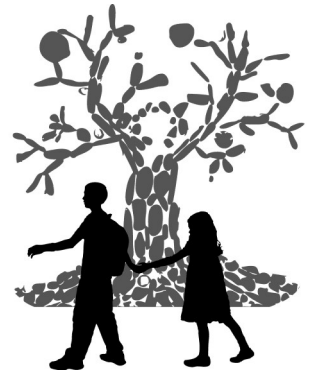


Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire



Principal's Newsletter

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Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting, 7pm, tomorrow Wednesday 31st May at the school.

All parents, guardians and staff are very welcome.

GET INVOLVED
Be a volunteer. Make a difference.

After-School Activities: Dates of final sessions

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

Basketball (Daniel Nabrdalik) 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

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

Internet Safety - Webwise.ie

Following on from last week's Internet Safety talk from the National Parent Council, the PTA would like to recommend Webwise.ie/parents

Webwise Parents offers information, support and advice on talking to your child about online safety. Webwise also has a section for teachers and lots of other great resources.

The website includes:

- Short videos offering advice on a range of topics such as introducing technology to your child, cyberbullying, dealing with conflict around technology use in the home and how parents can lead by example
- Information on the latest Apps and social networks your child may be using
- How to set up parental controls on PCs, smartphones, tablets and gaming systems



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.

Tuesday 30th May: 5th classes visit Dublin Buddhist Centre as part of their *Learn Together* work.

Tuesday 30th May: Our special classes visit Kia Ora Farm.

Thursday 1st June: 3rd classes visit Wells House.

Friday 2nd June: Senior Infants visit Courtown Seal Sanctuary.

Tuesday 6th June: 2nd classes visit Wells House.

Wednesday 14th June, 3pm: Orientation meeting for new pupils and their families. (Letters will issue in the coming days.)

Summer Camps at Gorey Educate Together

First week of July: Starcamp Summer Camps. See www.starcamp.ie for info. and bookings.



Second Week of July: 'Summer Stars' will take place in Gorey Educate Together from July 10th - July 14th 2017. 10am - 2.30pm for children aged 7 - 12. For more details see flyer in school and children's leaflets. Contact Louise Redmond: summerstarsgorey@gmail.com or call 087-1624501.'

SPORTS DAYS

Venue this year: Playing Field at Creagh College. All access via Gorey Educate Together NS only, (pedestrian gate from our playground.)

We will be guests of Creagh College and will have use of the playing field only. Please do not wander into other areas. Junior & Leaving Cert Examinations are taking place. Toilets: use the facilities at Gorey Educate Together.

Format: Junior Sports Day - the usual 'activity stations' format. Senior Sports Day - some races (for the children who want to take part) sack race, egg & spoon, running, etc. - followed by the usual 'activity stations' format for all pupils.

As ever, we will need **all available parents** to volunteer to run a station. (**Try pairing up with another parent, and doing 'one-half-on, one-half-off.'**) Helpers: please come to the school 30 minutes before the starting time, for orientation.

Not available to run a station? Please help by walking your child (and the other children in her/his group) from station to station, as instructed. (Most help like this will be needed with the junior sports day.) And please help the volunteers at each station to run the activity.

- * ** Regular school times each sports day.
- * ** The children should wear **sunscreen** and bring an extra **drink** (in a container that they can carry from activity to activity.) Sturdy runners must be worn: no flip-flops!
- * ** No water-based activities this year. Lots of other fun...
- * ** Any changes because of the weather will be notified by text-a-parent. [Events may go ahead in light rain/showers: children to bring a **rain jacket.**]

Thursday 8th June: Sports Day, Junior Infants-2nd class, 11.00am. (Classes finish at usual times 1.30 and 2.30. Or children can be collected from the classrooms when Sports Day ends [1.15pm approx.])

Friday 9th June: Sports Day, 3rd-6th class, 11.45am. (Classes finish at usual times 1.30 and 2.30. Or children can be collected from the classrooms when Sports Day ends [2.15pm approx.])

