



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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22nd March 2023

The sun has come out for us and everyone in the school is in a Spring mood! A reminder to all parents that the school is closed on Friday for staff training. We reopen on Monday as usual. School will close for the Easter holidays at 12.30pm on Friday 31st March and we will reopen on Monday 17th April.

Adios!

We will be wishing our Spanish students a fond farewell at the assembly tomorrow. Iago, Ignacio, Lander and Pablo have been a wonderful addition to our school over the past few weeks and we wish them all the best for their future. A big thank you to the host families from the community who welcomed the boys most heartily into their homes.

GAA Skills Competition

We had 8 children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes who took part in the North East Wicklow final of the Cumann na mBunscol G.A.A. skills' competition on Monday 13th March on the grounds of Bray Emmets. We ran our own internal skills' competition from interested children to determine our 8 representatives. The weather was not pleasant on the day and, while none of the children progressed to the County final, the consensus amongst the 8 children was that it was an enjoyable experience. Many of these children will be eligible to participate in the

competition again next year and this year's experience will stand to them again. Congratulations to the following children who represented our school:

Boys' Gaelic

1. Conor Burke (5th class)
2. Alex Murray (4th class)

Girls' Gaelic

1. Jessica O' Connor (5th class)
2. Lily Cunningham (6th class)

Hurling

1. Leon Giffney (5th class)
2. Conall Brady (5th class)

Camogie

1. Susie Ferguson (4th class)
2. Annmai Gaskin Kelly (4th class)

Lá Glas

Last week's Lá Glas was great fun for all pupils and staff. The PA raised €515 for the school - well done and thank you everyone!

Looking for Volunteers

As noted in the newsletter, the school has purchased new books with the Department of Education Libraries Grant. Jenni-Lee Harrop Brady and Hazel Ghani have been fantastic and have begun the process of covering books; however, ***we need more volunteers to help with this job.***

If you can give any time, please contact the school office with your name and we will get you started. Many hands make light work! Thank you in advance.

School Hall for Rent

If you are looking for a venue to host a meeting or club either as a once off event or long term, the school hall is available. Please contact the office with more details.

Centenary - Sunday 11th June 2023

We are beginning to get excited in school now as we enter our Centenary Year - 2023. Please save the date of Sunday 11th June 2023 as this is the day that we will be celebrating 100 years of our wonderful school! A fun day of entertainment, food, music, keynote speakers and presentations is being prepared and we look forward to welcoming all current and past pupils, families and community members to the school on the day. Further information will be posted as we move closer to the big day!

Arrival Times

Please note that supervision in the yard begins at 9.10am for pupils. The only children allowed into the school grounds before this time are children who have arrived by bus. All parents are asked to respect this rule and ensure children are not left at the school gates before 9.10am for their safety. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parents Association

What's On this Week from the PA?

The **AGM** for the PA will be held on Monday 27th March at 7pm in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Please click on the following link or check out our website to read the Parents Association Constitution:

<https://www.roundwoodns.ie/our-school/parents-association/>

Roundwood's Parents Association is a member of the National Parent Council (NPC). The NPC offers a wide range of free parental webinars that can be watched at any time. See the link <https://www.npc.ie/> or phone **01 887 4477** for additional information.

What is PA fundraising going towards?

The Parents Association fundraising is extremely important to the school. Fundraising alleviates the expense on parents throughout the year and ensures that our pupils have many more opportunities to engage in co-curricular and alternative activities to enhance their education throughout the year. The main areas where fundraising is spent are detailed below but this list is not exhaustive.

- Buses for school tours
- Buses for swimming (2nd/3rd)
- Celebration Weeks
- Music Generation (Ukulele lessons for 3rd / 5th classes)
- Sacraments
- Graduation / Hoodies 6th
- Transition Programme (6th)
- Treats for children
- Gifts / Donations
- School priorities / equipment / resources

Easter Camp - Spotlight Studios



Easter Camp - Kraftworx

Please go to Kraftworxclasses@gmail.com or www.Kraftworx.ie to book a place.



Is your child interested in playing the guitar?

Guitar lessons for all ages and abilities available.

- Basic/Fun Guitar
- Lead Guitar/Chords/Bass guitar
- Electric Guitar

- Preparation for Grades for the Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Reading/Writing of Music
- Theory of Music

Classes will be on Thursdays after school. For bookings and inquiries contact Nathan Nicholl on 0863311215.

Roundwood Review and Calendars

The Roundwood Review and 6th class calendars were a huge success. Well done to all the 6th class pupils, staff involved and of course to families and community members who agreed to be interviewed for the book. You can still purchase a copy of the Roundwood Review by contacting the school office directly.

Roundwood Lotto

A reminder to all families to purchase a lotto ticket for the draw this week. The Lotto Jackpot this week is **€28, 600** - if you're not in then you can't win! Our school is a beneficiary of lotto so in buying a ticket you are helping the school also.

Dates for the Do This in Memory of Me Masses for 2nd class Communion pupils:

- Saturday at 7pm

1st April
22nd April
10th June

Dates to remember:

School Closure:

Friday 24th March - staff CPD

Service of Light:

Tuesday 25th April @ 7pm

Easter Holidays:

Friday 31st March @ 12.30pm

School re-opens:

Monday 17th April @

Confirmation:

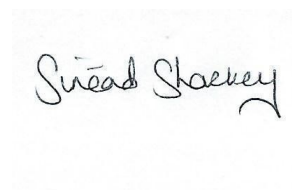
Saturday 29th April @ 11am

Communion:

Saturday 20th May @11am

instance. Teachers can be contacted via the Contact page on our website or alternatively, you can contact the school office directly to make an appointment to speak with the teacher. Please see our Communication with the School Policy on our website www.roundwoodns.ie

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Sinéad Sharkey

Principal

School Policies

For copies of any of our school policies, please refer to our website. All policies can be downloaded from the website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the office directly and we will provide you with one.

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 (DDL) 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

Communication with the School

If you have any concerns or queries in relation to your child or the school, please contact your child's teacher in the first