



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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3rd May 2023

Confirmation

Many of our 6th class pupils celebrated the sacrament of their Confirmation on Saturday in the parish church. The ceremony was beautiful and all candidates made themselves and their families proud. A special thanks to the PA for organising the teas/coffees afterwards. This is such a special occasion and made more special with a place to meet together before families go their separate ways. Without the support of the PA committee, this would not have been possible. On behalf of all the Confirmation families, thank you again. A big thank you also to Ms Healy, Ms Fox and our school choir who sang beautifully on the day and made the whole ceremony all the more special.

Homework Policy

We are currently reviewing our Homework Policy and are looking for parental input. A survey will be sent to all parents separately and I would like to encourage parents to take a moment to complete the survey as it will help us to develop our policy taking into account all perspectives.

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 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.

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

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?

The PA are having their next PA meeting on the **8th May at 7.30pm.** All welcome 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

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, 300-** 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:

School closed

Monday 22nd May

Communion:

Saturday 20th May @11am

School closure:

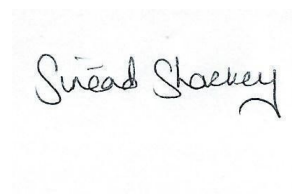
Monday 22nd May

Wednesday 21st June - Half day closure

Last day of term

Wednesday 28th June @ 12.30pm

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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 (DDLDP) 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