

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Quaire



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April is Autism Awareness Month. To play our part in raising awareness, the school will again run a '**Blow Bubbles 4 Autism**' event.

We again hope to raise funds for a local Autism charity. Children in 5th class will run a 'bubbles shop' at the school. The shop will open from 10.20-10.30 every day 27th April – 1st May. Bubbles cost €2. (The children would store their bubbles in the classrooms until the event on the 1st of May.)

As a local supermarket is sponsoring 413 bottles of bubbles (this was organised for us by a parent volunteer - thanks!) **all** money raised in our 'bubbles shop' will go to a local Autism charity.

Any available parents are invited to join us on the 1st. (We won't have spare bubbles for parents or younger siblings - bring a bottle, if desired.) Donations on the day are also very welcome!

'Blow Bubbles 4 Autism'

1.15pm sharp

Friday May 1st



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Wednesday 29th April: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain — Senior Infants, (for 4 Wednesdays.) Suitable footwear must be worn.

Thursday 30th April: Swimming for Patrick/Jacinta/Maeve's classes continues. Parents: please check with class teacher for your child's dates. Send swim gear, towel and swim hat to school!

Friday 1st May: Coffee Morning for parents, 9am at the school. All are welcome. ('The first Friday of every month.')

Friday 1st May: 'Blow Bubbles for Autism' event, 1.15pm sharp.

Monday 4th — Friday 8th May inclusive: School Holiday. School closed. See website for full calendar.

Thursday 25th June: Date for your diary - End-of-Year evening event for 6th class pupils and their parents/guardians.

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.)



Well done to Dara in 6th class on winning the Eason Spelling Bee Wexford County Final! Full details on school website.

Good luck to Dara and to Orla (teacher) at the Leinster Final!

'Dreams'

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Handwriting Competition 2015

This competition is now underway.

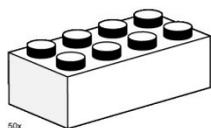
Pupils - ask your classteacher for details.

Closing date: Thursday, 21st May.



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 and 2.30pm – 3.30pm for 1st to 6th class, in the school.

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.

