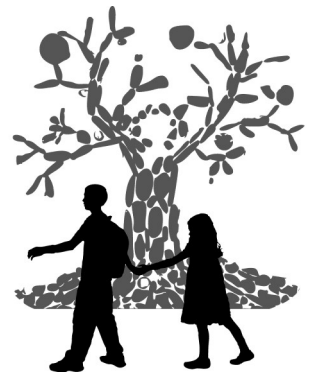


Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire



Principal's Newsletter

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Gorey Hockey Club: Proposed development of new all-weather pitch near St Joseph's School. Local schools (including Gorey Educate Together) would have access to the facility during the school day. In return, the hockey club encourages families to support its fundraising efforts.

15 – 20 GETNS parents are asked to attend an Information Meeting: Amber Springs Hotel, 8.30pm Wednesday 18th October. (See drawings of the proposed development on the school website.)

Traffic at Gorey Educate Together and Gorey Gaelscoil: For everyone's safety, always obey the road markings & one-way system! Please do not stop or park on any pedestrian crossings.

Monday 16th October: Maths Week at our school.

Monday 16th October: Junior Infants visit Courtown Woods. *To be rescheduled.*

Thursday 19th October: Tag-Rugby Blitz at Gorey Rugby Club (5th & 6th classes.)

Thursday 19th October: No 'Fun Fitness' afterschool classes today. (An extra date will be added later.)

Friday 20th October: New date! School Disco. See below.

Tuesday 24th October: Annual 'Breakfast Together' event at our school for all classes. See below.

Tuesday 24th October: Our special classes for children with autism visit Tinahely Open Farm, (Pumpkin Picking!)

Wednesday 25th October: Football Association of Ireland *futsal* event for 3rd & 4th classes. The school will again enter teams in this competition.

Irish Language classes for parents: We have had some queries about an introductory/beginners'/help your child course for parents. Our teachers can run this course again if there are sufficient numbers. Please leave your name at the school office or email info@goreyeducatetogether.ie by Friday 20th October. Let us know if you can attend at 4.30pm or 7.30pm. Course would run for 4–6 weeks, beginning in November and would cost €5 per class. (Day/dates to be confirmed.)

Stall Holders Wanted: 'Gorey Educate Together International Winter Fair is being held on 10th December, we are currently seeking crafters to hold stalls on the day of the fair. If you are interested in purchasing a stall please email your details and some pictures of your crafts to goreyptaeducatetogether@gmail.com' - from the PTA Committee

'Large cookie cutters wanted for donation to create craft for international winter fair. Please drop them to the school office.' - from the Organising Committee

PTA Sponsored Walk: So far, €861 has been returned to the school. Many thanks for the support!

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. A few reports of this generally mild illness over the past few weeks... See HSE website for advice. Please remind your child of the importance of **hand washing**. 'While a pupil is unwell he/she should be kept away from school. Exclusion of a well pupil with HFM is generally not required.'

Friday 20th October: The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme: '**Express Yourself**,' (as voted by the children in 1st–6th classes.)

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 your Parent Class Rep. (Event can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers.)

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Preferred time (please circle)

6-7pm

7-8pm

8-9pm



'Breakfast Together,'
Tuesday 24th October
 in aid of the charity
Childline.

All children will be offered a bowl of *Cheerios* cereal with milk. The children need to be able to talk about their food allergies. **Parent helpers are needed:** please meet in the staffroom at 9am. Thanks! (No need to put your name down in advance.) Suggested donation €2 per child. (Maximum €5 per family.) The children on our school council will collect the donations from the classes.



Photos: Project time in Patrick's class. Apple harvest in 5th class - many thanks to the parents who harvested the apples from our school trees and prepared a tasty apple and granola treat for the classes!
 Triskaidekaphobia assembly by Mairead's 5th class
 See school website for more photos (in colour.)



Sweaters and jackets without name-tags are seldom returned to their owners. Our overflowing Lost and Found cupboard (on the ground floor hallway) will be emptied at the end of next week. (Remaining items will be taken to a Recycling Centre.)

Lost near the school last Friday: Samsung Galaxy S8 mobile phone. If found, please drop to the school office. Reward offered by the owner.



Girls and boys: please remember to look after your belongings.

School buses: please remind the children to behave well! Bus drivers need to concentrate on the road ahead!

Misbehaviour will lead to sanctions and/or loss of bus travel.

Head Lice and Threadworms are relatively common amongst young children. Parents are asked to help minimise the spread - please make regular checks and seek advice from your GP, chemist or other healthcare practitioner. Encourage hand washing.

