



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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17th May 2023

### School Closure for Staff Training

A reminder to all families that school will be closed for pupils on **Monday next 22nd May** for staff training.

### First Holy Communion

Many of our 2nd class pupils are preparing to make their first Holy Communion this Saturday. The ceremony will take place in the parish church at 11am sharp. We look forward to celebrating this most special occasion with the children and their families.

### Bike Week

This week we celebrate National Bike Week. A very big thank you to Tarja Owens and Niall Davis for facilitating Safe Biking Skills sessions for our pupils from Junior Infants to 2nd class. Keep an eye out on the website for photos!

### Healthy Lunch Policy

A reminder to all parents that as per our Healthy Lunch Policy, **no sweets or chocolate is allowed** in to school for lunch. Foods high in sugar affect children's regulation and it is important that all children have a balanced lunch free from sugary foods to ensure that they can learn to the best of their potential. Please see our Healthy Lunch Policy on [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie) for more

information. We thank you for your support with this matter.

### 6th Class Transition to Post-Primary

A reminder to all parents/guardians to return the Education Passports to the school as soon as possible. This includes the 'My profile' and 'My child's profile' to be completed and sent to the child's post-primary school. The final date for return is **May 23rd**. Thank you.

### Tables Rocks



St Laurence O'Toole NS introduced Times Tables Rock Stars to some pupils this academic year. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables! All children have a username and password so they can access this website from home as well as school.

Tournaments have taken place between various classes. The most recent one was between 4th, 5th and 6th classes. There was great excitement and friendly rivalry between classes and teachers! Mr Floods 6th class won the challenge! Congratulations to Ella O'Neill, Lorcan

Gaskin and Eva O'Neill who came in as the top three pupils of the tournament, true **"Times Tables Rock Stars"**.

### **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.

### **Congratulations**

A very big congratulations to our 6th class pupil Fionn Stephens who is currently leading two Irish Championships for Mini Bikes (Motocross). Fionn competed the weekend before last and won an outstanding 10 of 10 races where he was competing against both his peers and adults. A huge achievement Fionn and we wish you all the best with your future competitions!

### **Homework Survey**

A huge thank you to all the parents (119 respondents) who took the time to complete our Homework Survey. The homework committee is busy analysing the results of all three surveys (Staff Survey, Parental Survey and Student Survey) and we will be sharing the results in next week's newsletter. It was great to see all members of our school community come together on this to share and express their ideas and opinions. This is what St. Laurence O'Toole's is all about!

The Homework Committee would like to say a special thank you to Kaycee Walsh in 6th class whose letter to Ms. Sharkey started the discussion amongst pupils and staff. A true sign of democracy and leadership.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Parents Association

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

The PA met on Monday 8th of May at the meeting.

We (The PA ) would like to organise two fundraisers to generate funds for our Centenary Celebration -

- **Centenary Coin Challenge.** Each class will be asked to bring in any spare coins with the attempt to fill up a Pringles tin. The PA will give a class prize to the class who raises the most.
- *We were looking to put two Pringles Tins in each class.*
- If anyone has any empty Pringles tins could you please wash them out and leave them with Chris.

Our second fundraiser

- **Funky Feet and Hair Day** will see some funky hair happening to one of our brave teachers - details to follow.

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

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**Dates to remember:**

**Communion:**

Saturday 20th May @11am

**School closure:**

Monday 22nd May

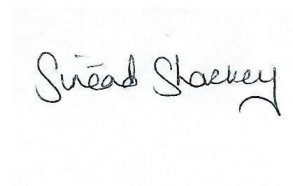
Wednesday 21st June - Half day closure

**Last day of term**

Wednesday 28th June @ 12.30pm

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)

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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 (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