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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

### This week's Stars are:



P2 Jack M  
P3 Mairead W  
P4 Isabella W  
P5 Isla K  
P6 Aimee-Rose R / Jack M  
P7 Sean S

### Primary One Stars

Well done to our Primary One pupils who have all been special stars this week. They have settled in very well in their first week as a full class. We are already very proud of all of them!

### Staff Car Park

Please be reminded that our staff car park is not for use by parents or those doing pick-ups. If you require use of a disabled parking space, please inform the school office and present any official documentation before using the carpark. In the past we have had to resort to closing of the school gates at 2pm and 3pm due to misuse of the carpark. We do not wish to have to do this but the safety of our pupils is paramount. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

### Data Collection Forms

All pupils were given their Data Collection Forms to take home earlier this week. Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms. If you have not returned your child's form, please check all the details and return to the school on Monday. It is very important that we hold correct and up to date information for each child in case of an emergency.

### ParentPay

All parents should have received an email from ParentPay to set up an account for their child or add a child to an existing account. This system should be used to book school meals, trips, swimming and violin lessons etc. If you are having any problems setting up your account, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning and will be on a pay as you go basis. The cost is £2 per day and the club will run from 8am – 8:50am. You can pay your weekly breakfast club payment at the beginning of the week however you **must** sign your child in as you drop them off each day. **Cash payments only for breakfast club.**

## Primary 7 Transfer Club

Please note that Transfer Club for the Primary 7 pupils will take place every Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Pupils should bring a small snack.

## Reporting a Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school please complete the form on the school website under the Parents area – report pupil absence. Once you submit the form a copy will be sent to the school office and your child's teacher.

## Permissions

The link to the permissions form have been sent via our messaging service and email. Please follow this link and sign and date each section online as you complete the form. **We require urgent responses to ensure that our records are up to date.**

## Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum Overviews for each year group are now on the school website. They provide an overview of some of the curriculum topics in each term.

## Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. All clubs should be booked and paid for through ParentPay. For the following clubs pupils will be required to wear their PE uniforms. Those in P1 to P3 may wear their PE uniform to school on club days. Those in P4-P7 will change into their PE bottoms and trainers in the afternoon.

**\*Football      \*Martial Arts      \*Hockey**

### **PE Uniform**

- White polo shirt (school)
- Plain dark blue or black shorts / jogging/tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Trainers

\*School jumper must be worn

**After school clubs – all clubs will begin week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Booking/Payments should be made through ParentPay. Numbers are limited in each afterschool club so please make your bookings as soon as possible.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Football Club with Larne FC coach</b>	<b>Uplift Performing Arts (Singing/Drama)</b>	<b>Matt Fiddes Martial Arts Club</b>	<b>Construction Club</b>	<b>Friday Fun Club</b>
Classes:	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>
Cost and Payment	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £4.00 per session (6-week block)	ParentPay £3.50 per session (6-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (6-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (6-week block)
Places available:	15	20	15	15	15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<b>3.00 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Football Club with Larne FC coach</b>	<b>Uplift Performing Arts (Singing/Drama)</b>	<b>Matt Fiddes Martial Arts Club</b>	<b>Hockey Club</b>	
Classes:	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P5, P6 and P7)</b>	
Cost and Payment	ParentPay £3 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £4.00 per session (6-week block)	ParentPay £3.50 per session (6-week block)	ParentPay £3 per session (6-week block)	
Places available:	30	20	25	25	
Dates:	Week 1: 11.09.23 Week 2: 18.09.23 Week 3: 25.09.23 Week 4: 09.10.23 Week 5: 16.10.23	Week 1: 12.09.23 Week 2: 19.09.23 Week 3: 26.09.23 Week 4: 03.10.23 Week 5: 10.10.23 Week 6: 17.10.23	Week 1: 13.09.23 Week 2: 20.09.23 Week 3: 27.09.23 Week 4: 04.10.23 Week : 11.10.23 Week 6: 18.10.23	Week 1:14.09.23 Week 2:21.09.23 Week 3:28.09.23 Week 4:05.10.23 Week 5:12.10.23 Week 6:19.10.23	Week 1: 15.09.23 Week 2: 22.09.23 Week 3: 29.09.23 Week 4: 06.10.23 Week 5: 13.10.23 Week 6: 20.10.23

## Dates for your Diary



### September 2023

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Primary 1 & 2 – Dot Day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – School Photographer

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Visit from Arc21 – Waste & Recycling

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European Day of Languages

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Beginning of year school mass at 10am

### October 2023

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Staff Development Day – School Closed for all pupils

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 6 – Visit to Larne Library

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 7 – Hurling Practice with Latharna Og GAC Coach

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Book Fair Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 7 Hurling Practice with Latharna Og GAC Coach

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – M&M Theatrical Productions – Jack and the Beanstalk  
(Pantomime in school – more details to follow)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccinations – School Nursing Team

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 4 – Storytelling Event at Larne Library

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 6 – Special Assembly

## Child Protection and Safeguarding

Should you have concerns about your own or another child inside or outside of school, this should be reported in the first instance to Mr Oakes (DT) or in his absence Mrs O'Broin (DDT).

If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call the Referral Gateway Team on **0300 1234 333** or **028 9442 4459** or the PSNI Central Referral Unit on **028 9025 9299** or **101 Ext 30299**.

In St. MacNissi's, we aim to work closely with parents/guardians in supporting all aspects of their child's development and well-being. Any concerns a parent may have will be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and confidential manner. Should you have a safeguarding concern, please follow the steps below.

I have a concern about my child/a child's safety



I can speak to the class teacher



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mr Oakes) or the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs O'Broin)



If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the chair of the Board of Governors – Mrs I Culleton (who can be contacted c/o the school office)



If I am still concerned, I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman  
Tel: 0800 343 424

## Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who suffer from nut and other allergies. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food group in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Consequently, we must ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school (either for healthy break or packed lunch). This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts such as cereals and muesli bars. This is particularly relevant now that children are eating lunches in their classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Some people, especially those allergic to peanuts, may have allergic reactions after eating lupin or foods containing ingredients from lupin**

**Our school catering team have requested that parents advise if their child has an allergy related to this.**

## School Dinner Menu for week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023



# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering  
**WEEK 3**

WEEK COMMENCING:  
SEP 11, OCT 9, NOV 6,  
DEC 4, JAN 8, FEB 5

### MONDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Golden Crumbed Fish  
Fingers

Or

Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese  
with Garlic Bread Slice

#### SIDES

Baked  
Beans/Coleslaw

Chipped  
Potatoes/Mashed  
Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Artic Roll with  
Peaches & Pears

### TUESDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Italian Beef with Crusty  
Roll

Or

Pepperoni/Margherita  
Pizza

#### SIDES

Garden Peas/Salad

Homemade Diced  
Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot

### WEDNESDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken

Or

Savoury Mince

#### SIDES

Carrot &  
Parsnip/Cauliflower Cheese

Mashed Potatoes/Oven  
Roast Potato

#### DESSERT

Melon Wedge

### THURSDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken  
Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Steak Burger in a Bap &  
Cheese

#### SIDES

Steamed Rice/Salad

#### DESSERT

Lemon Drizzle Cake &  
Custard

### FRIDAY

#### MAIN COURSES

Tasty Pork Sausages with  
Tomato Ketchup/Gravy

Or

Salt N Chilli Chicken Wrap  
with Garlic Mayo

#### SIDES

Mini Corn on the  
Cob/Spaghetti Hoops

Chipped  
Potatoes/Mashed  
Potatoes

#### DESSERT

Decorated Fairy Cake

COMMUNITY  
GROUP  
STALLS

WALKABOUT  
CHARACTERS

Larne Area Community Cluster

# FREE FAMILY FUNDAY

Saturday 9 September, 12 - 3pm  
Market Yard, Larne

FACEPAINTING

FREESTYLE  
FOOTBALLER

PETTING  
FARM

Come and find out more about your local community groups while enjoying the many FREE activities on offer at this Larne Area Community Cluster event, in partnership with Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

## Activities will include:

- Petting Farm
- Facepainting & Glitter Tattoos
- Magician
- Flower Arranging Workshops
- Caricature Drawings
- Music & Dance Performances
- Balloon Modelling
- Cookery Demonstration
- Community Group Stalls
- Freestyle Footballer (From 1.30pm - 3pm)

All above activities are free of charge, subject to availability & maximum numbers permitted on site.

Food will be available to purchase on the day.

Parking will not be available on site. Attendees are advised to use public car parks

Dogs are not permitted on site.

## PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS...

BARBIE

DINOSAURS

ELSA

SPIDERMAN

[www.larnecommunitydirectory.com](http://www.larnecommunitydirectory.com)



# Kids Coder Club – Continuing to Support Parents and Schools

We are committed to aiding parents understand about their child's digital world and also engage coding and ICT options.



**Kids Coder Club**

The Future Starts Here!

## Free Parent Talks – We are now all Global Digital Citizens – Time to understand this changing landscape

**“Computing/Coding and Cyber-Safety for your child”**

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6th September 2023 at 6pm**
- **Saturday 9th September 2023 at 11:30am**

**“Understanding your child's digital world! Cyber-Safety Find the Balance!”**

- **Saturday 16th September 2023 at 11:30am**

**Register at: [www.kidscoderclub.ie/events](http://www.kidscoderclub.ie/events)**