



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,
Well done to all the 6th class pupils who had their Ceremony of Light on Monday night in the church. It was a beautiful ceremony for all children and parents. We are all looking forward to the Confirmation on Friday which is sure to be another lovely ceremony. Our school choir, directed by Ms Healy, are busy practising for the ceremony. Ms Fox will be playing the piano on the day also. Teas/coffees and refreshments will be available in the parish centre after the ceremony and are being provided by our wonderful Parents Association. A note to relevant parents to arrive a few minutes early so the ceremony can begin at 11 am sharp.

We welcomed back Ms O'Brien this week to school. Ms O'Brien will be working in AEN for the remainder of the school year and it is wonderful to have her back on the team!

Say Yes to Languages

This week our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes began their Spanish and French lessons. We are delighted to have the opportunity to give pupils tasters of other languages, prior to entering post-primary school.

Roundwood Charity Busk for Cancer

The charity busk for cancer raised a whopping €987.84 for Roundwood Cancer Support. Well done to Linda Ferguson and all the children who entertained the village. A great achievement!

Literacy and Numeracy - Infant classes

This week our infant classes have begun team teaching with Ms Healy, Ms Power, Ms Kelly, Ms O'Brien and Ms Keogh. Children are working in small groups with a teacher to focus on Literacy activities and Maths activities using Literacy Leap and Ready Steady Go Maths. This block of lessons is an excellent opportunity for children to understand and consolidate learning and bring the curriculum and students' learning to life in a fun and interactive way.

Médecins Sans Frontières

We received a letter from Médecins Sans Frontières thanking the Mens Shed and therefore our school for the donation following our recent Lá Glas. Thank you to the Parents Association again for all their work organising and to all families for their contributions.

Read with Me

We are looking for volunteers to read with our infant classes in the mornings from 9.10am to 9.25am. Even if you do not have a child in these classes, you can come in and read with the children. Please contact the office to register your interest - Grandparents welcome too!

Caretaker Wanted

We are currently recruiting for a new caretaker in the school. This is a part-time position of 15 hours per week with some degree of flexibility with times worked. If you are interested or know of anyone, please contact the school office at roundwoodns@gmail.com or phone 01-288399 for more information.

Creative Schools Programme

Next week James Hayes, sculptor, will be working with 5th and 6th classes to design and carve a structure for our school as part of the Creative Schools Programme. A big thank you to **Patrick Nuttall** for the donation of a tree which will be the basis for the sculpture. We are all looking forward to viewing the final piece.

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:

School closure Teacher Training

Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday June Closure

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd June

School closure European Elections

Friday 7th June 2024

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?

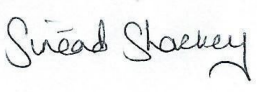
Upcoming Events

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.