



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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### 1st June 2022

We are now into June and our final few weeks of the school year. It has certainly been a busy year and as we have moved from the strict restrictions of term 1 to where we are today, it is a great achievement for us all.

All booklists have been distributed for next year and this is a reminder to families to please pay the **Class Extras payment via Aladdin before the 24th June**. Paying on time enables us as a school to get all supplies and resources ready for September and to ensure that we are able to plan for the year ahead.

### Non-Uniform Day for Aslam

Last week, to mark the end of Wellbeing and Inclusion Week, we held a non-uniform day where children could wear their own clothes and show off their own individual styles. The school community raised €388 for Aslam. Aslam is a wonderful charity which strives to ensure that people with Autism have the same chance as others in relation to going to school, living their lives, getting jobs and accessing public services. They work hard for advocacy, development of resources and support. Thank you to all families who donated to the charity on our school's behalf.



### First Holy Communion

Many of our 2nd class pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion in the Parish Church last Saturday. The sun shone for the occasion and the whole ceremony was beautiful. The boys and girls did themselves proud on the day and are a credit to their families and teachers. I would like to especially thank all the parents who volunteered their time and baking skills to provide teas/coffees and treats for the Communion class and their parents after the ceremony.



*Our Communion Class 2022*

### School Choir

A very special thank you to all the children who sing in our school choir. It was wonderful to hear the choir sing again at

the Communion for the first time in two years. All children deserve a special thank you for giving up their Saturday morning to sing for the ceremony. A special thank you to Ms Healy for conducting the choir and Ms Fox for providing the music.



***Our school choir at the Communion***

### **Anti-Bullying Policy Annual Review**

The Board of Management wishes to inform you that the annual review of the anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 10th May 2022. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in appendix 4 of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

*J.Fitzmaurice, Chairperson of BoM*

*S.Sharkey, Principal*

Our Anti-Bullying Policy can be viewed on our school website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie) and a copy is attached with this email for your attention also.

### **Open Day**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and children into the school next

### **Wednesday 8th June from 4pm to 6pm.**

This is a great opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and see the school. We are very aware that this has not been possible over the past two years so if you are free, please come along for a little while and maybe even have a cuppa with other parents on the day! There will be a talk for parents of all new Junior Infants in the hall at 4.30pm.

### **Bike Week**

Next week our Junior and Senior Infants will receive a Safe Cycling lesson with Tarja Owens and Niall Davis from [biking.ie](http://biking.ie) in as part of our Bike Week activities. All children involved are invited to bring their bikes and helmets in on **Tuesday 7th June** to take part in what will be a fun and informative session for all!



### **Adíos**

We said a fond farewell to our two Spanish Students, Mario and Gabriella, who have been studying with us for the past month. Both Mario and Gabriella were a wonderful addition to the school and engaged with school life with good humour and ease. Thank you to the local families who hosted these students - the cultural exchanges have been very successful this year. There was a

presentation for the children on their last day during our weekly assembly.



**Presentation to Gabriella and Mario**



**4th Class presentation for the Glendalough Project on display in the Brockagh Centre in Laragh - all are invited to attend and view displays**



### **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-roundwood-national-school-tickets-320880902417?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



### **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](mailto:roundwoodns@gmail.com)

### History Quiz



Our 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils are busy learning all about local history in preparation for the Roundwood Historical Society Inter-Schools History Quiz next week. May the best school win!!

### Learning all about Bees

Our infant classes were treated to a special talk from Mr Grant last week. He explained all about beekeeping and the importance of bees for us all. He had the full outfit and the children really enjoyed the talk.



***Mr Grant talking about Beekeeping in our outdoor classroom in the nature garden***

### 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. Please contact Naoise at [kraftworxclasses@gmail.com](mailto:kraftworxclasses@gmail.com)



### Well done Spotlight Stars!

Many of our pupils who are involved with Spotlight Studios Musical Theatre group took part in a show last weekend. The show was called "Just Shine!" and was held in Gorey Little Theatre. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part - a great achievement and wonderful experience for all involved!



**Children on stage with Spotlight Studios**



### **3rd class Art Workshop with David Begley**

Our 3rd class pupils completed their final workshop with local artist David Begley last week. Please see below children engaging in still life painting. It was a wonderful experience for all the children and a very large thank you to the parent involved in organising these workshops.



**Still Life Painting - 3rd class**

### **Important Dates:**

**Active Week: 13th - 17th June**

**Sports Day in An Tochar GAA: 15th June**

**Graduation: 23rd June @ 11.30am**

**School closes at 12.30pm for Summer holidays: 24th June**

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Sinéad Sharkey

### **SCHOOL NOTES**

#### **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 (DDL P) 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](http://www.roundwoodns.ie)