



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

(St. Laurence O'Toole's National School)

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This week we celebrate Wellbeing and Inclusion Week. All classes are taking part in many different activities throughout the week which focus on the topics of our personal wellbeing and inclusion. Our message throughout the week is to be proud of who we are and remember that we are all special and unique. We all need to remember that it is important to do things that make us happy and to accept that others may enjoy other things, but that is okay too. Throughout the week, classes will be completing Wellbeing Journals. The junior classes are taking part in Wellbeing Stations and senior classes are completing projects based on the topic of Inclusion which will be presented in the hall, the School Hub and assembly.

Every class in the school is contributing to a whole school display entitled, "I am" which will be fantastic once complete. This week in assembly we will be all singing a song together "Power in Me" to remember how special we are in our own way. On Tuesday, all classes received a yoga session to help to centre and reconnect. It was a lovely opportunity to take time out, relax and breathe.

Non-Uniform Day for Aslam

On Friday we will have a non-uniform day. This will be an opportunity for children to wear their own clothes into school and

acknowledge that we are all unique and have our own style and preferences. We are encouraging families to donate €2 per child through Aladdin and this money will be donated to the charity Aslam for Autism.



Ms Collins Class enjoying Yoga

In School Management Team

We have been very lucky this year to have a very good In School Management (ISM) team in St Laurence O'Toole's. The management team works closely together and with all staff members to progress school development in terms of curricular development and implementing new and existing initiatives and strategies. The ISM team is involved with day to day management within the school and ensures that our children are the centre of all we do. As Principal, I have been very lucky to have worked Ms O'Brien, Ms Walsh, Ms Healy and Ms Dunphy this year on the team. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank them for their continued support and hard work.

New Deputy Principal

As we move into the 2022-2023 school year, there will be changes to our ISM team. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that a new Deputy Principal has been appointed. **Ms Kim Kelly** will be joining our team and will begin at the beginning of the school year. She is highly accomplished and really looking forward to working with all the children and families in Roundwood. Ms Kelly will attend our **Open Day on June 8th** and it will be a great opportunity for us all to welcome her to the school.

First Holy Communion

Many of our 2nd class pupils are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion which will be celebrated this Saturday at 11am in the Parish Church. We are looking forward to celebrating this very special ceremony with the children who have worked hard and are just about ready to receive their first holy communion.

6th Class Transition Programme

Our 6th class pupils will be taking part in a Transition Programme run by Student Enrichment Services this week. This programme will help to prepare them for the transition into secondary school next year.



***1st and 2nd classes had a great tour to
Woodfield House***



Solstice Walk in aid of Roundwood NS

We are delighted to announce that there will be a Solstice Walk taking place on June 21st from Luggala to Lough Dan. This walk is a fundraiser organised between Luggala and the school and any money raised will be donated to the school. It is sure to be a lovely activity for families to enjoy together. Please see below the link for tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8k-solstice-walk-luggala-to-lough-dan-in-aid-of-roun>

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Track and Field Competition

Well done to our pupils who entered the Wicklow Track and Field event last week in Greystones. Roundwood took home many medals on the day and it was enjoyed by all who took part!



Participants in the Track and Field Events

WANTED: Extra Curricular Activities

If you have any skills or interests or know of any clubs or individuals who would be interested in running after-school clubs in our school next year, please contact the school with details and we will follow up. Please contact the office at 01 2818399 or roundwoodns@gmail.com



Ms Healy's senior infants working on number strategies

School Tours

All parents are reminded that they must tick the consent button on Aladdin for their child to attend a school tour. Payment links will be sent through Aladdin also. All consent and payments must be given at least 3 days before the school tour.

Summer Camp

Please see below details of a summer camp running in the school by Kraftworx from 18th - 22nd July.



History Quiz

Our 5th and 6th class pupils will be taking part in the first Roundwood Historical Society History Quiz on 7th June in the Roundwood Parish Hall. The quiz is open to Roundwood NS, St Kevin's, Laragh and Moneystown NS. It is sure to be a fun and competitive event for all involved!

Spanish Classes

Our 6th class pupils will be taking part in Spanish classes for the month of June. This will be an opportunity for our pupils to get a taster for a European language before moving into second level.



Ms Fox's class learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar

New Uniform Jumper

The new school jumper is in production and the Schoolwear House, Greystones are awaiting delivery. Parents wishing to purchase a new jumper can click on the link below and enter your email address under the order, you will be sent an email when it is available.

<https://schoolwearhouse.ie/product-category/st-laurence-otoole/>

From September, the school uniform will therefore be as follows:

Wine crested jumper, blue polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, wine or grey socks

PE days: Wine crested jumper, blue polo shirt, dark grey tracksuit bottoms

Busy Bees

There is a vacancy in Busy Bees beginning September 2022. This role will be working with children in Junior Infants and Senior Infants who avail of the service. Duties include - supervision, organising art and craft activities, organised outdoor and indoor play, supervision during snack time, safe collection from school. The hours are 2pm to 3pm, Monday to Friday, term times. No prior experience is required but an interest working with children is a must! Please contact Jennie-Lee at busybeesroundwood@gmail.com or contact the school office directly at roundwoodns@gmail.com

If we do not have staff to work in Busy Bees, the school will be unable to run this group going forward.

SCHOOL NOTES



Important Dates:

First Holy Communion: 28th of May

Wellbeing and Inclusion Week: 23rd - 29th May

Active Week: 13th - 17th June

Sports Day in An Tochar GAA: 15th June

Graduation: 23rd June @ 11.30am

Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

If you have any concerns of a Child Protection nature, Ms Sinéad Sharkey is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in the school. Any concerns can be brought directly to Ms Sharkey. If Ms Sharkey is not available, Ms Chloe O'Brien is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) and will deal with any issues in the absence of Ms Sharkey.

Please note that our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be viewed on our website www.roundwoodns.ie

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Sinéad Sharkey