



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Thursday 29th August: First Day of School 2019-2020. (The full 2019-2020 school calendar is now available on our website.)

July Programme for Children with Autism: Application forms for the Home-Based Hours are now available at www.education.ie (Closing dates: April 26th and May 17th.)

Local & European Elections: The school's Board of Management kindly asks families to consider highlighting the following 3 Education Issues to all election candidates:

1. Additional Second-Level School Places for Gorey/north-Wexford.
2. Improved teacher supply (there is a shortage of teachers to fill substitute and other short-term vacancies.)
3. Improved services for pupils with additional needs (e.g. occupational therapy & speech/language therapy service for schools; services for pupils with substantial emotional and/or behavioural needs.)

Congratulations to Jamie in Lizzie's 6th class on winning first prize in the An Post/I.N.T.O. Scéal Eile Writing Competition 2019!

Jamie took another perspective on the well-known novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

Jamie was presented with her prize at the GPO, Dublin 1 last week. (Her parents and teacher also attended this very special event.)

Our school was also presented with €500 for curriculum resources/equipment!



We continue to follow-up on last month's International Day of Action on Climate Change.

We are converting our 'Bee the Change' ideas into practical measures at our school.

Recent whole-school vote results: Better Recycling at School (45 votes.) More flowers and plants at school (176.) Less

Plastic at School (206.)

Following suggestions by a number of pupils, we plan to take our Climate Change messages to the gates of Dáil Éireann on Election Day, Friday 24th May. (A number of children from each classroom 2nd - 6th classes

would travel.) Details to follow....

A number of parent places will be available on our bus: if you would like to join us, please contact the school office.



Dogs on leads outside our school gates: owners, please stay with your dog! No Dogs on School Grounds at any time. Thank you.



PTA Fundraiser

The PTA will hold a *Clothes Swap* on June 14th in the school hall.

The event will highlight issues around over consumption, recycling and 'reuse' values. The Seal Sanctuary will be on hand to discuss reducing waste, green alternatives to plastic use and so on. We are asking parents to donate unwanted clothes, clean and in good condition, to the clothes swap. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

- from the PTA committee.

Wednesday 15th May: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain. Current classes: Edel & Mary's junior infants and Orla and Roisin's 1st classes (for 4 Wednesdays.) Wear running shoes!

Monday 20th May: School Tour for 5th classes. *Explorium* sports and science centre.