



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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## School Disco, Friday 20th October

The children on our School Council invite you to attend our School Disco. Optional dress-up theme, as voted for by 1st–6th classes: **Halloween!**

Times: Infants, 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes: 6pm–7.30pm; older classes 7.30pm–9pm. (Families with siblings: come at the time that will work best for you, but get older children to sit out for the younger section and vice versa.)

*New: this disco will also include 'sensory friendly' slots from 7.10pm–7.30pm and 7.30pm–7.50pm, when the music volume will be turned down much lower than usual.*

Entry: €2 per child; pre-schoolers free; maximum family charge €5. Also, tuck shop open on the night. (Children to bring coins with them, rather than notes.)

Please note that this event is for current Gorey Educate Together families only - we wouldn't have room for cousins, neighbours, past pupils, etc.

For safety: no long, dangling jewellery; no toy 'weapons' - guns, swords, lasers, pitch-forks, props, etc.

As usual, most parents will stay with their children (especially J1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> classes.) However, we also need specific parents to join a rota of hall & door supervisors and shopkeepers: **to volunteer for an hour, please watch out for a message from your Parent Class Rep. Thank you.**

Wanted: donations of buns, cookies, cake slices, etc. for the tuck shop. These can be dropped to the school on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th. (Green Schools reminder: Items without excess plastic packaging are especially welcome!)



**Voluntary contributions programme:** Please check your child's school bag for letters and envelopes regarding Voluntary Contributions. (These were distributed last week.)



*Apple Harvest:  
Not as many eating apples as usual, (we won't need help distributing them to some of our classes.)*

*Open Classroom event:  
many thanks for visiting in such large numbers!*



**Rainbows Ireland** - "Supporting Children with Bereavement and Parental Separation." Gorey Educate Together NS will restart face-to-face Rainbows sessions for some of our pupils. These after-school sessions are run by trained staff volunteers. Please email Majella McGovern (SNA) [rainbows@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:rainbows@goreyeducatetogether.ie) to register your child. (Families who registered in the past will need to re-register.) For general information on this free programme visit [www.rainbowsireland.ie](http://www.rainbowsireland.ie)



Home-school communication remains important to us:

Our Class Teachers are contactable via Class DoJo and Email (see Newsletter of 3rd October for class teacher email addresses.)

The email addresses of our Support Teachers are listed below:

orla@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Junior Infants)

deirdrehogan@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Senior Infants)

maryf@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly First Class)

brendan@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Second Class)

lynn@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Third Class)

padraig@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Fourth Class)

brian@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Fifth Class)

aideen@goreyeducatetogether.ie (mainly Sixth Class)

imelda@goreyeducatetogether.ie (Various classes. Coordinator.)

**Information Meeting, Wednesday 11th October, 1.00pm-1.25pm:** Parents and Guardians of the new Junior Infants are invited to attend a short information meeting with Muireann, Lizzie and Raymond. (Daily routine in the infant classroom, lunches, clothing & footwear, homework, learning to read, etc. )

*The Junior Infants will be supervised by other staff during this meeting.*



*Last week's Walk to School event.*

### **ELECTION OF PARENT NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The current term of the school's Board of Management will expire on 30/11/2023 and a new Board will take up office on 01/12/2023. Two parents of children enrolled in the school (one being a mother and the other a father) must be elected by the general body of parents of children enrolled in the school.

**A meeting will be held at the school at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023.**

At this meeting:-

Nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominees on the Board.

A ballot will be held at the meeting to elect the nominees. If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominees shall be deemed to be elected. If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.

A panel will also be established from which vacancies arising during the 4-year term of the Board may be filled.

See [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) (search 'Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023-2027') for further information on roles and responsibilities.

### **PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**This meeting will also take place at 7.45pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023.** A report on the work of the Association over the past year will be presented.

A number of volunteers are needed to join the Organising Committee for 2023-2024, and parents are asked to consider putting themselves forward during this meeting.