



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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Equality-Based Schools*

**June 2019:** 'Homework Strike for Climate Change.' See posters at our school for suggested environmental activities, (*instead of written homework!*) (Reading homework may continue as normal.)

**Wednesday 19th June:** School Tour. 6th class. Clara Lara Funpark, Rathdrum.

**Thursday 20th June:** School Tour. 4th class. National Aquatic Centre.

**Thursday 20th June:** Rescheduled School Trip. 1st class. Ballynastragh Gaels GAA Club (Kilanerin/The Rock/Ballyfad area.)

**Thursday 20th June:** Weekly singing lessons for 2nd class conclude. Tutor: Laura Maher, (in association with 'Music Generation' & Wexford County Council.) *Parents & guardians of the children in 2nd class are invited to an end of year performance in our PE Hall, 1.40pm (for 30 minutes approx.)*

**Wednesday 26th June, 7pm:** Evening event in honour of 6th Class. For 6th class & their parents. Recommended dress code for 6<sup>th</sup> class: 'smart casual.' (Nothing too 'grown-up' please! No make-up.)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: End of term. Classes finish at 12.15 (Infants) and 12.30 (1st–6th classes.)**

**Monday 1st July–Friday 12th July:** July Programme for our Special Classes for Children with Autism. (Usual school times apply.)

**Thursday 29th August 2019:** First Day of School. See school website for full calendar.

## Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, August 2019

Junior Infants: Suzanne Keane, Lisa O'Connor

Junior Infants: Edel McDevitt

Senior Infants: Deirdre Hogan, Caitriona O'Neill

Senior Infants: Orla Comerford

First Class: Daire Gohery, Katryna Kinsella (Suzanne's current SI)

First Class: Jacinta Hayes/Fiona Fay, Niamh Murphy (Deirdre's)

Second Class: Mary Foley, Teresa Carey (Roisin's current class)

Second Class: Teacher to be confirmed, SNA Ewa Minias (Orla's current class)

Third Class: Lynn Reddy, Jill Scragg/ (Daire's)

Third Class: Chloe Carton/Anna Wolohan (Deirdre's current class)

Fourth Class: Laura Dagger (Fergus' current class)

Fourth Class: Fergus Lacey (Katie's)

Fifth Class: (Louise Redmond)

Fifth Class: Brendan Breen, Pauline Carroll/Mary Kinsella (Mairead's current class)

Sixth Class: To be confirmed (Brendan's current class)

Sixth Class: Brian Quigley, Sue Balfe (Anna's current class)

Special Class for Children with Autism: Patrick Cashman, Edel Hogan, Annette O'Shea, Other SNA to be confirmed

Special Class for Children with Autism: David O'Shea, Ken Blackmore, Anna Caria

Special Class for Children with Autism: Martina Ivory, Paula Byrne, Sarah Jane Dowse, Sadie Harpur

Special Education Support Teachers: Imelda Wright, Patricia Sheil, Padraig Parle, Catriona Lane, Mairead Jordan, Aideen O'Donnell, Andrea Maher, Deirdre Flynn, Other to be confirmed.

*Again this year, teacher & SNA recruitment in many schools will be finalised during late-June/July. An updated staff list will be posted on our website during July.*



School Show.



PTA Clothes Swap

**Book Lists 2019 – 2020:** As usual, all books will be supplied in class. Please pay the full amount or €40 deposit by the end of June. A receipt is issued for all book payments. School reopens Thursday 29th August. Please pay the balance on your account by Monday 2nd September. This year, your child's books and supplies can only be passed on to their classteacher when the booklist has been paid for in full. Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to make any exceptions to the above.

Please help us to keep booklist totals as low as possible: **look after rental books very carefully and always return rental & library books to the school.** (Most rental books are in use in our older classes. Our younger classes use more workbooks.)

Eligible families may wish to apply for the '**Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance**': details available at Social Welfare, HSE and Citizens Information offices.

### Payment methods:

Bank Transfer: Gorey Educate Together NS, Account No: 03139099, Bank Sort Code: 93-36-43, AIB Bank, Main Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford. IBAN: IE24 AIBK 93364303139099 BIC: AIBKIE2D

Paypal: info@goreyeducatetogether.ie

Cheque: Payable to 'Gorey Educate Together NS'

Cash: Exact change only please - no cash kept on school premises.

For bank transfers and Paypal, please include details such as '**YOUR CHILD'S NAME books**' with the payment! (Additionally, you could email the payment explanation to the school office: [info@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:info@goreyeducatetogether.ie))

**Booklist Totals 2019:** Junior Infants - €95.30, Senior Infants - €91.60, 1st Class - €117.14, 2nd Class - €128.94, 3rd Class - €108.59, 4th Class - €92.94, 5th Class - €93.54, 6th Class - €93.54

**After-school supervision** (1.30-2.30pm) for the new school year: Parents can now register their interest — please contact the office. In September, places will be allocated on the following basis:

1. Junior & Senior Infants who use our *Bus Éireann* approved school buses.
2. If places remain available, they will be allocated to infants with siblings in 1st–6th classes and who live a considerable distance from the school.

Demand may exceed availability — families not using school buses should make contingency arrangements.



## Summer Stars Reading Programme

Be a Summer Star!

Encourage your child or pupils to read during the summer months with our free **S u m m e r Stars Reading Programme**. Children read 6 books during the summer to complete the challenge and collect fun rewards along the way. Open to all primary school children.

- From the staff at Gorey Library

Please check at home for school **Library Books, English books, rental books, etc.** Please return to the classteachers or the office.

Please check the school for **lost & found** clothing, etc. Items left after the end of term will be disposed of.

**Inhalers, Emergency Medicines:** Please remember to take these home for the summer. (Supply in-date medicines in the new school year.)

### 'Whole-School Buddy Walk'

*Promoting friendship, Preventing bullying*

(Every older class will pair with a younger class)

9.45am approx. Friday 21st June the children and staff will do a short walk 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.)

This is not a fundraising event.

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

The result of the school's application to *Science Foundation Ireland* for a 'Discover Science & Maths Award' for the 2018/2019 academic year will also be announced at this event.

Parents are very welcome to join us on the morning.

### Summer Camps at Gorey Educate Together NS

July 1st–5th Summer Stars: sports, art, music, science, baking, Louise Redmond, summerstarsgorey@gmail.com

July 1st-5th Designer Minds: science, design and technology summer camp, www.designerminds.ie

July 8th-12th The Brickx Club, lego, art, projects, games, Olive Doherty, 086 064 7911

July 8th-12th Star Camp, acting, singing, dancing, comedy, jokes, games, activities, www.starcamp.ie

These are all privately-run camps. Please contact the companies directly, not the school office.



PTA Clothes Swap and Sustainability Info Event: many thanks to everyone involved.

The sustainable products hamper will be raffled at the school this Friday morning (just before the Buddy Walk.) Tickets: €2 - €5.

### Ballynastragh Gaels Summer Camp

(Gaelic Football and Hurling)

29th July–2nd August

Venue: Tara Rocks GAA Club

€45

www.eventbrite.ie

Catherine 087 657 5544

Open to children from any school or club.

(Ballynastragh Gaels provide GAA coaching at Gorey Educate Together during the school year.)



'Creative Keyboards' will be starting keyboard lessons in your school in September.

Below are some details about the classes

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

Fee €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: Jnr/Snr infants

2.30pm-3.30pm: Beginners

4.30pm-5.30pm: Beginners

To reserve your place please contact Krishna on 087 2022505

[www.creativekeyboards.ie](http://www.creativekeyboards.ie)

Watch out for a flyer in your child's school bag in September.

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

TekCentral (technology/Coding) are also expected to return to us in the new school year (Thursdays.) Again, please contact that company directly, not the school office.