



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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*Educate Together -
Equality-Based Schools*

Tuesday 25th September: GAA Blitz at Creagh College. (5th & 6th classes.)

Wednesday 26th September: Hockey coaching with Gillian Bailey continues. (3rd classes.)
Parents: see letter regarding **gum shields**.

Wednesday 26th September: Tag-Rugby Blitz at Gorey Rugby Club. (5th & 6th classes.)

Thursday 27th September: Music with Joanne McCabe continues on Thursdays until mid-December. Current classes: Junior & Senior Infants, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes.



Friday 28th September: Regular September 'Open Classroom' event.

12.45pm-1.15pm: Junior & Senior Infants and David's, Martina's and Patrick's classes.

1.15pm - 1.45pm: 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes.

1.45pm-2.15pm: 4th, 5th & 6th classes.

You are invited to spend some time with your child's class during our Open Classroom event. This is a short, informal event for available parents & guardians.

Normal school times for the children. (If collecting your child early, let the teacher know.)

As always, parking is very limited. Try parking away from the school and walking the last few hundred metres. **Don't park in a way that would obstruct school buses.** (Buses begin arriving at 2pm approx.)

Sunday 30th September: Parent Teacher Association Sponsored Walk, 2pm, Courtown Woods. Optional dress-up theme: 'Witches and Wizards.' Children remain under the care of their parents/guardians throughout this event.

Monday 15th October: No classes. Department of Education staff training day — Primary Language Curriculum. (No other such closures are expected in this school year.)



Medicines in school Please visit the school website to check our policy. (Copies are also available from the office.) General guidance:

Non-emergency medication during the school day: parents need to come to the school to administer that medicine. *Children are not permitted to carry painkillers, antibiotics, etc. to school.*

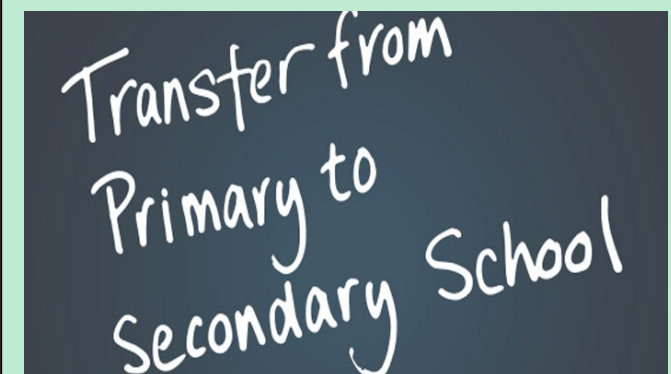
Emergency medication during the school day: parents need to provide the following to the school —
(1) Letter of Authorisation (including clear instructions for school staff.)
(2) Signed legal form, ("Legal Indemnity.")
(3) The Anapen or other Medicine, (to be placed in locked medicine cabinet.)

Inhalers: Same as 'emergency medication' above, except that the inhaler will be stored in a readily accessible place in the child's classroom.

[Older children can store inhalers in their school bags: parents should state this in their Letter of Authorisation/ Instruction to the school.]

PTA After-School Activities: Places available on all activities except Zumba for junior and senior infants and Art for 1st-6th classes. See overleaf.

Apologies, no Zumba classes this Wednesday 26th September. (Instructor unavailable.)



Reminder: Parents & Guardians of 6th Class

It is your responsibility to enrol your child in a Second-Level School.

Check with local secondary schools for details of Open Evenings and **Enrolment Closing Dates**.

The Principals of Creagh College and Gorey Community School visited our 6th Classes last week.

School Cleaner required for occasional/relief work. Please leave your details with the school secretary. Garda Vetting ('Police Check') is required.

Parent Teacher Association After-School Activities

Tuesdays, from 18th September: **Glee Club**, Michelle Delmar, 4th–6th classes only, 2.30-3.30pm. €30 for 6 Tuesdays.

Wednesdays, from 19th September: **Zumba**, Lisa Keogh, Junior & Senior Infants 1.30-2.30pm, 1st–6th classes 2.30-3.30pm. €30 for 6 Wednesdays.

Mondays, from 24th September: **Art**, Niamh Murphy, 1st–6th classes only, 2.30-3.30pm. €40 for 8 Mondays.

Thursdays, from 4th October: **Computer Coding/Scratch**, Fergus Lacey, 3rd-6th classes only. €40 for 8 Thursdays. 'Complete a number of programming projects, such as an animation, using the *Scratch* visual programming language.'

- from the PTA Committee.

The Running Club (2nd Oct- 27th Nov)



The Running Club starts up again on Tuesday, the 2nd of October and is open to all 2nd to 6th class children, who are interested in following our new 0-3km running plan. This plan is perfect for complete beginners and for children who want to ease slowly back into running longer distances. The hour long sessions will also incorporate lots of fun games, designed to improve general fitness. Our aim is to make these sessions as enjoyable as possible, so that we can develop your child's internal motivation to become a lifelong runner. The €50 fee includes an 8 week 0-3k plan and a yellow high visibility Running Club T-shirt. *To secure a place, please return the completed registration form to the school office with €50 (cash). Please email any queries to suzanne@goreyeducatetogether.ie or fergus@goreyeducatetogether.ie*

- from Suzanne Keane & Fergus Lacey, teachers

Running Club 0-3k Registration Form

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Teacher: _____

Contact details of parent(s) / guardian(s):

Name: _____ Phone no. _____

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Medical Conditions:

Would you like to order a Running Club T-Shirt? *(Please circle your response)*

Yes No

Which size t-shirt would you like to order? *(Please circle your response)*

7 - 8 yrs 9- 11 yrs 12 - 13 yrs adult small adult medium adult large



Chess Club Registration: Please return this form to the school office or to Daire Gohery (Teacher Volunteer.)

My child will attend Chess Club 2.30-3.30pm on Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday 2nd October 2018. Cost: €2 per session, payable to the teacher every Tuesday. (Funds are used to purchase equipment, to pay for buses to chess events and/or donated to particular charities.)

Child's name and class: _____ Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Chess Club is available to pupils in 2nd–6th classes only. Collect children from Daire's classroom at 3.30pm sharp. Thanks. Parent helper needed—please contact Daire Gohery, teacher.