

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Department of Education Primary Online Database: Census forms will be distributed to families this week and next. Please fill in any blanks on your child's form and/or make any corrections, and return to the school.

Answering the questions regarding your child's ethnic or cultural background and his/her religion is optional. (Please tick 'No Consent' if you do not wish this information to be included in the database.)

Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Past Pupils and all other members of the extended Gorey Educate Together NS community,

Please join with us in marking the school's 10th Anniversary by visiting our Expo:

Monday 16th February

11.00am - 2.00pm

Venue: the school hall

Project work, photography, art, video and song will all be used in celebrating a special milestone in the story of our school.

Please help spread the word to other past pupils and their families!

Current pupils will visit the Expo on Tuesday 17th February.



Primary Online Database: Following feedback/complaints from families and schools, the Department of Education has agreed to list a full range of ethnic/cultural backgrounds on future census forms, beginning next year.)

10th Anniversary Expo

Now: Volunteers are needed in some classrooms to help with project work - please check with your child's teacher or your Parent Class Rep.

Friday 13th February 1.00pm - 5.00pm
and Saturday 14th February 10.00am - 12noon: volunteers are needed in the school hall to help display/mount the work.



(What to bring? Scissors, stapler, drawing pins, pieces of fabric/ribbon, drill/screws/hammer/nails... these may all be of use!)

Monday 16th February: Light refreshments will be offered to visitors who have travelled a distance, etc. Wanted: donations of buns/cakes - please bring these to the school office on Monday morning, 16th February.

Optional swimming lessons from February 23rd 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 Tuesday February 17th.**

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: €14 for 4 Mondays. Book and pay in advance only.