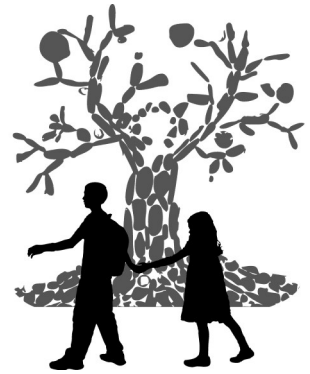


Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire



Principal's Newsletter

6th October 2015

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Tuesday 6th October: Chess Club resumes, 2.30-3.30pm every Tuesday. For pupils in 2nd-6th classes. Venue: Daire's classroom, (upstairs near the library.)

Friday 9th October, 1pm-1.25pm: Parents and Guardians of the new **Junior Infants** are invited to attend a short information meeting with David and Edel (daily routine in the infant classroom, lunches, clothing & footwear, homework.) *The Junior Infants will be supervised by other staff during this meeting.*

Friday 16th October: School Disco, 6pm-9pm.

Tuesday 20th October: Annual autumn woodlands trip for Junior Infants.

Wednesday 21st October: Staff Training re Special Classes, (Individual Education Plans.) **Children in Jacinta, Patrick and Aideen's classes will finish at 12noon today.**

Thursday 22nd October: 'Breakfast Together' event. Parent helpers needed to distribute the breakfasts — please come to the school at 9am. €1 or €2 donation per pupil, for 'Childline.' Followed by parent coffee morning.

Friday 23rd October: **Mid-term break** begins. Classes finish at the usual times, 1.30 and 2.30pm. See school website for full calendar.



Many thanks to our PTA volunteers for all the fun on Sunday! See school website for photos.

Please return any sponsorship monies to the office.

Friday 16th October: The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme: to be confirmed, (the older children will vote this week.)

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 or text Carol Ruth (PTA Committee) 0872117250. (Event can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers.)

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Preferred time (please circle)

6-7pm

7-8pm

8-9pm



PTA Afterschool Programme: Introduction to Bodhran

Fergus Lacey will facilitate an 8 week course in Bodhran playing, starting on Tuesday the 13th of October (4th – 6th classes) and Thursday 15th October (1st–3rd classes.) Time: 2.30-3.30pm. Venue: Fergus' classroom.

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. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, beginning tomorrow. Maximum: 15 children per class. €40 for 8 Tuesdays (4th-6th class) or €40 for 8 Thursdays (1st-3rd class.) €5 sibling discount.

- from the PTA committee



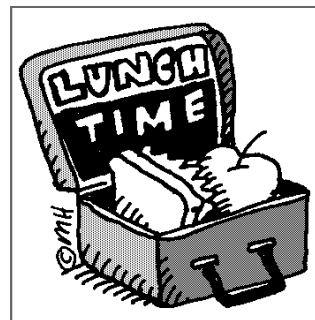
Healthy Lunches

The children need balanced, healthy lunches each day. (Look out for the overall sugar and fat levels!) They need to be able to open, close and/or peel the lunch by themselves. (Please choose suitable containers and practise at home.) They need to provide their own spoons.

The children are asked not to share their lunches, and to take uneaten lunch home with them (so that parents are kept informed of their child's eating.) They also take all food packaging home with them each day.

Chewing gum, sticky sweets, fizzy drinks, high-sugar drinks, chips and crisps are not allowed. (If you need to agree a treat with your child, please choose one of the following: scone, plain bun/cake (no icing,) brack, plain biscuits, one small bar.)

The children need to be able to talk about their food allergies. Nuts (and *Nutella*) are not allowed in the infant classes.



Ref: School Guide for Parents & Guardians



We hope that you enjoyed Open Classroom 2015!



The Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) have asked for community support on their campaign "Stand up for Primary Education". You can support this campaign by signing the attached postcard and posting it to one of the local Wexford TD's as listed below.

John Browne	TD	Fianna Fail	Wexford
Paul Kehoe	TD	Fine Gael	Wexford
Liam Twomey	TD	Fine Gael	Wexford
Mick Wallace	TD	Independent	Wexford
Brendan Howlin	TD	Labour	Wexford

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