



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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How are
we doing?

Take our
**PARENT
SURVEY!**

Your views are important as we look at how we are doing in selected areas of school life, (in keeping with Department of Education Circular 0056/2022 on in Wellbeing Schools.)

Families of current pupils are invited to complete this survey by Wednesday 26th April:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GoreyETNSparents>

One response per family is requested.

All responses are anonymous, unless respondents choose to add their name.

Thanks in advance for all responses!

Many of our pupils will also be asked to complete a similar survey in school later this month. (If you do not want your child to participate, please let their teacher know.)

"My Self Portrait"



Huge congratulations to Lilia in 4th class, who won 1st prize in the 9-11 year olds section of the National Children's Art Competition!

[Texaco Childrens Art gallery-2022-catD](#)

Wednesday 19th April: Good luck to Tadhg in 5th class who will represent our school at the Spelling Bee County Final in Wexford Town!

Wednesday 19th April: Good luck to the teams from 5th and 6th classes who will represent our school at the FAI 5-a-side soccer competition at Gorey Celtic Football Club!

Wednesday 19th April: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesdays. Current group: First Class.

Wednesday 19th April: GAA coaching with Seamus Byrne, Tara Rocks GAA Club returns. Current classes: 2nd and 3rd.

Friday 21st April: 'Heritage in Schools' nature/biodiversity workshops with Orla Bates return. (Every class 1st-4th, over the next 3 weeks.)

Friday 21st April: Final day to order school photographs. <https://www.imagemasters.ie/order>

Wednesday 26th April: Junior Entrepreneur Programme. 'Showcase Event' by the two 6th classes: details to follow.

Monday 1st May: Public Holiday. School Closed.

The full 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 calendars can be viewed on the school website.

Wednesday 28th June, 7pm-9pm: End of Year Event in Honour of Sixth Class. (For 6th class pupils and their parents.)

Please continue to support our Edible School gardening project.

Parent volunteers are needed most Friday mornings. (See Class Dojo for details.) No previous gardening experience is needed!

Parent
Volunteers

After-School Activities

Mondays: Cricket. Cancelled, due to low bookings.

Mondays: Play Club. This activity will be readvertised in the next couple of days: check Class Dojo.

Tuesdays: Science has finished for the current school year. (Returns in September.)

Tuesdays: Drama has finished for the current school year. (A new version will commence in the autumn.)

Wednesdays: Basketball restarts this Wednesday, for 5 Wednesdays, 2.30-3.30pm. A few places remain available. To book, please send child's name and €25 to the school office. All funds raised will go to the school's PTA. Organising parent volunteer: Ruben Cerrato.

Wednesdays: Nature Explorers restarts this Wednesday, 19th April. Infants 1.30-2.30pm and older classes 2.30-3.30pm. Organising parents Claire McCreesh and Sandra Sheridan. To book, please send cash and child's name to the school office. €30 for 6 Wednesdays. Gardening/nature activities, (outdoors, unless it is raining.)

Thursdays: Tennis continues until Thursday 27th April. After that, a new term will be advertised on www.jtsa.ie

Thursdays / Fridays: Spanish. Restarts this Friday, 21st April. To book, contact Ruben Cerrato (Spanish & PE teacher) spanishgorey@gmail.com or call 085 122 0709.

Fridays: Music (Keyboards.) Continues on Fridays, 1.30pm and 2.30pm groups. See www.creativekeyboards.ie

Homework Club continues on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. See class dojo for details. Organising teachers: Laura Dagger & Oisín Dunbar. (Laura and Oisín are contactable via Class Dojo.)

Parent Teacher Association News

Many thanks for all support with last term's Winter Raffle.

€3,045 was raised for the school!

Photos: 'Garden Birds' art by First Class.
International Day of Happiness (Learn Together work) by Second Class.
Ramadan (Learn Together work) by Second Class.



Dear Parents,

Soon we will be running additional woodland activities in our Outdoor Classroom - many enjoyable learning experiences and games will take place in this wonderful space. We hope to collect some materials to use, with the added benefit of **reusing and repurposing unwanted items** you may have at home!



Here is a list of items we are seeking:

- waterproof covers to use for fort building e.g. old tents, tarpaulin.
- wooden baskets to store and collect materials
- natural materials to use for construction e.g. wooden cuttings, pine cones, sticks.
- old yoga mats or carpet squares to sit on.

Thanks for your help,
Deirdre Hogan,
Support Teacher (Senior Infants)