



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,
EngAgement in learning
Resilience.

Dear parents/guardians,
We are currently celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge sa scoil. Inné, bhí Tráth na gCeist ann sa halla - 3rd to 6th classes really enjoyed this event. Tomorrow, we are delighted to welcome Liz Belton into our school to run our annual Céilí - always a great event! Throughout the school, bíonn na daltaí ag caint Gaeilge an t-am ar fad!

Cumann na mBunscol Awards

Last Friday night, our school attended the Cumann na mBunscol Awards Ceremony. It was a fantastic night where the top schools from all over the country were in attendance. We placed 3rd in the country for *Large School of the Year* and 3rd place for *Promotion of GAA and Culture*. This is a huge achievement for our school! A huge congratulations to the boys and girls in 5th and 6th class who carried out the project and also a huge thank you and well done to the PE Team, led by Mr

Flood, for all their hard work in preparing our submission.

A reminder to all families that there is **no school on Monday 19th** for the St Patrick's Day bank holiday.

World Book Day - Author Visit - Éanna Ní Lamhna - Wednesday 6th March

We were delighted to host a fantastic visit by the author and biologist Éanna Ní Lamhna. Éanna engaged with students from 3rd to 6th class, discussing topics such as spiders, rabbits, and bees. She fielded questions from the children. Additionally, Éanna generously gifted the school her latest book, 'Wonders of the Wild'.

Athletics in Avondale

We had a great day in Avondale for Athletics yesterday. Many of our pupils from 3rd to 6th classes took part in the athletics and ran their hearts out! Well done to everyone who participated on the day. A special well done and congratulations to the following pupils who took home medals: Jessie O'Connor, 1st; Liadh Fitzmaurice, 1st, Roisín Donelon, 1st; Oisín Kelly, 1st; Oonagh Fanning, 2nd, Suzie Ferguson, 4th and Colm O'Byrne, 3rd. Well done to all - a huge haul for Roundwood!

World Book Day Dress Up

There was a fantastic buzz in the school last Thursday for World Book Day when all

staff and pupils dressed up! It was wonderful to see so many costumes and to hear from children which book characters inspired them to dress up. Well done to everyone involved - it was a lovely way to celebrate World Book Day and close off Leabhar Power Week.

Book Fair

Our book fair was a huge success this year. A very big thank you to the parent volunteers who took the time to help out with the fair - it would not have been possible without your help. Also, a big thank you to Chris for her work with the book fair - the snowy day gave us extra time with the fair and Chris continued to coordinate the book fair for us all. Our school has now earned €2000 to spend with Scholastic Books following on from the Book Fair. This money will be channelled back into the school libraries. Well done everyone!

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. Please send a donation into school with your child on the day.

Anti-Bullying Strategy

As part of our anti-bullying strategy, pupils from 1st to 6th classes are asked to complete sociograms. These occur twice yearly in classes but more frequently if the teacher feels there is a need to. The

information from these sociograms helps us to ensure that all pupils are coming to school in a safe environment and that supports are in place for all. **We do not tolerate bullying in any form in our school** and we rely on our children to help us to understand what is going on within classes. Please see our Anti-Bullying Policy on our website for further information.

Class Distribution 2024-25

The Department of Education has released the staffing schedule for the 2024/25 school year. We are beginning our class distribution procedure as per our policy which can be viewed on our website www.roundwoodns.ie. Details on class groupings for the next academic year will be finalised at the end of term 3.

Engaged in Learning

This month our An Tochar Value is focusing on our value of **Engagement in Learning** and what that means or looks like in our learning spaces. At our last assembly Ms. Kelly showed us the pictures below and asked everyone in the assembly hall **'How many students are engaged in their learning in these pictures?'** Many students and staff counted all the students with their hands up or the students looking at the teacher, as they thought these students 'looked' to be more engaged than the others. The truth is that we don't know! Some students might have their hands up, as they have a message to tell the teacher or they want to go to the bathroom or they have a pain in their tummy. The truth is, engagement in learning looks different for

each of us, as we are all different types of learners, who learn in different ways through our senses. Some people learn through touch, some through movement, some through seeing and others through doing. The importance of our value of **Engagement in Learning** is that we understand **WHY** we are learning something new. As a community we aim to build a love of learning for our students/ children, so that they wish to improve for themselves and begin to see learning as a lifelong process, that doesn't begin and end when the school bell rings. After all at St Laurence O'Toole's **We Aim High**

After Schools Club - Choir

Ms Healy will be running an after school choir for children from 1st-6th class beginning after the Easter break. The choir will give children an opportunity to come together to sing a variety of different genres of music and have fun! Please contact Ms Healy on singaloud24@gmail.com for more details.

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!

Dates to note:

Service of Light

Monday 15th April @ 7pm

School closure Teacher Training

Monday 29th April

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?

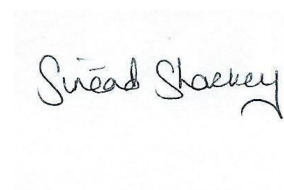
Upcoming Events

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

Board of Management meetings throughout the year.

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

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

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.



The poster is for an Easter Craft & Sewing Camp. It features a collage of craft supplies like scissors, thread, and fabric on the left. The title 'Easter' is in large, stylized letters with a flower graphic. Below it, 'CRAFT & SEWING CAMP' is written. A photo shows a child sewing at a machine. The text on the right provides details about the 4-day camp, dates, times, costs, and contact information.

Easter
CRAFT & SEWING CAMP

4 DAY CAMP
Tuesday 2nd -
Friday 5th April
ROUNDWOOD NS
10 am - 2pm
€110 for 4 days
or €30 per day

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
NO SEWING
EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Email: kraftworxclasses@gmail.com
OR Book Online at
WWW.KRAFTWORX.IE
FUN FOR KIDS AGED 4+

Roundwood Creative Hub Easter Egg and Shamrock Hunt

We invite you to join us on 16th March at
Roundwood Parish Hall for an egg and
shamrock hunt and our special bank
holiday market!

Registration at 11.30

Hunt at 12.00

€3 per child



FIND THE EGGS AND THEN TRY TO FIND THE
SHAMROCK COINS TO TRADE IN FOR AN EXTRA
SPECIAL PRIZE

