

# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*



Principal's Newsletter

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**Special Fundraiser at the school this Friday, in support of a GETNS family who lost their home in a fire last week.**

### **'Whole-School Buddy Walk'**

11.45am approx. the children and staff will do a short walk along the Gorey inner-relief road (down the lane by Gorey Gaelscoil, past Creagh College, to the second roundabout, before turning back to the school.)

**Suggested donation €2 per pupil.**

We aim to raise €500 to help the family to replace some of the children's belongings.



*If you do not want your child to go on this walk, please let his/her teacher know before Friday.*



'Diversity Week' at our school this week, includes performances by Marionette Puppet Theatre and West Midlands Children's Theatre Company. Overall theme, the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals**.

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'There will be an Internet Safety Talk for Parents on Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm at the school.

The talk will be given by Racheal Murphy from the National Parents' Council and will provide parents with the information and skills to be able to engage in their children's online lives.'

- from the PTA Committee



**Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting, 7pm, Wednesday 31st May at the school.** All are welcome.

**PTA Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/GoreyEducateTogetherPTA/>

**First Day of new school year at Gorey Educate Together:** Wednesday 30th August 2017. See school website for full 2017-2018 calendar.

**Evening event for 6th class and their parents,** Tuesday 27th June.

# Green Schools News

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, three pupils will travel to Kilkenny to receive our new Green Flag. There will be a celebration day in June for this when we will raise our new flag.

## 'Walk to School' event

Date: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Time: 8.30 a.m.  
Meeting Point: Woodbury Road

Parents/ guardians are encouraged to **drop off** their children at this point and the pupils will walk to school from there. (Parking is not recommended in this area). There will be stickers and balloons to add some fun along the way.

**Parent volunteers** will be required again to ensure safety and guide the way to the school. If you are interested in volunteering for this (time will be from 8.15 - 8.50) please contact Helen or Lynn. Email address is [helen@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:helen@goreyeducatetogether.ie) [lynn@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:lynn@goreyeducatetogether.ie) or call into our classrooms. There will be lots of fun and healthy benefits from participating in this theme so we would really encourage you as a parent/ guardian to get involved and promote this with your children too. We also have our new 'Green Code' to chant as we walk along. Here it is for you to start practising:

**Be Green , be clean,  
Make our environment a dream,  
Scoot, cycle or take the bus,  
All together now – Bualadh Bos!**

Looking forward to some fresh morning air, a healthy walk and lots of singing.

## Action Day:

Our Action day will also take place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will involve all classes making and/ or designing a poster of a green way they have travelled to school. This will be done with their class teacher after our walk to school. These posters will be displayed along our corridors, linking all our classrooms together.

Thank you for all your support.

- Helen, Lynn and Brian.

## Friendship Day, Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

On Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, the school will celebrate 'Friendship Day'. During the week leading up to 'Friendship Day', €2 Friendship Bracelets will be on sale daily at our bracelet shop, with the proceeds going towards the work of Amnesty International Ireland as advocates of human rights.

On 'Friendship Day', the children will explore human rights through discussion, creative thinking and fun classroom activities and will also focus on the importance and meaning of friendship both at school and elsewhere.

The following are some activities the children will engage in for 'Friendship Day':

- Each pupil will draw out the name of another pupil in his/ her class and be a 'secret' friend to that person for the week leading up to 'Friendship Day'
- Fifth class will sell the Friendship Bracelets for €2 each during the week at our 'bracelet shop'.
- Classes will 'buddy up' for friendship games on Friday.
- Each class will contribute to our 'Friendship' display in the hall.
- On Friendship Day assembly, the pupils will share their thoughts on what it means to be a good friend and reveal the identity of their 'secret friend'!

Friendship Day is a great opportunity to reinforce our school's anti-bullying policy which promotes friendship. Come visit our 'Friendship' display in the hall on Friendship Day and take time to discuss with your child at home the meaning and value of friendship.

- Mairead



Some of the after-school Running Club members. See school website for more photos.

