



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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10th May 2023

Bike Week

Next week is National Bike Week and we are getting involved again this year! We are delighted to have Tarja Owens and Niall Davis come to the school to teach Safe Biking Skills to our pupils from Junior Infants to 2nd class. Tarja and Niall will be with us on Wednesday 17th May. A detailed email has been sent to relevant parents already, but just to note that on the 17th, children are being asked to bring in their bikes and helmets to school to avail of the sessions.

EU Table Quiz

Congratulations to our quiz team of Max Casserly Byrne, Niamh Carpenter, David Kearney and Harrison Dunne who represented our school so well on Monday night at the county final of the Wicklow County Council organised E.U. quiz. This quiz took place in the Woodenbridge Hotel and was held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Ireland having joined the European Union. A total of 14 schools from all parts of Co. Wicklow participated and Roundwood N.S. finished in a fantastic 2nd place behind Blessington N.S. The school is delighted with their terrific achievement and the team received some lovely prizes on the night in recognition of their efforts. Well done everyone!

Roundwood Lotto

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

The Lotto is looking for more volunteers to help with the selling of tickets. This can be done via Revolut which makes selling automatic and reduces the need to meet people physically to collect money. Without the help of the community the Lotto cannot survive so we are calling out for more volunteers. Any little bit that you can help is appreciated. Please contact Terry @ 087 255 1579 for more information or to register your interest.

School Tidy Up - 20th May 2023

We are doing a school tidy up on **Saturday 20th May from 9am to 3pm**. This is to get the school looking great for the upcoming Centenary! We do not currently have a Caretaker and need all the assistance that we can get.

We are appealing to any mums, dads and community members who would be available to help to tidy up the school - you can come for any amount of time on the day - even 30 minutes would be a great help! We will be doing various jobs such as:

- light gardening

- painting
- screwing/fixing
- filling a skip / moving old furniture

No special skills needed - just enthusiasm and your time! Just turn up on the day and you will be very welcome. Teas/coffees will be provided. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

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.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th class Graduation will be held on **Tuesday 27th June at 11.30am** in the school hall. This will be a lovely ceremony to mark the end of our current 6th class' primary school education. Parents are invited to attend and there will be refreshments afterwards organised by the PA.

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.

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.

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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?

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

School Hall for Rent

- Gifts / Donations
- School priorities / equipment / resources

Dates to remember:

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 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

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.