



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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*Educate Together -
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Tuesday 15th October: Autumn woodlands trip for Junior Infants.

Friday 18th October: 1.00pm-1.30pm, 'Open Classroom' event for families of **Junior Infants**.

Thursday 24th October: Science Fair by 5th and 6th classes.

Friday 25th October: Classes end at the usual times, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Mid Term Break. School reopens **Tuesday 5th November**. (Monday 4th November: Department of Education curriculum training for teachers. This will be the final training day of the current school year.)

Visual Arts, Drama & Music: Alongside the usual work of our teachers in these subject areas, the following programmes are currently running at the school:



Tune into Stage, (drama, with some singing.) Joanne McCabe of Colla Voce Performance School. Thursdays September-October: 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes. Thursdays November-December: 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

Living Arts, with visual artist John Busher. 6th classes; 15 Mondays.



Music Generation, (singing.) Lorna Maher of Slaney School of Music. 2nd classes; Fridays, October-June.)



WexfordOperaHouse

Sing out Loud, (singing.) Fergus and Laura's 4th classes will perform on the stage of Wexford Opera House on Wednesday 20th November!



Maths Week. (See school website for more photos.)



School bus, taxi or car - always wear your seatbelt.



Friday 25th October: The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme, as voted for by 1st-6th classes: "Halloween and/or The Harvest"

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, most 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



Less Plastic/No Plastic Cups

Bring your own drink. Refill your bottle at our water station!

Tuck Shop

Our tuck shop will sell fruit, snacks and baked goods. Wanted: donations of cookies, buns and cakes! Please drop these to the school office on the day.

Thank you, *The PTA Committee*

No dropping-off of pupils at this disco.

Parents need to stay with and supervise their own children, (or make arrangements with another parent to watch both sets of children.)

Thank you,

The PTA Committee

'Breakfast Together,' Friday 25th 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.



No single-use bowls and spoons this year!
All children should bring their own bowl and spoon - and take them home again afterwards!

Thank you,

The Green Schools Committee

Sweaters and jackets without nametags 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.)

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



'Creative Keyboards:' Afterschool keyboard lessons at Gorey Educate Together NS continue on Fridays (open to Junior Infants - 6th class.) To reserve your place please contact Krisha on 087 2022505 www.creativekeyboards.ie 01 485 4536 Creative Keyboards: Please contact this private company directly, not the school office.



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.



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. Also, we don't accept birthday cakes (or other birthday treats) in our mainstream classrooms. Example: 25 children in a typical class = 25 birthday cakes!

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.]



Local History tour for our 6th classes



Please leave the few Special Needs and Baby parking spaces at our school for those with most need. Thank you.

