



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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### 19th April 2023

It has been a great week to welcome all children and staff back to school with the sun shining down on us all! The weather lifts the spirits as we begin our final term of this school year which will be busy with many activities and events along the way. Keep up to date on events through the newsletter and website and continue to check your Aladdin for any permissions or details on tours which will issue.

### Credit Union Quiz National Final

We are all very proud of our 6th class boys who represented our school in the Credit Union National Final on Sunday 2nd April in the RDS. Donnacha Treacy, Max Casserly Byrne, Luke Rooney and David Kearney competed in the finals and there were mere points in the difference as the final scores were counted. Out of 42 teams from the whole county of Ireland, our school ranked 11th! Well done boys - you have done yourselves proud, your families proud and your school proud and you are great role models for the younger children who come after you. A big thank you again to Mr Flood for helping to prepare the boys and Eileen for her constant care and devotion with gifts and treats.

### Spelling Bee

We wish Niamh Lowe in 6th class all the best of luck as she competes in the Eason's Spelling Bee Wicklow Final on

Thursday 20th April. Niamh will represent our school on the day and we look forward to hearing how it goes. Best of luck Niamh - we are proud of you already!

### Centenary Celebration

We are celebrating 100 years of our school this year and to mark the Centenary we will be having a special event on Sunday June 11th 2023. Further details will follow shortly about this special Centenary event but we are currently making preparations in the background for it and we need your help!

Many of you are past pupils and therefore may have photos of school events, school outings or other photos depicting school life over the years. We have set up an email address and if you have any old photos that you would like to share, we would be very grateful for them. We will be compiling displays for the Centenary. By sending a photo you are agreeing that you are happy for this to be displayed in the school and possibly website.

Please send any photos to [centenary@roundwoodns.ie](mailto:centenary@roundwoodns.ie).

### School Tours

All school tours have been booked and further details will be issued to parents in due course on individual school tours. This year the following tours will take place:

Junior/Senior Infants: Greenan Maze and Farm, 23rd June

1st: Pine Forest, 6th June

2nd/3rd: Heritage Park, Wexford, 22nd June

4th: Alive Outside, Kilruddery, date tbc

5th: Alive Outside, Kilruddery, date tbc

6th: Jumpzone and Bowling, 23rd June

### School Uniform

As we are now moving into warmer weather children may come to school in shorts. A reminder that the options for shorts are either **grey shorts or An Tochar football shorts (or similar)**. Shorts must be loose and suitable for school, therefore not 'short shorts'.

A reminder also that **leggings are not part of the school uniform**. Children must wear grey tracksuit bottoms or grey trousers/skirts. Grey leggings are not part of the school uniform. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform.

### Assessment Week

We will be carrying out our standardised tests on the week of 8th - 12th May in 1st to 6th classes. Assessments consist of Drumcondra Reading, Drumcondra Spelling and SigmaT (Maths). The results of these tests will be communicated to parents prior to the end of the term. A test is a snapshot of where your child is at and is not a full account of their abilities and learning. A full school report will be issued to parents this term which will be comprehensive in relation to your child's progress in school.

### Transition to Secondary School

Parents may find this link helpful in making decisions about where to send their child to secondary school. It is never too early to begin thinking about this transition.

<https://www.npc.ie/training-and-resources/training-we-offer/transition-from-primary-to-post-primary>

Farewell Brendan!

We will bid a farewell to our wonderful Caretaker Brendan next week. He is moving on to a new position and while we will miss him, we wish him all the best for the future. He has been a wonderful addition to our school.

There is a position now open for the position of Caretaker in our school. This is a paid position of 16 hours per week. The hours are flexible and can be worked around current commitments and responsibilities. This position will suit someone who likes a varied workload, is 'handy' and able to use their initiative. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please contact the school office for more information - 012818399

### 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.

### **Parents Association**

#### **What's On this Week from the PA?**

##### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to the PA for organising the Easter Raffle this year. A wonderful €695 was raised in total and great fun was had in assembly when Jenni Lee came in to call the winners out of the drum! Thank you to all volunteers from the PA and the 6th class pupils who were involved in selling tickets and getting sponsorship to make it possible.

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](mailto:cill.mhantain.cc@gmail.com) or call 086 8554262



### Roundwood Lotto

A reminder to all families to purchase a lotto ticket for the draw this week. The Lotto Jackpot this week is **€10, 900-** 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**

22nd April

10th June

### Dates to remember:

#### **Confirmation:**

Saturday 29th April @ 11am

#### **Communion:**

Saturday 20th May @11am

#### **School closure:**

Monday 22nd May

#### **Last day of term**

Wednesday 28th June @ 12.30pm

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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 (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](http://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](http://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.