



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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### 1st September 2022

It was wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to school yesterday - the sun was shining and everyone was in great spirits as children and staff all reconnected after the summer break.

A very special welcome to our new Junior Infants. Our youngest pupils are settling well into school life with Ms Power and it is great to see such enthusiasm as they negotiate the first few days of school.

A special welcome also to our new pupils who have joined us from other schools this year - all new pupils are getting lots of support from their new teachers and classmates and it is great to have you with us.

I would like to extend a welcome to two new staff members this term. Welcome to Ms Kim Kelly, our new Deputy Principal and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Also, a big welcome to Ms Kavanagh who is teaching 3rd class while Ms Walsh is on maternity leave.

### A fond farewell to Mrs Eithne Kavanagh

Over the summer the school community and the community in Roundwood itself bid a very sad farewell to Mrs Eithne Kavanagh. Eithne Kavanagh was a teacher and Deputy Principal in St Laurence O'Toole's for many, many years and she will be sadly missed by all her former

colleagues, past pupils, present pupils, family and friends. As a school we will commemorate her contribution to our school accordingly in due course.

### Important - Permissions on Aladdin

Can all parents please check your Aladdin App and look at Permissions that are pending. Our Code of Behaviour and Acceptable Use Policy have been updated and these both need the consent of all parents. It is important that all parents are aware of what is happening in school and they give permission for certain school activities, for example, we need to know if parents would like their child's picture on our website/Facebook page. It is important that parents tick either 'consent' or 'no consent' so as a school we can make arrangements. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### What is going on in school?

Please check out our school website and download the app for recent photos of all that is going on in school as the year progresses. **Once all permissions have been received from parents in relation to photos on the website and Facebook, our school Facebook will go live.**

### Class Extras

Thank you to all parents who have paid for their Class Extras for this year. This money is extremely important to help to ensure that we can provide the best possible materials for our pupils. If you have not

paid already, can you please pay via Aladdin. Thank you.

### After Schools Activities

Please check out our website <https://www.roundwoodns.ie/activities/after-school-activities/> for details of our After Schools clubs beginning this term. There will be additional clubs opening up as the year progresses and you will be notified.

### Thank you!

I would like to extend a very big thank you to **Clare Kilmartin** who organised a donation of sand for our Infant yard and buckets and diggers and spades also. It is wonderful to have such generous support from our parent body and on behalf of all the infants who use the yard - thank you very much!

Thank you also to **Ciara Healy** and **Lizzie Murphy** who gave their time and support to provide teas/coffees for our new Junior Infant parents on the first day. Next year, our current Junior Infant parents can pay back and help to support next year's entrants.

### Busy Bees

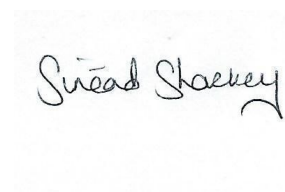
Busy Bees will go ahead this year. Busy Bees is our after school club which has been set up primarily for children in the infant classes who get the bus home at 3pm. Once places for the children availing of buses are allocated, it will be open to other children in Junior and Senior Infants on a first come, first served basis. Busy Bees will reopen on **Monday 19th September**. Please contact Jenni Lee @

[busybeesroundwood@gmail.com](mailto:busybeesroundwood@gmail.com) or 086 8787400 for more information or to sign up.

### Solstice Walk in aid of Roundwood NS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to **Lorraine Creane** for all the hard work organising the Solstice Walk and to Lorna Kelly from Luggala for accommodating. Funds have been raised for the school which will be allocated for school development in due course.

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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 Kim Kelly 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](http://www.roundwoodns.ie)