



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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We are all settling well back into school for our first week of school this year. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many different staff members who work hard everyday in our school. We have a hard-working and committed SNA team which consists of **Eavan Cullen, Eileen Molloy, Marian, Mellett, Roisin O'Connor Foote and Sheila Donelon**. Our SNAs are constantly on the ground working with children and are the most obliging and flexible group of people you could ask for. They are constantly on hand to assist everyone and anyone at all times.

I would like to also acknowledge and thank our hard working cleaners - **Irene Doyle and Beryl Delamere** who ensure that our school is kept clean and tidy at all times. Their good humour and hard work does not go unnoticed. **Brendan Evans**, our caretaker, is invaluable and keeps our school well maintained both inside and outside, rain or shine.

Our secretary **Chris Walker** is currently working hard from home. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she will be back in the building as soon as possible. Her hard work has continued in spite of being off her feet the past few weeks! If you meet any of these special people in the school, please say hello and thank them for all their hard work!

Admissions for 2023-2024 School Year

Our Admissions Policy and this year's Admissions Notice can be found on our website. Please note the dates for sending in application forms for the 2023-2024 school year:

Oct 3rd: Acceptance of applications
Nov 25th: School ceases accepting applications
Dec 16th: Parents notified of acceptance of place
Jan 20th: All places must be confirmed in writing to the school

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Ms Kelly is our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and she and the SEN team are busy testing and planning for the year ahead. Our SEN team this year is composed of Ms Kelly, Ms Fitzpatrick, Ms Morrisroe and Ms Mulhall. Extra support is provided to children throughout the school from junior infants to sixth class. This support varies from whole class support to group support to individual support. Within the next week, support will begin for children who require it. Ms Kelly will be in contact to introduce herself to parents in due course and to touch base regarding your child's extra support this year.

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.

- Spotlight on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3pm
- Kraftworx

- Creative Keyboards
- Anyone 4 Science

There will be additional clubs opening up as the year progresses and you will be notified.

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 or 086 8787400 for more information or to sign up.



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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 (DDLp) 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