

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Tuesday 15th March: 'Proclamation Day' for schools. The National Flag (presented to us last term by the Defence Forces) will be raised.

Wednesday 16th March: End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th.) No after-school supervision session. School buses depart at 12.30 - infants using buses and infants with older siblings will be supervised until 12.30. **School reopens to pupils Monday 4th April.**

Sunday 27th March: 5K Fun Run to send Ben Kelly to the Transplant Games, Liverpool, Summer 2016. Run, jog or walk. 10.30am from Naomh Eanna GAA Club, Gorey. See school noticeboard or contact 089 239 4638 for more info. Ben is a GETNS pupil. In association with the Irish Kidney Association and Transplant Team Ireland.

Tuesday 5th April: After-school Chess Club resumes.

Tuesday 5th April: 'Heritage in Schools' art programme for Andrea's 2nd class, Catriona's 3rd class and Brian's 4th class begins. Artist: Mary Wallace.

Wednesday 6th April: Hockey coaching with Gillian Bailey resumes on Wednesdays. (3rd classes.) Gum shields and runners must be worn. Shin guards recommended.

Wednesday 6th April: Soccer coaching with Mikael Allain continues on Wednesdays. Current classes: Lynn's 1st class and Fergus' 3rd class. Running shoes must be worn.

Sunday 10th April: Fundraising Draw in aid of *Kila's First Steps* and *Super Luca: Adventures in Therapy*. Kila is a GETNS pupil. Contact Ciara (parent) for tickets 085 7582261 or see school noticeboard.

Lost and Found: Please check the classrooms and our overflowing lost and found shelves, (opposite David's Junior Infant classroom.) (Wet items can be found outside, beside the oil tank.) **At the end of term leftover items will be taken to a Charity Shop or Recycling Centre.** (Apart from their own child's belongings, parents are asked not to remove items from the Lost & Found area.)

School Calendar 2016-2017

Term 1

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Thursday 1st September 2016

School closes Friday 28th October and reopens Monday 7th November

End of Term, school closes Thursday 22nd December

Term 2

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Monday 9th January 2017

School closes Friday 17th February and reopens Monday 27th February

School closed Friday 17th March

End of term, school closes Friday 7th April*

Term 3

School reopens to pupils at 8.50am, Monday 24th April 2017

School closed Monday 1st May

School closed Monday 5th June

End of term, school closes Friday 30th June

**Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th April 2017 are possible make-up days i.e. if the school was forced to close because of winter weather, etc.*

Every primary school will close for one additional day during 2016-2017 to facilitate whole-staff training regarding the revised English Language Curriculum. Date to be confirmed by the Department of Education & Skills.





Green Schools News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year the Green Schools Committee are working on the Travel theme. The aim of this theme is to encourage students, parents and teachers to walk, cycle, scoot, park n' stride, use public transport or carpool on the school run.

The committee have already carried out some surveys and a walkability audit on the pathways and roads close to our school. Results of these surveys are posted on our Green Schools notice board, across from Mary's Senior Infants classroom - so please have a look.

In the next term, we will be holding a **Park 'n' Stride Day** (date TBD, but probably the week of 11th Apr), where we will encourage parents/ guardians to drop their children off on the Woodbury Road and the pupils will walk to school from there for one day. Specific details will follow but we are looking for **parent volunteers** to ensure safety and to guide the way to the school. If you are interested in volunteering for this (time will be from 8.15 - 8.50) please contact Helen. Email address is helen@goreyeducatetogether.ie or call into my classroom.

There will be lots of fun and healthy benefits from participating in this theme so we would really encourage you as a parent/ guardian to get involved and to promote this with your children too.

Looking forward to some fresh morning air and a healthy walk!

Helen, Lynn and Brian.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

GETNS

Art Club

Louise Redmond and Niamh Murphy will run an

Afterschool Art Club beginning

Tuesday 5th April for **8 Tuesdays** from 2.30 - 3.30

in Louise's Classroom.

If you're in **1st - 6th class** and love fun filled art/crafts come join our club.

€40 for 8 weeks.

Return the form below to the school office in an envelope with €40 labelled Niamh Murphy or Louise Redmond.

For more information contact louise@goreyeducatetogether.ie or niamh@goreyeducatetogether.ie

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Parent/ guardian signature _____

PTA Afterschool Programme: Introduction to Bodhrán

Fergus Lacey will facilitate a 7 week course in Bodhrán playing, starting on Monday the 11th of April and Thursday 14th April. Time: 2.30-3.30pm. Venue: Fergus' classroom. Classes 1st -6th only.



To enrol, please send an envelope with payment to the school office, with parent/guardian's name and contact details, child's name and class. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, beginning tomorrow. Maximum: 12 children per class. €35 for 2 Mondays or €35 for 2 Thursdays. €5 sibling discount.

- from the PTA committee*

*For now, the above Bodhrán activity will be organised by the school office.

Please specify your preferred day at time of booking: Monday, Thursday or 'No Preference.' (An attempt will be made to keep numbers as even as possible.)