

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire



Principal's Newsletter

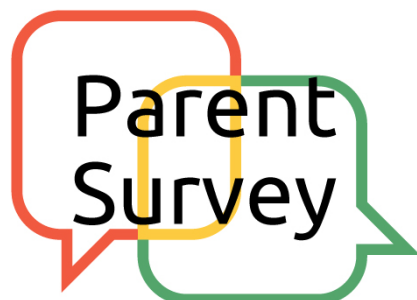
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Online survey for parents & guardians on this school's **Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)** work.

Your response will help shape the school's approach to this curriculum area over the coming years, (as was the case in previous surveys/ consultations: Code of Behaviour, Relationships & Sexuality Education policy, Educate Together ethos review, etc.)

SPHE includes lessons and activities for the children in areas such as:

self-confidence

making decisions

health & wellbeing

bullying

feelings & emotions

personal safety

relating to others

conflict resolution

new life

The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/gorey

The survey was piloted amongst a sample group of families. Thanks for the feedback!

All families are now asked to complete the improved survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/gorey

Please base your responses on your eldest current pupil of this school.

No internet access? - paper version is available from the school office.

Please do not name other children/families/staff when completing the survey.

Some parents suggested an 'incentive' to encourage as many families as possible to participate. Thus, if there's a good response rate, the children will be given the opportunity to vote on an exciting additional activity for Sports Day!



Showjumping Success! 'The GETNS team were runners up in an inter-schools' show jumping competition on the May bank holiday weekend. 15 schools from around Wexford took part and there was some tough competition! However, the GETNS team, made up of Ella McShane (6th class,) Tegan Veitch (6th class,) Sarah Murphy (5th class) and Ella Byrne, jumped 3 clear rounds! They also did a combined Speed Round in a time of 89 seconds! Overall result: 2nd place!'

This was a great achievement for the girls! Well done to them and to their families. See school website.

Looking ahead to School Year 2015-2016

Our current classes will advance into the new school year without any planned regrouping:

i.e. the current 2 Junior Infant classes will be next year's 2 Senior Infant classes; the current 3 First Classes will be next year's 3 Second Classes; the current 3rd & 4th multi-grade class will be next year's 4th & 5th multi-grade class, etc.

As usual, staffing details for the new school year will be circulated during mid/late June.

Parent-Teacher Association 'Monster Raffle'

€3280 was raised for the school!

140 local businesses sponsored prizes!

Some of the money raised will be used to fund an 'Outdoor Library' for our playgrounds, as well as additional benches for pupils and families.

Details to follow...

Many thanks for all the support!

Additional thanks to Olive Doherty (organiser.)

'Dreams'

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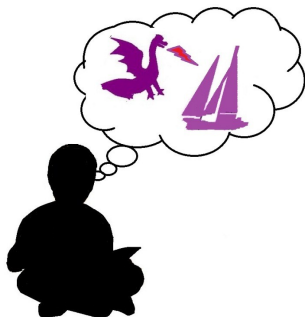
Handwriting Competition 2015

This competition is now underway.

Pupils - ask your classteacher for details.

Closing date:

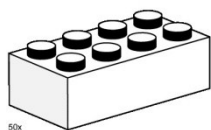
Thursday,
21st May.



Blowing Bubbles for Autism
More photos on school website
€753 was raised for *Advocates for Autism*
Well done to all involved!

P.T.A. After-School Activity

“KIDS’ BRICKS CLUB”



Olive Doherty will facilitate a 6 week **KIDS’ BRICKS CLUB**, starting on Wednesday 13th of May from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for ~~Junior/Senior Infants~~ [Class Full!] and 2.30pm – 3.30pm for 1st to 6th class, in the school. [Places Available.]

KIDS’ BRICKS CLUB is a creative brick-building and social activity for girls and boys. In each class the children choose from a list of themes, challenges and games using Lego blocks.

The aim of the activity is to develop the children's imagination, creativity and social skills, while working in teams sociability and self-esteem is improved. While the children are putting ideas into reality, problem solving, sharing and turn taking are all put into practice. **KIDS’ BRICKS CLUB** allows children to learn through fun.

To enrol, please send an envelope with payment to the school office, with parent/guardian's name and contact details, child's name and class. Also parents of junior/senior infants, please let us know if your child is to be collected or escorted to his or her school bus. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis, beginning tomorrow. The cost is €30, (with €5 sibling discount.)

- from the PTA Committee.

