



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

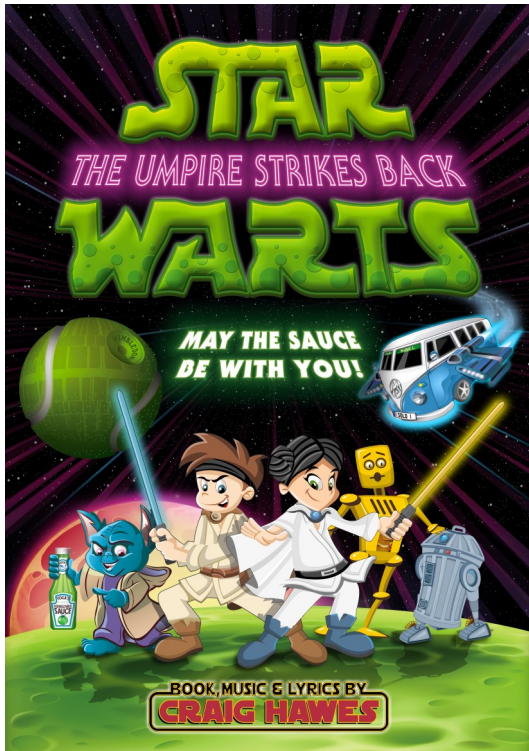
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*Educate Together -  
Equality-Based Schools*



School Show "Star Warts, The Umpire Strikes Back" starring children from our senior classes: 7.00pm-8.00pm, Thursday 22nd June.

(There was an error in last week's newsletter: the correct starting time is 7.00pm.)

Venue: Gorey Educate Together NS.

The above show is for parents, grand parents, teenage/older siblings, etc.

**All current Gorey Educate Together NS pupils will see the show (for free) during school hours on Thursday 22nd June.**

(The children taking part should be dropped to the school at 6.15pm. Thank you.)

(To allow for final set-up and rehearsals, doors will open to ticket holders at 6.45pm only. Thanks.)

**Wednesday 21st June:** School Tour—Senior Infants. Tinahely Farm.

**Tuesday 27th June:** School Tour—6th classes. Clara Lara.

**Wednesday 28th June, 7pm-9pm:** Event in honour of the class of 2023! For 6th class pupils and their parents/guardians. Recommended dress code for 6th class: 'smart casual.' (Nothing too 'grown-up' please! No make-up.)

**Friday 30th June:** End of Term. Classes finish at 12noon (infants) and 12.30pm (1st – 6th classes.)

**Monday 3rd July – Friday 14th July:** July programme for children with significant additional needs. Normal school times. FULL. Other families may be interested in the home-based programme. See: [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - [Summer Programme 2023: home-based programme \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

**Thursday 31st August:** First Day of School. See the school website for our full 2023-2024 calendar.

**Green Flag** celebration at the school 10am-10.30am this Friday, 23rd June. All are welcome.



We will raise the school's fifth Green Flag - in honour of Biodiversity!

The children will also attend a Green Schools party later in the

day, hosted by our 6th classes!



The Ukrainian flag will also be raised at the event — as a reminder of our ongoing welcoming of our pupils from Ukraine.



The pride flag will also be raised at the event — as a reminder of the inclusive, equality-based nature of our Educate Together school. (June is LGBT+ pride month.)

Morning drop-off and afternoon collection arrangements will remain the same in the new school year.

Reminder: no child can be dropped to school before 8.40am.

Please check at home for school rental books and library books. Return them to our teachers. Thank you.

School Reports will be available in your Aladdin Connect App from Monday 26th June.

### After-School Activities

Nature Explorers: finished Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Basketball: finished Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Homework Club: finished Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Spanish: finished Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Keyboards: finished Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Tennis: finishes Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.



*Sports Day!*

In 2016, Gorey Educate Together NS was one of the schools that piloted DCU's *All Together Now* programme (anti-bullying of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans young people) - a programme that was subsequently successfully launched into primary schools across Ireland.

These lessons were taught to our current 5th and 6th classes earlier this year, in tandem with the *Stay Safe* programme.

How are we doing?

Take our **PARENT SURVEY!**

Many thanks for completing our parent survey. (Over 60 responses were received.) Pupils and staff will be surveyed in the coming weeks or during September.

Results and actions will be shared with families in the autumn.



Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries each summer. Highly recommended!