



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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## Final Newsletter of 2021!

A positive and rewarding school term is coming to an end....

At school level, over the past four months the children have benefitted from Edible School, Maths Week, Food Dudes and Green Schools programmes. Their Seed Sale and Climate Action fundraisers were very successful. The children also took action on 'Friday for Future!' In-school coaching programmes included: soccer, tag-rugby, hurling, Gaelic football, bodhrán and 'Music Generation.' Our senior classes had anti-bullying workshops, 'Lust for Life' surveys and visits from secondary school principals. Trips for our special classes, 3rd and 6th classes included: The Stables, Gorey; Irish National Heritage Park; and Tinahely Farm. The children were enthusiastic participants in school assemblies, pizza parties and Movie Day.

At classroom level, our class teachers, Support Teachers and Special Needs Assistants showed great dedication in caring for and encouraging all the children, day after day. Confidence grew and social skills blossomed. Great progress in English and Maths (and several other subject areas) was made possible by the careful planning and creative approaches of our staff. Many children had long lists of classroom activities they looked forward to every week: they loved coming to school - and we loved having them here!

Best Wishes for the festive season to all Gorey Educate Together NS pupils, families and staff,

*Raymond Swan*

Principal

Please note that some classes may go for short walks (or other outdoor breaks) over the next few days and during January, for additional fresh air!

(Down the walkway beside the Gaelscoil/ Creagh College and back.) If you do not want your child to go on these walks, please message their teacher (Class DoJo.)

**Wednesday 22nd December:** End of Term. Classes finish at 12noon (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th classes.) School reopens Thursday 6th January.

12noon bell: Collect Junior and Senior Infants. (Infants using the school buses or with older siblings in the school will be supervised by their teachers until 12.30.)

12.25pm bell: Children using school buses will leave their classrooms.

12.29pm: Buses depart the school. No cars should drive onto the school grounds until the buses leave. (Apart from the few cars collecting children with significant special needs.) Yes, cars can pull into the 'Bus Area' after the buses leave.

12.30pm bell: All other children will leave their classrooms (with their teachers.)

**Lost and Found:** Please check the classrooms and our overflowing lost and found box. At the end of term leftover items will be taken to a Charity Shop or Recycling Centre.

**Covid-19 Update:** For your information, over the past seven days, the number of new PCR-confirmed cases reported by parents to the school has dwindled to almost zero. However, let's all remain cautious. Children who are not well should isolate at home, and testing should be organised: follow HSE or GP advice.