



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,
Welcome to my 35th (and final!) newsletter of the 2018-2019 school year - yet another rewarding year at GETNS. Together, we've accomplished so much since September!

Let's commend the children on their development over the past 10 months: the great thinking and learning, the kind-heartedness, the friendship and understanding, the mutual respect.

To the staff: thank you for the dedication and determination, the care, the flexibility and the creativity, day after day.

'Thank you' to the parents, guardians and grandparents who supported the school in so many different ways all through the year.

To the Board of Management, the Parent Teacher Association, the Parent Class Reps, the School Council: thank you! Your work was much appreciated.

This week we bid farewell to our eleventh 6th class! We wish them every success and happiness. Keep in touch!

At the end of August we will welcome many new families to Gorey Educate Together. (Most of these families were referred to the school by you... Thanks!) For them (and for us!) let's all keep up 'our good work.' Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer,

*Raymond Swan
Principal*



AND...

Congratulations to pupils and staff on the awarding of a Plaque of Excellence to the school by Science Foundation Ireland in recognition of our work in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM.) The award was announced during Whole-School Assembly on Friday last!

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

Friday 28th 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.



School Show:
see our website
for more
photos.

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)

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

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/Majella McGovern (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, Helen Quinn

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, Pdraig Parle, Catriona Lane, Mairead Jordan, Aileen 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.



Second Classes perform with Lorna Maher ('Music Generation' programme.)

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.)

Summer Stars

Reading Programme

Be a Summer Star!

Encourage your child or pupils to read during the summer months with our free Summer 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.)



Summer Camps at Gorey Educate Together NS

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

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.



'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 6th 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

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.