

## Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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**Monday 6th November:** 'Music Generation' singing lessons with Diarmuid Comerford continue on Mondays. Current classes: 4th, 5th and 6th.

**Tuesday 7th November:** Swimming lessons for our Special Classes for Children with Autism restart. (6 Tuesdays.)

**Wednesday 8th November:** Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues. Current classes: First Class.

**Thursday 9th November:** Optional vaccinations. (Junior Infants.)

Saturday 18th November, 7.30pm: 'Sing Out Loud' concert at Wexford Opera House. (4th classes.) Tickets ordered via the

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week. Other tickets **Wexford**Operahouse might become available via the Opera House website.

**Wednesday 29th November:** Classes finish at 12noon (infants) and 12.30pm (older classes.) Primary language curriculum training for staff. (Infants with older siblings and infants who use the school buses will be supervised until 12.30pm.)

**Monday 4th December:** Week of Parent Teacher Meetings. Details to follow....

<u>End of Year Performances for families:</u> (PE Hall)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** End of year songs, poems, etc. by Infants [11.30am], 1st and 2nd classes [1.00pm.]

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** End of year songs, poems, etc. by 3rd and 4th classes [**11.30am**], 5th and 6th classes [**1.00pm**.]

Intel Mini-Scientists Science Fair at our school on Thursday 9th November.

Parents of the participating children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are very welcome to visit the fair between 11am and 12noon.

**Board of Management:** Olive Doherty and David Bolger were elected as Parent Nominees to the school's new Board of Management 2023-2027. More details to follow....

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** The following parents were elected as officers of the new organising committee:

Chairperson: Joanne O'Grady

Secretary: Pauline Reid Treasurer: Julie Kennedy

Parent Class Representatives Coordinator: Sarah

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The report on the activities of the PTA over the past year included: School Discos, Swap Events, Mural, Edible School gardening project, coffee mornings, walk to school events and fundraising raffle.

**Attendance** "Make Education important in your home! It is not OK to miss school. It is not OK to be late. Be proud of a good attendance and punctuality record."

"Attend today... achieve tomorrow."

The children can only be marked present if they are in attendance when each morning roll is called.

Parents should explain the reasons for all school absences using the Aladdin Connect App.

High levels of nonattendance are reported automatically to the National Education Welfare Board.

Standard reminders regarding the importance of school attendance may issue to some families via the Aladdin Connect App.





Head Lice and Threadworms are relatively common amongst children. Parents are asked to help minimise the spread - please make regular checks and seek advice from your GP, chemist or other healthcare practitioner. Encourage hand washing.

Let's reduce the number of slips and falls at school!

The children should wear sturdy, non-slip runners or shoes.









The children on our school council, who helped run the recent school disco!

"The next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, November 9th at the school. We will be discussing plans for the Winter Fair amongst other



Also, a big thank you and welcome to our new PTA committee members who were elected at the recent AGM.

Treasurer - Julie Kennedy, Parent Rep Coordinator - Sarah Deveney, Secretary -Pauline Reid. Chairperson - Joanne O'Grady (re-elected).

A very big thank-you to outgoing members Tony Ahern (Treasurer), Barbara Morrell (Secretary) and Claire McCreesh (Parent rep coordinator), who have contributed their time and expertise to the PTA for many years.

Hoping you all had a relaxing and enjoyable mid term break!"

- Joanne

