



Gorey Educate Together National School

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Principal's Newsletter

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October is Internet Safety Month in Gorey Educate Together

This campaign is being run by the PTA committee.

This Week's Tip – Another great resource to check the suitability of apps and games for mobile devices is www.common sense media.org. As well as the site giving an age rating, there are also age ratings from parents and from children. The site also provides age ratings for films, TV shows and books. Their app for mobile devices is called Kids Media.

This Week's Fact – Most cyberbullying takes place after 9 p.m. when children and teenagers have unsupervised use of their mobile devices in their bedrooms. Source - webwise.ie

Last week a short tutorial about a free parental control app for Android phones was posted on the PTA Facebook page. This week, a tutorial for Apple devices will be posted. Please see www.facebook.com/GoreyEducateTogetherPTA

In a new addition to the campaign, 3rd to 6th classes will be given Internet Safety lessons by teachers during the month of October.

- from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) committee



Friday 19th October: The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme: to be voted on by 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



Wednesday 10th October, 1pm: Parents and Guardians of the new **Junior Infants** are invited to attend a short information meeting with Lynn, Mary and Edel (daily routine in the infant classroom, lunches, clothing & footwear, homework.) *The Junior Infants will be supervised by other staff during this meeting.*

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

Friday 19th October: Annual 'Breakfast Together' at our school. Details to follow.

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Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd October: Dogs Trust visit our 4th, 5th and 6th classes. 'How to stay safe around dogs. How to be a responsible dog owner.'

Thursday 25th October: 'Buddy Walk' at our school. Details to follow.

Friday 26th October: Classes end at the usual times, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Mid Term Break. School reopens Monday 5th November.

Apologies, no '**Glee Club**' afterschool classes this week. (Instructor unavailable.)

After-school **Running Club**, 2nd-6th classes: Places available. Contact teachers Suzanne Keane and Fergus Lacey.

Chess Club: Sorry, club is full.

'Thank you' to everyone at Gorey Educate Together from the **Kila's First Steps** fundraising team: the all-terrain wheelchair/buggy is now in use!

We are very happy to hear about **birthdays**. However, please keep party invitations away from school, unless there is one for *everybody* in the class. Sorry, we don't accept birthday cakes (or other birthday treats) in our mainstream classrooms. Example: 25 children in a typical class = 25 birthday cakes!

Sorry, school staff do not provide **class lists** or contact info. to parents. (For party invitations, etc. the teacher can give you the total *number* of children in the class.)

Parent Volunteers ("Parent Class Reps") sometimes put lists together, only for those parents who want to share their contact info with other families.

PTA Sponsored Walk: please return any other sponsored walk money to the school by Friday. Thank you!



Fire Drill/National Fire Safety Week: many thanks to Gorey Fire Brigade for attending on Friday.