



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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Please remind the children to look after their coats. Found clothing should always be placed in the lost and found box on the ground floor hallway. If your child takes the wrong coat home, please remember to return that coat to the school! Many thanks.

**Monday 30th January: School Closed. (Department of Education Curriculum Training for Staff.)**

**Monday 6th February: School Closed. Public Holiday.**

**Enrolment:** Families can now enrol new Junior Infants for September 2023. Please enrol via the school website [www.goreyeducatetogether.ie](http://www.goreyeducatetogether.ie) The enrolment period continues until January 30th.

**Swimming** lessons for the children in our special classes continue on Mondays. (Coral Leisure, Arklow.)

**Tag-Rugby** coaching with Georgia Harris, Leinster Rugby, continues on Mondays/Tuesdays at the school for our 5th and 6th classes.

**Hurling** coaching for Junior & Senior Infants, with Seamus Byrne, Tara Rocks GAA Club continues on Wednesdays. (Mini-hurls provided by the school.)



**Music Generation** lessons for 2nd classes continue on Fridays. (Diarmuid Comerford.)



Dear Parents & Guardians,  
We will teach the updated personal safety education programme called **Stay Safe** over the next several weeks.

The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or

dangerous.

It deals initially with common situations which most children may experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting **lost** or being **bullied**. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from **physical or sexual abuse** and emphasises the importance of telling a trusted adult about any problems they have.

The Stay Safe programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. Co-operation between parents and teachers is essential to the success of this programme. It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home.

**Please familiarise yourself with the content of the updated Stay Safe lessons by reviewing the lesson plans, videos and other resources at [STAY SAFE - The Child Abuse Prevention Programme | PDST](http://STAY SAFE - The Child Abuse Prevention Programme | PDST)**



## After-School Activities

**Mondays: Fit Camp** Full

**Tuesdays - New - 'Sunshine Studio Drama Club.'** Full

**Tuesdays: Science** Full

**Wednesdays: Basketball** begins Wednesday 25th January Full

**Thursdays: Tennis** Full

**Thursdays & Fridays: Spanish** Beginning Thursday 26th January. To book, contact Ruben Cerrato (Spanish & PE teacher) [spanishgorey@gmail.com](mailto:spanishgorey@gmail.com) or call 085 122 0709 (The lessons for 4th, 5th and 6th classes are full. Places remain available for Junior and Senior Infants and 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.)

**Fridays: Music (Keyboards.)** Continues on Fridays, 1.30pm and 2.30pm groups. See [www.creativekeyboards.ie](http://www.creativekeyboards.ie)

**Fridays: Astronomy Club** Full

**Homework Club:** Continues on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes, 2.30-3.30pm. Organising teachers: Laura Dagger & Oisín Dunbar. (Laura and Oisín are contactable via Class Dojo.)

**Tuesdays - New - 'Sunshine Studio Drama Club.'** Full

Photos:

Tree planting last Sunday at the school.

Martin Luther King Junior assembly by 6th class.

Safety skills assembly by Senior Infants.

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