

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Quaire

Principal's Newsletter

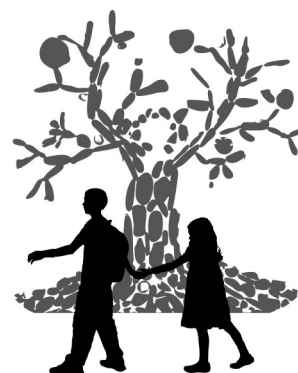
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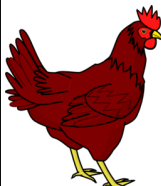
Wednesday 31st January: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesdays. Current classes: 1st classes. Running shoes must be worn.

Thursday 1st February: 'Let's Sing' with Joanne McCabe continues, (Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st class.)

Thursday 1st February: Gaelic football coaching continues on Thursdays, in association with Ballynastragh Gaels GAA Club (Kilanerin/The Rock/Ballyfad area.) Current classes: 1st and 3rd. Running shoes must be worn. Gum shields are recommended.

Friday 2nd February: Christina in 5th class takes her project to the Intel Mini-Scientists Grand Final, The Helix, Dublin City University! Project title: 'Ecological Roulette.'

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February: The animals from Woolly Ward's Farm visit our school! (All classes.) 'Choice of large farm animal:' most classes hope that the pony will visit!



Wexford F.C. Soccer Camp at Gorey Educate Together N.S.:

'Dear GETNS parents and pupils,

We are offering your child a unique chance to train and play soccer with Wexford FC League of Ireland U17 coaches and players for the small amount of €5 per child.

The money raised will be going towards the Wexford FC Under 17 squad coached by our local Mikael Allain and counting a former GETNS pupil in his ranks with the excellent Shane Gibson!

We were only beaten last year by a very strong Bray Wanderers side at the quarter-final stage in injury time...

This year, we are hoping to improve and reach the semi-final stage but we will need your support!

One Team, One County! Stronger Together!

Girls: Saturday 03rd of February 2018: 11-1pm: 5th-6th class; 1-3pm: 3rd-4th class; 3-5pm: 1st-2nd class.

Boys: Sunday 04th of February 2018: 11-1pm: 5th-6th class; 1-3pm: 3rd-4th class; 3-5pm: 1st-2nd class.

Payment on school site, PE Hall entrance, at arrival (15 minutes before respective kick-off time)

Feel free to address your queries to Mikael @ mallain.lfi@gmail.com.

- Wexford Football Club

One weekend only. Book & Pay-on-the-day.

CyberParent Awareness Training at Gorey Library

'Join Richard Takacs from Easy Security for an online security awareness training class designed for parents to learn how to protect their children's privacy while they are online. Richard will discuss parental controls and give advice to parents of kids at different ages regarding their children's online communication, cyber bullying and more. Places are limited so booking is essential.'

Tuesday
30 January
at 7pm

Contact Gorey Library directly.

Parents - please supervise your child's phone, tablet and computer usage on an ongoing basis.



Schools' Quiz news: Well done to our Under 11's team, who came 4th in their section, and to our Under 13's team, who came first in their section and who qualified for the next round! Many thanks to the school staff who helped prepare the teams.

Bake Sale: Many thanks for all the support! The children raised €1,060 for their chosen charity, the 'Make a Wish' Children's Charity. **Containers and plates:** please collect these from the kitchen in the PE Hall by Friday. (Remaining items will be disposed of.)

Chess news: Good luck to our chess teams, who play their next Leinster League chess matches in Dublin and Wicklow this Thursday.

Lunchtime news: For the month of February, we're trailing an extra 5 minutes of 'eating time.' Your child can eat something healthy (such as fruit) during 'Brain Snack' time!



Optional swimming lessons from February 23rd for 4 Fridays, open to all classes

Swimming bus departs school: 2.25pm. A teacher will accompany the children. Lesson: 3pm-3.45pm. Bus departs Forest Park Leisure Centre, Courtown: 4pm. Arrive back at school: 4.15pm. **The children who need help with dressing/undressing must be met at the pool by a parent or guardian.**

Bookings: first-come-first-served for both the **main pool** and the **learner pool**. Pay-in-advance only. No refunds for illness, change of mind, etc. (The school still needs to pay the full cost of pool hire/bus/swimming instructors.)

Child's name: _____

Class: _____



Please circle one: Main pool

Learner pool

Parent/guardian signature(s): _____

In an emergency, I give consent to the school to authorise treatment for my child, as recommended by medical personnel. I enclose €30 (bus and entrance for the 4 Mondays.) **Book and pay by Monday 12th February.**

Remember to take swimwear, towel and swimming hat! No shopping for food or drink at the pool. Pack some extra lunch, if desired.

Junior and Senior Infant swimmers can also avail of the 1.30-2.30pm supervised activity session at the school ('after-school club,') subject to availability of places. Cost: €14 for 4 Fridays. Book and pay in advance only.

Chess Club for 3rd-6th classes continues 2.30-3.30pm every Tuesday in Daire's classroom. Full.

Homework Club for 2nd-6th classes continues 2.30-3.30pm every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in Deirdre Flynn's classroom. Contact the teachers directly, (Laura Dagger, Deirdre Flynn.)

Running Club for 2nd-6th classes continues 2.30-3.30pm every Tuesday. Contact the teachers directly, (Suzanne Keane, Fergus Lacey.)

After-School Baking: last classes Monday 12th February.

After-School Art (1st-6th): last class Monday 26th February.

After-School Art (Junior & Senior Infants): last class was Tuesday 23rd January. (New round starts Tuesday 30th January. Places available. €40 for 8 Tuesdays.)

After-School Zumba: last class Wednesday 31st January.

After-School Brick Club: last class Thursday 8th February.

After-School Computer Coding: last class Thursday 8th February.

The above dates include make-up days for when the school was closed or the tutor was absent.

A new round of after-school activities will be advertised during February.

Art News

Many classes in the school are participating in the *Texaco Children's Art Competition* this year! The closing date for all entries is the 28th of February 2018.

Every child may enter up to two pieces of art so if your child would like to work on one piece at home, please see the link below for the rules of entry and further details.

All school submissions will be posted on the 14th of February. You may also send home entries into school on that day, but a completed Home Application Form must be signed and attached to the artwork. Good luck!

- Suzanne Keane, teacher

<https://www.texacochildrensart.com/>

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



LOW IN SUGAR

