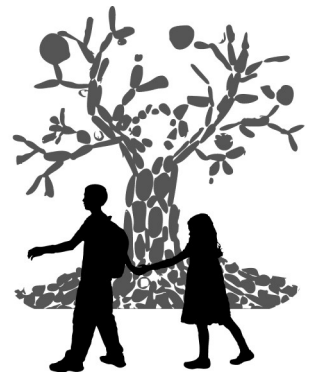


Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

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'**Rainbows** supports children and young people in groups. There are groups for children and young people who have been affected by the death of a close family member and there are groups for children and young people whose family has changed because their parents have separated or divorced.'

Best Wishes to all the children who complete their Rainbows programme this week.

Many, many thanks to our staff volunteers for all their work over the past 12 weeks.

Monday 23rd February: Afterschool swimming begins. For 4 Mondays, (not Monday 16th March.)

Wednesday 25th February: Return cards and monies for PTA Monster Raffle. Draw takes place on Thursday 26th February.

Thursday 26th February: 10th Anniversary Fun and Friendship Day, for current pupils and staff.

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March: School Photographs. **All children will be included in the class photos unless parents specify otherwise to the principal. For individual or family photos please return the attached form.** (These instructions supersede those on the form.) All purchases are optional.

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day. See overleaf.

Friday 6th March: Parent Coffee Morning. ('The first Friday of the month.')

Friday 6th March: School Disco. See below.

Friday 13th, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March: School closed. (School holiday/St. Patrick's Day.) [Full calendar on school website.]

Wednesday 18th March: 6th class visit Clonskeagh Mosque and Dail Eireann.

Thursday 19th March: Heritage in Schools science workshops begin, (all classes.)

Friday 27th March: End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15/12.30. School reopens Monday 13th April.

First Day of School 2015: Tuesday 1st September. (Full 2015-2016 school calendar to follow soon...)

Friday 6th March: The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme: World Book Day. (Dress up as a character from a book, poem, comic book, story, fairy tale, etc.)

Times: Infants & 1st class: 6pm-7.30pm; older classes 7.30pm-9pm. (Families with siblings: come at the time that will work best for you, but get older children to sit out for the younger section and vice versa.)

Entry: €2 per child; pre-schoolers free; maximum family charge €5. Also, tuck shop open on the night.

Please note that this event is for current Gorey Educate Together families only - we wouldn't have room for cousins, neighbours, past pupils, etc.

For safety: no long, dangling jewellery; no toy 'weapons' - guns, swords, lasers, pitch-forks, etc.

As usual, many parents will stay with their children. However, we also need specific parents to join a rota of hall & door supervisors and shopkeepers.

Parent Supervisors & Shopkeepers needed: please return this slip to the school office.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Preferred time (please circle)

6-7pm

7-8pm

8-9pm



Learn Together curriculum

Moral & Spiritual strand

The aim of this strand is to help develop in children a critical knowledge, understanding and awareness of right and wrong and a heightened awareness of social, ethical and moral standards through reflecting on the meaning and purposes of life. The strand should encourage and develop the individual on the journey to inner discovery and empower the child to make informed moral decisions.

As part of Moral & Spiritual education, the classes partake regularly in meditation and relaxation exercises. Some classes have also taken part in Yoga. These exercises can help bring balance to children's daily routines at school and to ease transitions during the day as well as providing time to reflect on things that have happened. These sessions may be guided with/without music and the children can respond through discussion, drawing, writing or drama.



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Andrea Maher

*Learning Support/
Resource Teacher*

World Book Day at Gorey Educate Together NS

All next week, available parents & guardians are invited to read a favourite story or poem to their child's class. (10 minutes approx. Please speak with your child's teacher about arranging a suitable time.) Children — use your *World Book Day Token* at a local bookshop. (Exchange it for a free book!)

Thursday 5th March, author Joe O'Brien visits our First Classes to talk about his *Alfie Green* books!

Friday 6th March, everyone is invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a book, poem, comic book, story, fairy tale, etc. [Put your costume back on that evening for our school disco!]

Jacinta Hayes

Special Class teacher



10th Anniversary Celebrations

Following-on from the success of our 10th Anniversary Expo - and all the great work that went into the projects, artwork, videos and songs - the second (and final) part of our 10th Anniversary celebrations takes place this Thursday, 26th February:

10th Anniversary Fun & Friendship Day

for current pupils and staff, including:

- Circus-themed show by Corvenio's Entertainments from Co. Longford (Junior Show and Senior Show.)
- Games session for every class
- 'Cinema' session for every class
- Outdoor inflatable game for the older classes
- Treat provided by the PTA/Parent Class Reps
- 10th Anniversary Candle for every family, provided by the school's PTA
- PTA 10th Anniversary 'Monster Raffle'

Normal school times on the day.

Children to bring normal (healthy) packed lunch, and to wear suitable (safe) footwear.



Many more Expo photos on the school website!