



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,
I would like to congratulate our Confirmation Candidates who made their Confirmation in the parish church last Friday. The ceremony was beautiful and each and every child brought their best to the ceremony on the day. A huge thank you to Ms Healy, Ms Fox and the school choir for the lovely music on the day - the music really made the ceremony extra special. Also a big thank you to the PA volunteers who organised such a lovely reception in the parish hall afterwards - your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

A reminder to parents that the school will be closed to all pupils next **Monday 29th April** for teacher training in the New Primary Maths Curriculum.

Well done!

A huge well done to Kelan Lawlor who represented our school in the Eason's Spelling Bee last week. Kelan made it to

the final rounds which was an achievement - Maith thú!

Well done also to Niamh Fanning who represented our school in the GAA Skills Competition last week also. A wonderful opportunity to hone in on her skills and represent our school on the day - Ar fheabhas Niamh!

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!

Busy Bees

Busy Bees runs from 1.50pm to 2.50pm daily for children in the infant classes who wish to avail of this after school service. We are currently looking at next year. In order to run Busy Bees we need two supervisors daily. We are now looking for interested people to please get in contact with the school. The commitment is 1.5hrs per day approximately from Monday to Friday. If we do not have staff then unfortunately Busy Bees cannot operate.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information or to register your interest. No formal qualifications are needed but an interest in working with

young children is vital! One Busy Bees supervisor is responsible for administration and therefore, if you have such skills, this would be ideal also.

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

James Hayes, Sculptor, is working with 5th and 6th classes this week to design and carve our school sculpture as part of the Creative Schools project. We look forward to seeing the final product which will officially be unveiled in May.

Marathon Kids

6th Class have taken part in the Marathon Kids programme over the past 8 weeks. They ran each day, increasing their distance and exceeding their targets, running the length of a marathon! As a result, we attended a Marathon Kids event in Ballymore Eustace GAA last week, hosted by olympian David Gillick, and got the opportunity to run with him. The training put in over the weeks greatly paid off on the day, and a great day was had by all.

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 May Closure
Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th May

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

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 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.