Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail
(St. Laurence O'Toole's National School)

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As we all look forward to the Easter break, I would like to thank all parents and families for their support of the teachers and school over the past term. Best wishes to all families over the break and I hope that you have time to relax with loved ones.

We have had a busy and productive term with lots of activities running throughout the school. We have celebrated Catholic Schools Week, Grandparents Day, Book Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge. In relation to sport, we have had an excellent term. We have competed in Athletics events, GAA Football blitzes, Hurling blitzes, Badminton tournaments, swimming lessons, GAA skills competitions and GAA coaching on a weekly basis. In the Arts, we had an amazing experience taking part in the Peace Proms and also taking part in the Music in Calary programme. We have also begun the Creative Schools programme and are working closely with an artist to develop creativity throughout the school. We have had great success in the Credit Union Quizzes from both our U13 and U11.

School will close for the Easter holidays at **12.30pm on Friday 31st March** and we will reopen on Monday 17th April.

GAA Football Final

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who performed exceptionally well in their Gaelic football final last week. The boys competed in the Division 1 league and faced teams from St. Kevin's Greystsones, Kilcoole N.S. and St. Laurence's, Greystones. The boys from Roundwood played some terrific football and, in the end when all matches were played, Roundwood and St. Kevin's finished top of the league and could only be separated by points difference. St. Kevin's pipped it by the smallest of margins. The Roundwood team were delighted to be presented with their runners' up medals. Congratulations to the following who were part of the team: Lorcan Byrne, Daniel Hanway, Luke Rooney, Jack Campbell, Finn Walsh, Max Casserly Byrne, Lorcan Gaskin, Philip O Connor, Zach Kavanagh, Rory Wolohan, Eoin Davis, Jack Higgins, Liam Fanning, Kyran Kearney and Fionn Stephens.

Credit Union Quiz National Final

We wish our 6th class quiz team the very best of luck this Sunday in the Credit Union Quiz final! Donnacha Treacy, Max Casserly Byrne, Luke Rooney and David Kearney will be representing Roundwood NS in the national final. This is a super achievement and very exciting for the school! Tom Brennan from Altura Credit Union came to the school to congratulate the boys, wish them all the best and to give a gift for each child (in addition to the

plaques and trophies that they have won!). Mr Flood has prepared and guided the team and a special thanks to all his extra work which has now paid off! We look forward to hearing how Roundwood fared against the best of the best from all over Ireland! Best of luck boys!

School Jerseys

A very special thank you to Mark Burke, MBA Systems, who is sponsoring the school to purchase new school jerseys. Our Student Council will take the lead in selecting designs and we are looking forward to seeing the jerseys in action! Thank you Mark and MBA.

Admission Policy

Our Admission Policy has been updated and is available on our website www.roundwoodns.ie for your attention.

School Closure

The school will be closed on **Monday 22nd May** for staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum and the Primary Curriculum Framework.

Junior Infant Welcome Day

All our new Junior Infants for the 2023-2024 school year are invited into school on Tuesday 20th June at 11.30am. Parents are invited to attend an information meeting on the day and familiarise themselves with the school. We are looking forward to meeting our new entrants already!

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held this year on Wednesday 14th June in An Tochar GAA Complex. More details to follow.

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?

Clothes Collection
The PA raised €250.50 from the recent clothes collection in the school. Thank you to all who contributed and to the PA for organising.

Easter Raffle
The two 6th classes and the PA have been busy selling tickets for the Easter raffle. To be in with a chance to win this fabulous prize, you can buy from any 6th class pupil. The winner will be chosen on Friday during assembly. There will also be a prize for the 6th class who sells the most tickets!

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

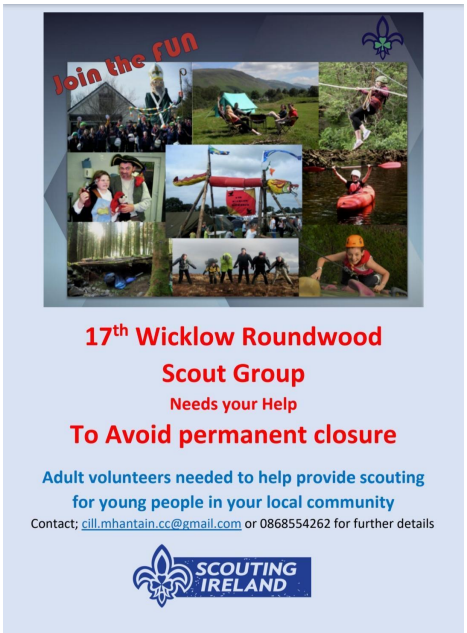
https://www.roundwoodns.ie/our-school/parents-association/

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

Roundwood Scouts
Roundwood Scout group are looking for leaders to enable them to start up cubs, beavers and scouts groups again in the area. For further information please email cill.mhantain.cc@gmail.com or call 086 8554262



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 **€10, 000**- 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

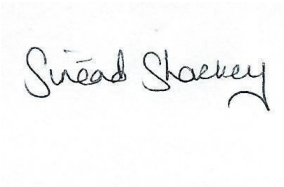
Dates to remember:

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
School closure:
Monday 22nd May

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Sinéad Sharkey
Principal

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

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 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

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.