

Gorey Educate Together National School

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Monday 18th – Thursday 21st May: *Heritage in Schools* science workshops for all remaining classes, with Michelle Maher from Scien-tastic. All workshops sponsored by the school's PTA – Thanks!

Tuesday 19th May: Final *Heritage in Schools* art workshop for Mary, Helen and Daire's classes, with Mary Wallace from Artwallace. All workshops sponsored by the school's PTA – Thanks!

Tuesday 19th May: Dara (6th class) represents the school at the Leinster Final of the Spelling Bee competition, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Good luck to Dara and to Orla (teacher.)

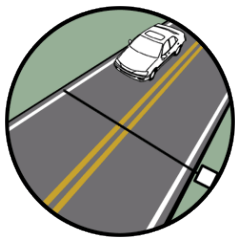
Thursday 21st May: Green Schools committee members travel to Kilkenny for award ceremony! (School ceremony to follow during June.)

Friday 22nd May: Performance at the school of *The Apprentice Sorcerer* by the West Midland Touring Theatre Company. (All classes.)

Wednesday 27th May: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesday mornings - Junior Infants begin their sessions. Suitable footwear must be worn.

Monday 8th June, 3pm: Orientation meeting for new pupils & their families.

Wednesday 1st–Friday 24th July: The school's July Programme for children with autism is now confirmed.




School Places 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020: Remember to pre-enrol younger siblings soon! This can be done via the school website.

Booklists for the next school year will be distributed next week.

A **Traffic Count** will take place on Kilnahue Lane at some stage during the coming weeks, as part of proposed building development work in the local area. (Traffic cameras, etc. in use.)





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!

