

Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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First Holy Communion

A very special congratulations to all our 2nd class pupils who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. The ceremony was beautiful and all the children were very respectful of the ceremony and should be very proud of themselves. It was great to see friends from the class, who were not making their Communion, join everyone in the parish centre afterwards to celebrate together. A big thank you to Ms Healy, Ms Fox and the school choir for the beautiful music on the day. A special thank you to the PA for all their organisation of refreshments in the parish centre afterwards. Finally, thank you to the hard work from the teachers, Ms Brady and Ms Doyle for all the preparation with the children beforehand.

Well done!

Lucy Hayden, 6th class, has been working hard on her keyboard skills after school with Creative Keyboards. Lucy did her First Steps exam in Rochestown Lodge, Dunlaoghaire recently. The examination board is The Victoria College (London) who are the only examining board who exam in Electronic Keyboard. Well done on all the hard work Lucy!

Thank you! School Tidy Up

Last Saturday the sun shone and we had our school tidy up. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents and staff who gave their time so willingly to our school. There was a great sense of community spirit and goodwill. Thank you to these amazing parents who gardened, painted, fixed and tidied the day away! A very special thank you to John Fanning for the loan of his trailer over the past few days which has helped us to clear out areas of the school! Also, to Terry Kavanagh - the list is too long but thank you! A lot was achieved - thank you all!

Sun Safety

As we are now getting into hotter and sunnier days, parents are advised to apply sun cream on children before going to school to stay safe during yard time.

STOP MOTION Workshop

Our 4th and 5th class pupils took part in Stop Motion Workshops last week. The children learned the process of animation and learned what goes into making characters move using pictures. The theme was centered around our upcoming Centenary and every group created their own individual video showing past, present and future features of school life. These videos will be available for all to view on June 11th and links will be made available to view. Great fun was had by all!

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.

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.

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.

Cleaner Wanted

The school is looking for a cleaner for **15 hours per week.** If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please contact the school office at 012818399.

Caretaker Wanted

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. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please contact the school office for more information - 012818399

Parents Association

What's On this Week from the PA?

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

 <u>Funky Feet and Hair Day</u> 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 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

Dates to remember:

Sports Day - An Tochar GAA Complex
Wednesday 14th June
Junior Infant Welcome Day
Tuesday 20th June @ 11.30am
Half day closure for staff training
Wednesday 21st June
Graduation
Thursday 27th June @ 11.30am
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 (DDLP) 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.





Tour de Roundwood

3 routes to choose from.

The 25km route around the reservoir is very doable for those that do not cycle regularly.

Get your bike out and start training.

Register with eventmaster.ie.

Moneys raised will help towards the completion of our new Clubhouse and

Track. 🚴 🚴

