



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Monday 27th January: Introduction to Gymnastics for Senior Infants, 2nd and 4th Classes (6 Mondays.) Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn. (Visiting coaches again funded by this school's Parent Teacher Association [PTA.] Thanks!)

Thursday 30th January: Trip for 4th classes to Enniscorthy Castle.

Wednesday 5th February: Anti-Bullying workshops for 4th, 5th & 6th classes and school staff by Anti-Bullying Centre, Dublin City University.

Soccer Coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesdays. Current classes: Senior Infants.

GAA (Hurling) Coaching via Ballynastragh Gaels GAA Club continues on Thursdays. Classes: 1st and 3rd.

Living Arts, with visual artist John Busher. Continues every Monday for Brian and Lizzie's 6th classes.

Music Generation, (singing) with Lorna Maher of Slaney School of Music. Continues every Friday for Mary and Michaela's 2nd classes.

Chess Club: Next 'Leinster League' away match (at Wicklow Educate Together NS) - Wednesday 22nd January. Good luck to our school teams! (After-school chess club continues on Tuesday afternoons in Daire's classroom.)



Active School Flag: Help the children on our Active School Committee to earn a flag for Gorey Educate Together NS. Every day, complete some of the activities from the 'Super Troopers' journal. See school website for more Active School news.

School Enrolment laws are changing. From 1st February 2020, parents may only register their child's details with Gorey Educate Together in the year before their daughter/son is due to begin Junior Infants.

Therefore, our existing pre-enrolment lists for 2021, 2022 and 2023 will close on 31st January 2020. (Online registration via the school website will no longer be available, and paper forms will no longer be accepted after 31st January.)

It is envisaged that our pre-enrolment list for September 2021 will reopen during September 2020. We await further details from the Department of Education.

All names on our lists up to 31st January will remain valid. These families will not be required to re-register.

Following the recent public meeting in Gorey, parent volunteers will be at Gorey Educate Together this week to collect signatures for a petition **calling for the building of a new second-level school in North Wexford.**

The lack of secondary school places in the North Wexford area has been an issue of concern for a number of years. An agreement was reached recently that sees Gorey Community School and Creagh College create additional places for this year's sixth class pupils; these additional places will not necessarily be available for those going to second level after 2020, i.e. current fifth classes, fourth classes and so on.

The lack of places affects **all** school-going children in the area; stretched resources in the town's two secondary schools affect children enrolled there. Parent volunteers will be at Gorey Educate Together this week, please show your support for the campaign by adding your signature to the petition.

- from Parent Volunteers



'Active School' slogan competition. 'Active School' playground games by 5th class for Junior & Senior Infants. Learning about Chinese New Year.



'Nutty Scientists' after-school science classes: for Junior & Senior Infants and 1st-6th classes. Continues every Thursday, places still available. See www.nuttyscientists.com/ireland 087 9116117.

Other after-school activities: See past newsletters, (available on the school website.)