



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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**Wednesday 18th September:** Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesdays, (year round.) Current classes: Lynn and Anna & Chloe's 3rd classes.

**Wednesday 18th September:** Hockey coaching with Gillian Bailey, 3rd classes for 6 Tuesdays/Wednesdays. (Parents: see letter regarding **gum shields**.)

**Thursday 19th September:** Music & Drama with Joanne McCabe continues on Thursdays until mid-December. Current classes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

**Friday 20th September:** Global Climate Strike. See below.

**Friday 20th September:** Sensory Story with Author Valerie Sheehan at Gorey Library. (A number of children from our special classes will attend.)

**Friday 27th September:** Regular September 'Open Classroom' event for Senior Infants—6th class.

12.45pm-1.15pm: 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.)

**Friday 11th October, 1pm:** Parents and Guardians of the new **Junior Infants** are invited to attend a short information meeting with Edel and Suzanne (daily routine in the infant classroom, lunches, clothing & footwear, homework.) *The Junior Infants will be supervised by other staff during this meeting.*

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

Our school will mark the **Global Climate Strike** this **Friday 20th September, 9.30am-10.30am:** assembly & speeches by the children followed by a short walk/rally along the Gorey inner-relief road (down the lane by Gorey Gaelscoil, past Creagh College, to the second roundabout, before turning back to the school.)

*If you do not want your child to go on this walk, please let his/her teacher know.*

Important: Fully completed '**contact/medical forms**' should be returned to the school tomorrow, unless no information has changed since last year. E.g. the phone numbers that the school should contact when a child is ill or has a mishap.

(Junior Infants & other new pupils: forms were already submitted during June.)

Please keep the **School Guide & Calendar** booklet in a safe place, for reference during the year. Spares are available from the office. The booklet is also available on our website.

Return the optional **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance** form along with payment, to the school by 25th September 2019. (We cannot process late applications.)

For further info about the scheme visit [www.allianz.ie/schools](http://www.allianz.ie/schools)



*Global Climate Strike*

*Let's keep up the campaign!*

*Parents are very welcome to join us at the school this Friday morning 9.30am-10.30am. See below.*



**Congratulations to C & R Print, Enniscorthy on 40 years in business!**

**Thank you to all at C & R for your very generous donation of**

**€2,000 to the Special Classes for Children with Autism at Gorey Educate Together!**

Details on how this donation will be used to follow...

See this week's Gorey Guardian newspaper for photograph.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) News

**Parent Class Representatives:** Reps for the new school year are being worked on at present. "Could all current class reps and anyone who would be willing to take on the role for their class this year please contact Julie, PTA Class Reps Coordinator on 086 897 0224 or juliekennedy470@gmail.com Thank you."

**"PTA Meet and Greet coffee morning** for the parents of Junior and Senior Infants, 9am Tuesday September 17th in the school's Project Room, (upstairs, beside the library.) Come along to meet other parents and hear about upcoming events in the school. We look forward to seeing you!"

**PTA Committee Meeting** Tuesday 24th September, 7.30pm at the school. "New members (parents, guardians and staff) are very welcome to join us."

**PTA Treasure Hunt** at Gorey Educate Together NS: Saturday 28th September. Further details to follow....

**Head Lice and Threadworms** are relatively common amongst young children. Parents are asked to help minimise the spread - please make regular checks and seek advice from your GP, chemist or other healthcare practitioner. Encourage hand washing.

*Let's reduce the number of slips and falls at school!*

*The children should wear sturdy, non-slip runners or shoes.*



**non slip**

**Afterschool Homework Club has recommenced**, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2nd-6th classes only. See letter from the organising teachers, (distributed last week.) Spare letters are available from the school office. *The teachers walk the children to the front of the school building at 3.30pm.*

**Afterschool Fitness Club** will restart on Tuesday 17th September, 2nd-6th classes only. See letter from the organising teachers, (distributed last week.) Spare letters are available from the school office. This club is already fully booked.



**'Creative Keyboards' will be starting afterschool keyboard lessons at Gorey Educate Together NS on Friday 27th September**

**Below are some details about the classes**

Classes run for three terms in the school year with 10 lessons in each term.

Fee €120-€130 for 10 lessons.

Day of class : Friday

Keyboards are supplied for each pupil

We take children from Junior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class.

Students learn music from grade 1 to grade 8 level.

A section of each class is dedicated to playing chart hits and favourite tunes.

Group classes according to age and standard.

Recognised as a practical instrument for Junior and Leaving cert.

We are certified by The Victoria College of Music London.

Each pupil sits a grade exam at the end of the year according to their level.

Class times: 1.30pm-2.30pm: Junior/Senior Infants

2.30pm-3.30pm: Beginners

3.30pm-4.30pm: Beginners (9-12 years)

To reserve your place please contact Krishna on 087 2022505

[www.creativekeyboards.ie](http://www.creativekeyboards.ie) 01 485 4536

Creative Keyboards: Please contact this private company directly, not the school office.



Afterschool **Coding, Technology** and **Computer** Classes by TEKcentral at Gorey Educate Together NS, beginning Thursday 12th September Age 7+ Two groups: 3.00-4.00pm and 4.00pm-5.00pm.

See [www.tekcentral.ie](http://www.tekcentral.ie) for details.

Or telephone Frank Turner: 087 214 5988

*Please contact this private company directly, not the school office. (This activity is almost full.)*



**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 1st October 2019.

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. Please collect the children from the main school entrance at 3.30pm sharp. Thanks. Parent helper needed—please contact Daire Gohery, teacher.*