



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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### 11th May 2022

This is a busy week for all in Roundwood National school. Over the next two weeks, children from 1st to 6th classes will be completing their standardised tests for English Reading, Spelling and Maths. We are also celebrating Book Week this week. Classes are enjoying engaging with illustrators, authors and taking part in writing workshops. Our annual Book Fair is up and running and children are enjoying browsing and choosing new books to take home and devour! A very big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out with the Book Fair this year. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**Please note that the school will be closed for pupils this Friday at 12.30pm.**

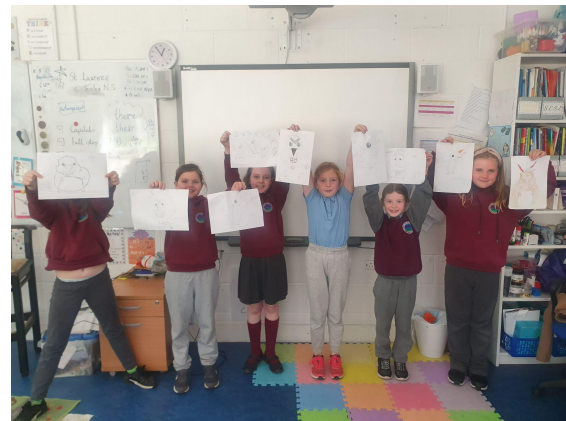
### Fighting Words Workshop

On Monday morning Ms. Dunphy's fourth class had the opportunity to work with Pierina Campbell from fighting words. During this writing workshop, the children wrote a story that was based 100 years ago and dated back to 1922. The children in fourth class are big animal lovers so it was no surprise that one of the main characters was a bernese mountain dog named Oreo. The children worked through each step involved in the writing process and produced an amazing piece of writing. The story is currently being edited and an

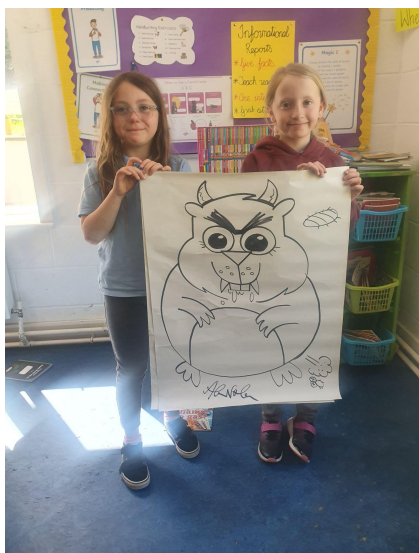
ebook will follow in the coming weeks so stay tuned!!

### Alan Nolan, illustrator

Ms O'Brien's and Mr Gavin's classes had the opportunity on Tuesday morning to work with Bray based author and illustrator Alan Nolan. Alan has written and illustrated many books and comics for children and most recently illustrated a series of books for retired rugby player Gordan D'arcy. Alan spoke about the inspiration behind many of his books, his Grandmother, who used to sit for hours and tell funny stories. He walked the pupils through how to draw various cartoon characters, chickens and monsters. The pictures turned out amazing!!



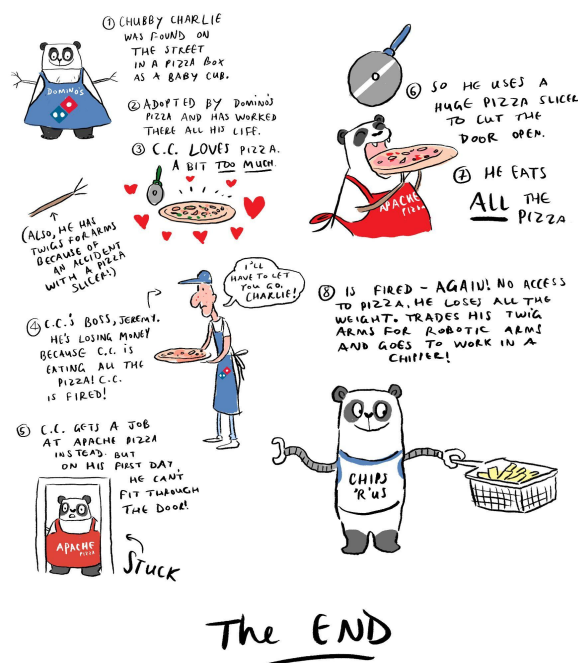
2nd class creations after engaging with Alan Nolan, illustrator.



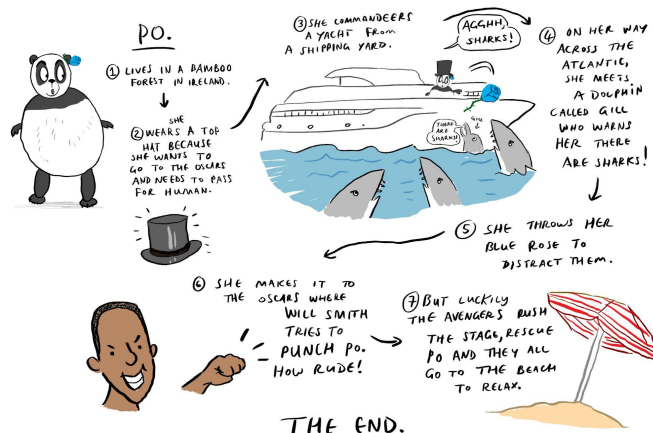
### Sheena Dempsey, illustrator

Fifth and sixth classes had a wonderful opportunity to meet Sheena Dempsey on Tuesday morning, a well-known and multi-award winning children's book illustrator. Sheena has illustrated books for the likes of Niall Breslin and Fearne Cotton in the UK, and a number of paperback series such as Mermaid School and Bad Panda. Sheena hosted a zoom workshop with all the children of fifth and sixth class collecting ideas from them. Together they created a hilarious story about a panda who worked for Domino's pizza with a serious pizza addiction and a panda who travelled via yacht to the Oscars.. The children learned about the process of story writing combined with

illustration and got to meet Sheena's dog Jeremy too.



### 5th class creation with Sheena Dempsey



### 6th class creation with Sheena Dempsey

#### Paired Reading

The senior classes had the opportunity to partake in shared reading with the junior classes this week. The children both read stories to each other, chatting about the characters and the illustrations in the stories read. It was wonderful for the children to have the opportunity to partake in shared reading once again and

judging from the smiles on everyone's faces it's definitely something to be repeated!



*Paired reading in Senior Infants*

### Glendalough Heritage Centre

Our 4th class pupils visited Glendalough Heritage Centre this week. They had a wonderful time and spent the day hearing about the story of St Kevin, visiting the church, taking part in a pilgrim walk and a guided meditation. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany the class on this trip.



4th class inside the Labyrinth beside St Kevin's Church, Glendalough

### Congratulations

Well done to Brian Óg Higgins and Matthew Doyle in 2nd class who came first in the Fleadh Ceoil with their band. A great achievement!



### School Tours

School tours for this year are as follows:

#### Jl/SI

20th June      Kia Ora Farm

#### 1st/2nd

19th May      Woodfield House, Gorey

#### 3rd

17th June      Dublinia & Croke Park

#### 4th

20th June      National Aquatic Centre

#### 5th

27th April      Hidden Valley

#### 6th

17th June      National Aquatic Centre & Jumpzone

All parents are reminded that they must tick the **consent** button on Aladdin for their child to attend. Payment links will be sent through Aladdin also. All consent and



payments must be given at least 3 days before the school tour.

The Parents Association are contributing to the cost of the buses for all tours this year which has brought down the cost of tours for all parents/families.

### **Horse riding**

Children in our special class have begun horse-riding lessons in a local stable. The children have really enjoyed getting up close to horses and learning about grooming and care of horses whilst also having the opportunity to ride the horses.



### **New Uniform Jumper**

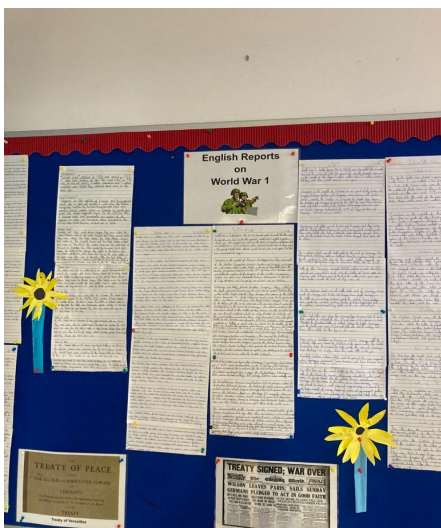
The new school jumper is in production and the Schoolwear House, Greystones are awaiting delivery. Parents wishing to purchase a new jumper can click on the link below and enter your email address under the order, you will be sent an email when it is available.

<https://schoolwearhouse.ie/product-category/st-laurence-otoole/>

From September, the school uniform will therefore be as follows:

***Wine crested jumper, blue polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, wine or grey socks***

***PE days: Wine crested jumper, blue polo shirt, dark grey tracksuit bottoms***



***Mr Flood's World War 1 projects***

### **Free Workshop for Parents - Autism and Social Communication**

We are delighted to offer all parents the opportunity to attend an information/training session focusing on children with Autism. This course is being run by the Middletown Centre for Autism and is the first of a series of courses which will be made available to parents. Any parents who are interested in learning more about Autism and/or who have children or family members with autism are invited to attend. The first session will look at Autism and Social Communication. See below for content of this session.

**Date: 1st June 2022**

**Time: 11am - 12.30pm**

**Location: St Laurence O'Toole's NS**

If you are interested in joining this session, please contact the school office at [roundwoodns@gmail.com](mailto:roundwoodns@gmail.com) or call Chris on 01 2818399

### **Busy Bees**

There is a vacancy in Busy Bees beginning September 2022. This role will be working with children in Junior Infants and Senior Infants who avail of the service. Duties include - supervision, organising art and craft activities, organised outdoor and indoor play, supervision during snack time, safe collection from school. The hours are 2pm to 3pm, Monday to Friday, term times. No prior experience is required but an interest working with children is a must! Please contact Jennie-Lee at

[busybeesroundwood@gmail.com](mailto:busybeesroundwood@gmail.com) or contact the school office directly at [roundwoodns@gmail.com](mailto:roundwoodns@gmail.com)

**If we do not have staff to work in Busy Bees, the school will be unable to run this group going forward.**



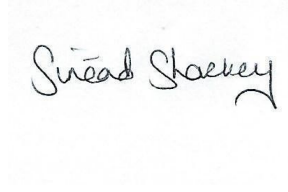
### **Important Dates:**

***Half Day Closure at 12.30pm: Friday 13th May***

***First Holy Communion: 28th of May***

- Homework Policy

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Sinéad Sharkey

### **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 Chloe O'Brien 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](http://www.roundwoodns.ie)

#### **School Policies**

Please see our school website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie) for current school policies for your attention. Specifically, please note:

- Code of Behaviour
- Healthy Lunch Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy
- Religion Policy