

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

4th November 2014

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Tuesday 4th November: Anti-Bullying Drama Workshops for Emma's 2nd class and David's 3rd class — the 'Sticks and Stones' anti-bullying programme.

Wednesday 5th November: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues. (Daire and Emma's classes.)

Wednesday 5th November: Hockey coaching with Gillian Bailey continues. (Brendan's class.)



Friday 7th November: Storytelling Session at Gorey Library. (6th class.)

Monday 10th November: Rainbows afterschool peer support programme gets underway.

Monday 17th November: 5th and 6th classes participate in the Intel Mini-Scientists' event.

Tuesday 18th November: Trip for 2nd class to National Concert Hall. (RTÉ Symphony Orchestra, 'Music in the Classroom'.)

Friday 21st November: 'Sing Out Loud' at Wexford Opera House, 7.30pm. (4th, 5th & 6th classes.)

Monday 24th—Friday 28th November: Parent Teacher Meetings. Details to follow...

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December: The 'Reptile Zoo' visits Gorey Educate Together. (All classes.)



Evening Classes - last chance to book

Literacy for Infants

Class cancelled — due to low enrolment.

Gaeilge for Parents and Children, with Laura Dagger

Four additional bookings are needed to make the running of this course viable. Please book by this Friday morning, November 7th.

Parent(s) would attend along with their child/children, (3rd-6th classes only.)

Some of the themes from the **Irish language curriculum** would be covered, along with fun games & songs, tips for homework, grammar, oral work, etc. 7.30-8.30pm, Gorey Educate Together NS, beginning Tuesday 11th November. Cost: €20 per family for 5 Tuesdays.

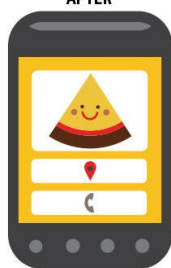
Recent trip by 3rd and 4th classes to Tomnafinnoge Oak Wood, Tinahely/Shillelagh.



BEFORE



AFTER



The school's new-look website is now smartphone and tablet friendly!

Many thanks to Chris Minias (parent) for all his work.

Visit www.goreyeducatetogether.ie for newsletters, photos, school calendar, policies and more...

Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, November 2014

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

Special class for children with autism: Maeve Healy, Katryna Maciulskyte Kinsella, Jill Scragg, Niamh Murphy

Junior Infants: Deirdre Flynn, Lisa Kelly

Junior Infants: Louise Redmond, Sarah Jane Dowse

Senior Infants: Mary Foley, Caitriona O'Neill

Senior Infants: Helen Flynn, Mary Kinsella

First Class: Lynn Reddy, Teresa Carey

First Class: Fergus Lacey

First Class: Orla Comerford

Second Class: Emma Walsh

Second Class: Daire Gohery, Sue Balfe

Third Class: David O'Shea

Third & Fourth Class: Brendan Breen

Fourth Class: Brónagh Crean, Edel Hogan

Fifth Class: Edel McDevitt

Fifth Class: Brian Quigley, Ken Blackmore

Sixth Class: Laura Dagger

Learning Support and Resource Teaching: Imelda Wright, Andrea Maher, Chloe Kenny, Mairéad Jordan, Patricia Sheil, Cliona Barron, Deirdre Hogan, Michelle Donaghy

Special Pre-School Class for Children with Autism: Patrick Cashman, Anna Caria, Ewa Minias



Board of Management, November 2014

Karen Loughran (Chairperson,)

Sarah Anderson (Patron's Appointee,)

Raymond Swan (Board Secretary and School Principal,)

Colin Webb (Treasurer and Community Representative,)

Angie Dooley (Community Representative,)

Louise Redmond (elected Teacher Representative,)

Allen Holman (elected Parent Representative)

and Mary Thompstone Crean (elected Parent Representative.)

Winter Weather Visit www.winterready.ie

Parents are asked to plan for the following possibilities:

^Delayed school opening. Classes would begin one hour later than usual (at 9.50am) and end at the usual times. (If necessary, all infants can be supervised until 2.30pm.)

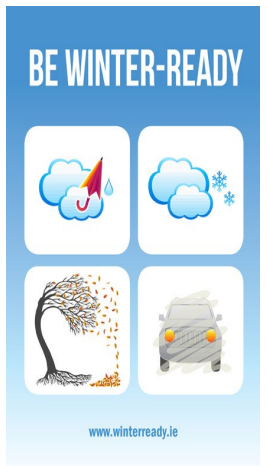
^Full school closure.

Any decision to delay opening or to close the school would be communicated as follows. (Please be aware that one or more methods could fail.)

1. Text message via *Text-a-Parent*.
2. Notice on school website.
3. Notice on local radio - *South East Radio*.
4. Voice message on school telephone.

Parents should not 'phone the school mobile, as this will be used to contact bus operators, staff, Gardaí, etc.

Even if the school can open as normal, any decision to travel (or to use school buses) during severe weather rests with individual families.



Chess Club continues on Tuesdays.

Good luck to the teams participating in the Leinster League event!

Help keep our school grounds litter free and smoke free.



General Support for Parents: Contact **Gorey Family Resource Centre**, 4 Charlotte Row, Upper Main Street, Gorey. 053 94 89017.