

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Green Schools News

On Tuesday, 23rd 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, 26th 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 lynn@goreyeducatetogether.ie or call into our classrooms.

We also have our new 'Green Code' to chant as we walk along. Here it is for you to start practising:

**B e G r e e n , b e c l e a n ,
M a k e o u r e n v i r o n m e n t a d r e a m ,
S c o o t , c y c l e o r t a k e t h e b u s ,
A l l t o g e t h e r n o w - B u a l a d h B o s !**

- Helen, Lynn and Brian

After-School Activities: Dates of final sessions

Let's Cook & Bake! (Anne Synnott) Monday 29th May

Basketball (Daniel Nabrđalik) Monday 29th May

Let's Play Tennis! (Jamie Stafford Tennis Academy) Tuesday 23rd May

Running Club (Fergus Lacey, Suzanne Keane) Tuesday 30th May

Let's Create! (Niamh Murphy, Louise Redmond) Tuesday 30th May

Let's Knit & Crochet! (Ann Lacy) Wednesday 31st May

Let's Play Bodhran! (Fergus Lacey) Thursday 1st June

Let's Get Moving! (Andrea Maher) Thursday 25th May

Rainbows Programme (Michelle Doyle, Niamh Murphy) Thursday 8th June

'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

Friendship Day, Friday May 26th 2017

On Friday May 26th, 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.

- Mairéad

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.

'Tax Back' forms (for Voluntary Contributions to the school of €250 or more): if you received such a form, please return it to the school office. Thank you.