes all have the opportunity to participate. (PS, for parents who can't make it to the Opera House, please bear in mind that some of the songs will be heard at the school's usual 'end of year performances' in December.)

The School Office

Visits to our secretary during her working hours should be for school business only. Social calls, etc. are disruptive.

Please bear in mind that it is not possible to staff the office phone throughout the school day.

Please remember to use the homework journal to pass messages to your child's teacher.



Many thanks to the Gruffalo and his PTA volunteers for all the fun on Sunday!

See school website for photos.

Please return any sponsorship monies to the office.

ePayments

The school is now rolling out an *ePayments* system. This will give parents/guardians the option of paying for school books, trips, after-school supervision, etc. through their PC, smartphone or tablet using a debit/credit card.

When money is due for a trip, etc. participating parents would receive an email from the school containing a **payment access link**.

'Click the link to make the payment to the school - and an electronic reference number and receipt will be generated.'

The system will be managed by the 'Aladdin Schools' software service. Gorey Educate Together NS has used many other aspects of 'Aladdin' over the past two years and we have found it to be a secure and reliable resource. See www.aladdin.ie

We will continue to accept cash and cheque payments at the school office. (Card payments will not be possible at the office (or over the telephone,) i.e. we won't have a card reader.)

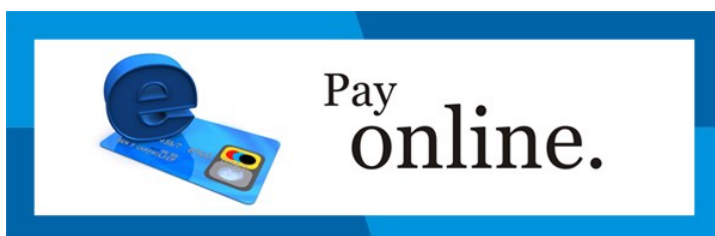
Return this slip to the school, or email the details to epayments@goreyeducatetogether.ie

I would like to have the option of paying for school books, trips, etc. online.

Your name: _____

The email address to which the ePayments link should be sent (**please print clearly**)

Child/children's names and classes:



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Class Rep News:

The PTA AGM will take place at the school on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm. All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend. The AGM involves a review of our year's activities and the presentation of our financial report. There are also a number of vacancies on the PTA committee - if anyone is interested in getting more involved, please come along to the AGM or contact me on 086 822 5785.

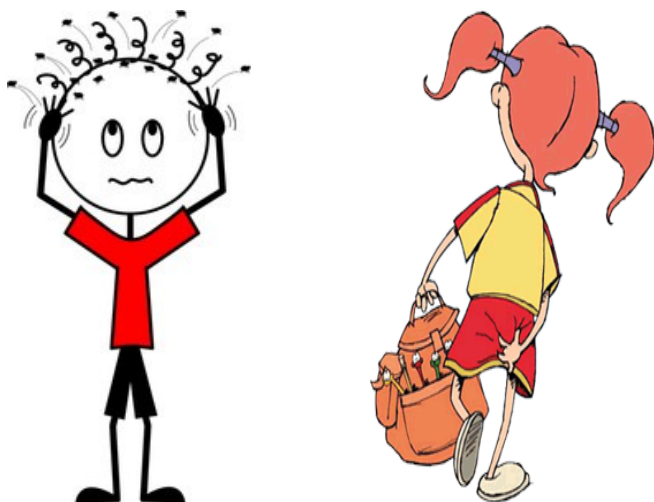
Siobhan Smyth, Chairperson, PTA

Board of Management news: There is currently one vacancy on the school's Board of Management. **Nominations and election will take place immediately after the Parent Teacher Association's AGM (see above), i.e. at 8pm on Tuesday 14th October at the school.** All parents & guardians are invited to attend.

Given the current vacancy, and as per the *Constitution of Boards and Rules of Procedure (2011)*, to ensure the widest possible representation, if practicable, the person elected should be the mother of a child/children enrolled in the school. Term of the current Board runs to November 2015. Meetings generally take place once a month.

Sarah Anderson, Patron's Representative, Board of Management GETNS.

Head Lice and Threadworms are relatively common amongst young children. Parents are asked to help minimise the spread - please make **regular checks** and seek advice from your chemist, GP or other healthcare practitioner. Encourage hand washing.



Well done to our pupils and past pupils who did so well at the recent inter-school event at Butterfly Farm equestrian centre!

See school website for photos from the recent PTA sponsored walk.



Open Night at Gorey Community School

Tuesday 7th October 2014

7pm-9pm

'North Wexford Music School'

Junior Choir

7-12 years

7.15pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays

Contact 9489339 / 087 7154636 for details.

(North Wexford M.S. is a private business.)

