



Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

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

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Our **TOCHAR** Values
We aim High

Teamwork,
Championing **O**thers,
Cinéaltas (Kindness),
Honour,
Eng**A**gement in learning
Resilience.

Dear parents/guardians,

The school is a hive of activity this week as we celebrate **Leabhar Power** with many different Literacy Activities ongoing in all classes throughout the school. Children are also busy clocking up the kilometres for our Run Around Europe which is part of the Active Schools Programme.

Important - School Closure

The school will be closed for all pupils on **Monday 29th April** for teacher training for the Primary Maths Curriculum.

World Book Day Dress Up

All children are invited to dress up next Thursday 7th March for World Book Day. Please do not go to any expense - some of the best costumes are to be found at the back of the wardrobe! The focus of the day is to think about literacy characters which are important to children. Even one

aspect of a character is enough - a hairstyle / hat etc.

First Confession

Well done to our 2nd class pupils who took part in their First Confession on Monday night. It was a lovely ceremony for all and the children were well behaved and respectful throughout the ceremony.

Clothes Collection/ PA

The clothes collection organised by the Parents Association raised €509 for the school. This money will be used towards the Music Generation (Ukulele with James) which costs the school €1600 yearly.

Lá Glas

On 15th March, we will have our annual Lá Glas. On this day, children are encouraged to come into school dressed in green! It's always a fun day. This year's Lá Glas is a PA Fundraiser in aid of Local Men's Shed who have been involved in many projects within the school.

Confirmation / Communion Notes

Lizzie Murphy (PA Representative) has organised a photographer for the Confirmation children for after the Confirmation Ceremony. A reminder that the Confirmation is on at 11am on Friday April 19th.

The Parish Hall will host refreshments (organised by PA) for children making their Confirmation/Communion and their families after each ceremony.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is going well with all classes getting the opportunity to browse and buy. A big thank you again to all the parent volunteers who are making this possible again this year.

Please visit the link below for a guide to the books that may be on offer at the fair.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/travelling-books/the-books>

Parents can buy gift vouchers online ahead of the Book Fair to avoid handling cash. Vouchers can be purchased until midnight the day before your Book Fair is collected. Find out more on [our gift vouchers page](#)

Fair ID - 1301209 - should you be asked for the same if pre-paying online.

Run Around Europe

The school will be taking part in the Active Schools competition 'Run Around Europe'. Each class will aim to go for a run every day for the next month. We will add everyone's distances together to reach different locations around Europe. **We would ask that all students wear their tracksuits/ runners for the next few weeks to accommodate our Run Around Europe.**

BOM Update

Solar Panels

The Board of Management has submitted 3 tenders to the Department for the Solar

Panel Scheme prior to the deadline of 15th March. The proposed date for installation is the end of May and as a school we are delighted to be involved in this project.

ASD Build

The Board has submitted a preferred option for the design of the new build to the DE and are awaiting a response to move forward.

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 7th March - 7pm

Dates to note:

Leabhar Power

World Dress up day **7th March**

School closure - Referendum

Friday 8th March

Service of Light

Monday 15th April @ 7pm

Sports Day (An Tochar GAA Complex)

Wednesday 19th June

Graduation for 6th class
Thursday 27th June at 11.30am

Parents Association

What's On this Week from the PA?

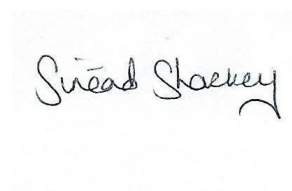
Upcoming Events

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

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.

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.

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.