



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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We hope that our families who were celebrating Eid last weekend enjoyed a special time of celebration with friends and family.

Just a reminder to all that school will be closed next Monday 1st May as it is a bank holiday.

Confirmation

Many of our 6th class pupils celebrated their Service of Light last night in the parish church. The service was beautiful and all children attending were very respectful of the occasion.

We look forward to the Confirmation which will take place this Saturday at 11am in the church. As a school we look forward to celebrating this sacrament with children and their families.

Spelling Bee

A huge congratulations to Niamh Lowe in 6th class who represented our school in the Eason's Spelling Bee Wicklow Final on Thursday 20th April. Niamh ranked 2nd overall! A great achievement - well done again Niamh!

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.



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.

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/5th: Alive Outside, Kilruddery, date tbc

6th: Jumpzone and Bowling, 23rd June

Junior Infant Vaccinations

A reminder that the Junior Infant vaccinations will take place in the school next Tuesday 2nd May.

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. Please ensure your child is in school this week. 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>

Caretaker Position

There is a position 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.

Arrival Times

Please note that supervision in the yard begins at 9.10am for pupils. **Our school bell rings at 9.20am**. 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?

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



17th Wicklow Roundwood Scout Group
Needs your Help
To Avoid permanent closure

Adult volunteers needed to help provide scouting for young people in your local community
Contact: cill.mhantain.cc@gmail.com or 0868554262 for further details



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

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

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.