



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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February 7th 2024

Our **TOCHAR** Values  
*We aim High*

**T**eamwork,  
Championing **O**thers,  
**C**inéaltas (Kindness),  
**H**onour,  
Eng**A**gement in learning  
**R**esilience.

Dear parents/guardians,  
The school is buzzing at the moment with activities and learning and we are all delighted that spring is finally here!

A big well done to all the children who took part in the **Peace Proms** at the weekend. Our school choir was part of a choir made up of 2000 children from schools from all over the country - North and South. They performed with a live orchestra and the evening was fantastic! It was a wonderful experience for all involved and our pupils did the school proud on the night. A big thank you to Ms Healy for all her work in preparing the children for the performance.

A very special well done to all the pupils from our school who took part in the panto, Aladdin, at the weekend. All reports are that the show was amazing. It is wonderful to see children enjoying

performing live on stage - well done everyone!

### BOM Update

A sub-committee on the BOM is currently working on tendering to install **Solar Panels** in the school as part of the government's Solar Panel Scheme. This process will conclude in May 2024 and the Board looks forward to benefiting from the installation of solar panels.

Phase One of the school **fencing** has been completed and the Board are delighted with the results. Three sides to the school have been secured. The front of the school will be fenced in due course.

A meeting will be held on **Friday 9th February at 5pm** in the school hall to elect a Parent Nominee (Father) for the new Board of Management. Please see a letter from the Board sent out on 29th January 2024.

### Grandparents Day

Please have a look at the Wicklow Times this week for some lovely photos of some children and their grandparents from last week!

### Sixth class Graduation

Our 6th class graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday 27th June at 11.30am in the school hall.



### **'Read with Me' Volunteers**

This term we are hoping to have 'read with me' volunteers in the junior/senior infant classes, starting from the Tuesday 20th of February. This has been operating in 1st/2nd class since term 1. We are asking for volunteers to visit our classroom on scheduled days during our new assembly time of 9:10-9:25 to read with students. Reading will happen on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Not Mondays).

Students will read to you/ or you to them in their classroom. We have attached information about the 'Read with me' programme which begins in classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering please send a message via the school website to your child's class teacher - Ms. Power, Ms Kelly or Ms. Healy by Friday 9th of February.

Please list the frequency you would be available (once a week, once a month etc.) the particular day(s) Tuesday, Wednesday etc. the class teachers will make a schedule and contact you.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Infant Team

Ms. Healy, Ms. Kelly & Ms. Power

Please email before this Friday, the 9th of February with the following:

Volunteers name:

Your Child's name:

Days available:

### **WEE Battery Collection**

Thank you to all families who have sent in batteries - the school is filling up and we are excited to think that we may be in with a chance of winning this competition! Keep on bringing in your old batteries!

### **Confirmation Connect**

The following are the dates for parent in-person sessions for Confirmation which will be held in the school hall.

Thursday 22nd February - 7pm

Thursday 7th March - 7pm

Mass 3: Saturday 24th February @ 7pm

### **Dates to note:**

*First Confession*

Monday 26th February @ 7pm

*Service of Light*

*School closure - Referendum*

Friday 8th March

Monday 15th April @ 7pm

*Confirmation*

Friday April 19th 2024

*Communion*

Saturday 11th May 2024

*Graduation for 6th class*

Thursday 27th June at 11.30am

## Parents Association

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

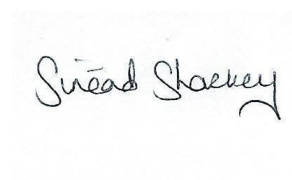
#### Upcoming Events

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.

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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](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 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).

If you are trying to contact the Board of Management on an issue, please send a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the BOM at the school address or, an email to [chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie](mailto:chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie).

Please note that the Parental Complaints Procedure is to be used in the first instance for any issues relating to teachers. Emails will be checked prior to Board of Management meetings throughout the year.

### **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.

**Road Safety outside School**

Staff have been requested not to park on the Lough Dan Road as cars cover the safety signage on the road. Can all parents please not park on the road either as it is unsafe to cover the road markings. Dropping children off and collecting from this area and the area adjacent to the staff car park is also dangerous and we would ask parents to park safely in the village or Roundwood Inn.