



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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*Educate Together -
Equality-Based Schools*

'At the meeting nominations should be invited for both a mothers' panel and a fathers' panel. Each nominee must be seconded by a person in attendance at the meeting.'

ELECTION OF PARENT NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2023

The term of the school's Board of Management will expire on 30/11/2019 and a new Board will take up office on 01/12/2019.

Two parents of children enrolled in the school (one being a mother and the other a father) will be elected by the general body of parents of children enrolled in the school.

A meeting will be held at the school at 7.30pm on Monday 11th November 2019.

At this meeting:-

Nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominees on the Board and a ballot will be held at the meeting to elect the nominees.

(If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominees shall be deemed to be elected. If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.)

A panel will also be established from which vacancies arising during the term of the Board may be filled.

See www.education.ie (search 'Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2019-2023') for further information on roles and responsibilities.

A 'Thank You' and information session was hosted by the current Board of Management on October 14th, and a very small number of parents were in attendance. A greater attendance at the meeting of 11th November would be much appreciated.

'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

Wanted: Donation of bike and/or go-kart (in good condition) for use by our special classes for children with autism. (Bicycle to be suitable for ages 8+, perhaps with stabilisers.) Contact Patrick (special class teacher) patrick@goreyeducatetogether.ie



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

Monday 21st October: Technology/virtual reality workshop at Gorey Library. (Patrick's special class.)

Tuesday 22nd October: Trip to Tinahely Farm. (Martina, David and Patrick's Special Classes.)

Wednesday 23rd October: Workshop with Author Brian Gallagher at Gorey Library. (Lizzie and Brian's 6th classes.)

Thursday 24th October: Science Fair by 5th and 6th classes. (Parents of the children involved can visit between 11am & 11.45am.)

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.)



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



Parents of 6th Class

Don't miss the enrolment deadlines for local Secondary Schools!

Please contact those schools directly.

Photos: Autumn in the Woods (Junior Infants.) 2nd class perform *The Twits*. See school website for more photos.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are collecting information about the use of reusable bottles in our school and trying to increase the use of them between now and the end of term. Please help us by sending reusable bottles where possible to school.

Thank you,

the children on the school's Eco 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 **this Friday**. (Remaining items will be taken to a Recycling Centre.)

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

