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Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Poppy B
P2 Georgia M
P3 Sascha M
P4 Abaigeal M ★ Darcy M
P5 Ella C
P6 Eva Rose F ★ Aidan M
P7 Jack W ★ Faye S

School Closure

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 2nd October for a staff development day. We hope that you will all have a lovely long weekend.

Beginning of year school mass

Well done to all of our boys and girls for great behaviour and participation during our school mass. As always, they made us very proud.

Staff Car Park

Please be reminded that our staff car park is **not** for use by parents/grandparents 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.

School Photos

Your child has been sent home with the order forms for their school photographs. All orders should be placed online and free delivery will be made to the school.

ParentPay

Please note that all school meals should to be booked by 12 midnight of the previous day.

If your child is entitled to free school meals you still need to select the days they wish to have meals on ParentPay system.

Flu Vaccination Programme

There are still some flu vaccination forms to be returned to the school, please sign and return these as soon as possible.

The school nursing team will be calling next week again to collect the rest of the forms.

Panto Time

This year we are very pleased to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions to our school on Wednesday 18th October, with their pantomime 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. Due to the rising costs of transport, we have decided to keep the pantomime inhouse this year. The cost will be £6.00 per child and payment should be made on ParentPay between now and the 18th October 2023.

Pastoral Phone Calls

Pastoral phone calls from teachers will take place within the next 3 weeks. Parents will receive a message via the app informing them of the dates for the pastoral phone calls. There will be no set schedule for these phone calls but you will be given a time frame and teachers will attempt to phone again if you miss the initial call.

The phone call focus will be how your child is settling into their new class and routine and to share some targets for the term. Please be advised that these are in addition to our annual parent teacher interviews (February 2024) and so will be a short five-minute update.

Time to Read / Time to Count

We plan to restart Time to Read and Time to Count again within the next few weeks. These programmes rely on volunteers who would be willing to come into school for an hour a week to support small groups of children with either reading or number work.

Please see the links attached for more information. There is no cost to the volunteers. They will be asked to attend some training before beginning (usually one hour) and complete an enhanced Access NI check before being allocated to school.

If you would be interested, please contact the school office.

<https://www.bitcni.org.uk/programmes/time-2-count/>

<https://www.bitcni.org.uk/programmes/time-to-read/>

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Every year the school supports Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your child has received a leaflet to take home today. If you would like to support this appeal, please return your shoebox by Friday 27th October 2023 to the school office so we can arrange pick up. More leaflets are available in the school office if you require them.



TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children overseas

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

About Team Hope

Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Sustainable Development Projects.

To find out more and to make a donation please go to our website www.teamhope.ie

GET STARTED

A Christmas Shoebox is a gift built by you and sent by Team Hope. Here's what you need to do to build your box at home or online.

AT HOME

Build your box at home by covering a regular sized shoebox in colourful paper.

Use the label from this leaflet to decide if your box is for a boy or a girl and the age group.

Insert items from the "4 W's" to completely fill your box. (Wash, Write, Wear and WOW).

Leave your box at one of our drop off points.

Don't forget to include your €5 donation* in an envelope in your box or donate online at www.teamhope.ie and close your box with just an elastic band (not sellotape)

ONLINE

Build your box online by going to www.teamhope.ie

Use the fun box builder to select the items you'd like to include in your box or you can skip this stage and just choose to donate.

Insert the number of shoeboxes you want to donate.

Lastly donate €20** for your box.

Don't forget to ask your friends to build a box.

Choose some items from the 4 W's...

 WASH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soap (wrapped)• Toothbrush• Hairbrush• Comb• Toothpaste• Facecloth	 WRITE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pens/Pencils• Crayons• Paper/Copy Books• Sharpeners• Colouring Books• Erasers
 WEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hat/Scarf• Socks• Gloves• Underwear• Flip Flops• T-shirts	 WOW! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cuddly Toy• Doll• Skipping Rope/Yo-yo• Ball• Sweets (in date to April next year)• Sunglasses• Musical Instrument• Toy Car

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BOXES READY BEFORE **10TH NOVEMBER**

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HELP SUPPORT AND ENRICH THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN



PTA

Last year the PTA raised an incredible amount of money for much needed resources within the school. We are currently awaiting a delivery of new laptops for our ICT Suite. These will greatly enhance our ICT facilities and our children will benefit so much from them.

Thank you to everyone for your support it is really appreciated.

The PTA are getting their fundraising underway this month and your child will have received a set of Fireside Quiz sheets home today to sell to family and friends - £1 per entry. Please return any completed sheets and money with your child and these will go into a draw with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes!

The PTA are holding a Fancy Dress Halloween Disco on Thursday 26th October 2023. Payment should be made on ParentPay and includes entrance fee and a party bag. Come along for a spooktacular evening of fun and games!

St MacNissi's PTA
HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 26th October
School Hall

£3.50 per child
£10 per family
Pay on ParentPay

P1-P4 - 5:30-6:30pm
P5-P7 - 6:45-7:45pm



School Kitchens – Halloween Art Competition

The School Kitchen are running an art competition for Halloween.

Children should create a Halloween themed picture at home to be displayed in the canteen.

A winner will be picked from Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

We look forward to displaying lots of lovely art work.

TRICK
OR
TREAT

Dates for your Diary



October 2023

Monday 2nd October – Staff Development Day – School Closed for all pupils

Tuesday 3rd October – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 6th October – Primary 6 – Visit to Larne Library

Friday 6th October – Primary 7 – Hurling Practice with Latharna Og GAC Coach

Monday 9th October – Primary 6 – Wee Critters Interactive Animal Education

Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October – Book Fair Week

Friday 13th October – Primary 7 Hurling Practice with Latharna Og GAC Coach

Tuesday 17th October – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 18th October – M&M Theatrical Productions – Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday 19th October – Flu Vaccinations – School Nursing Team

Friday 20th October – Primary 4 – Storytelling Event at Larne Library

Wednesday 25th October – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library

Thursday 26th October – PTA Halloween Disco – 5.30pm to 6.30pm P1/P2/P3/P4
6.45pm to 7.45pm P5/P6/P7

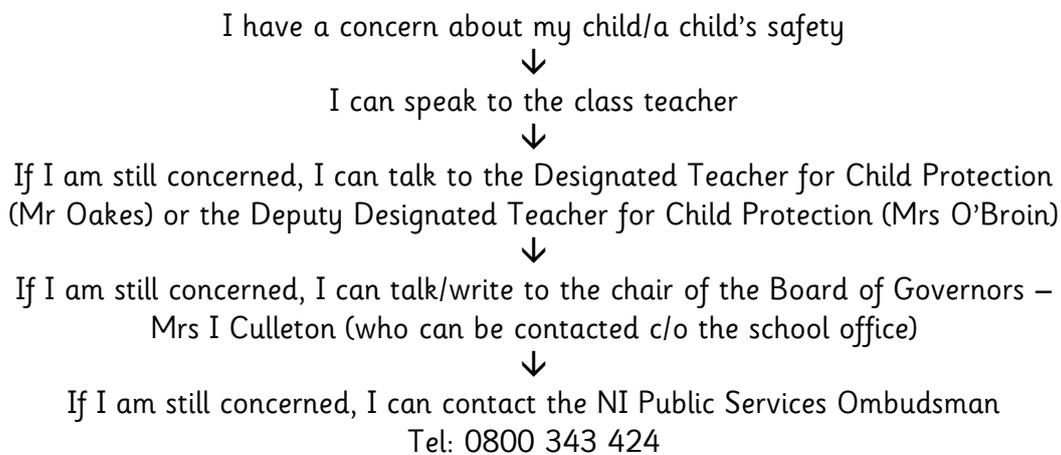
Friday 27th October – Primary 6 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm

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.



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.



EAT SMART WITH **THE LUNCH BUNCH**

ea catering
WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING:
SEP 04, OCT 02, OCT 30,
NOV 27, JAN 01, JAN 29

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Sausage Roll

Or

Sweet and Sour Chicken

SIDES

Spaghetti Hoops &
Garden Peas

Chipped
Potatoes/Steamed
Rice

DESSERT

Ice Cream, Chocolate
Sauce and Sliced
Pears

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Pasta Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

Or

BBQ Chicken Pizza

SIDES

Sweetcorn/Salad

Oven Roasted Potato
Wedges

DESSERT

Zesty Orange Sponge
& Custard

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Beef

Or

Poached Salmon

SIDES

Cauliflower or Broccoli
and Carrots

Mashed Potatoes/Oven
Roasted Potato

DESSERT

Blueberry Muffin

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken
Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Salad filled Pitta with
Pulled Pork and Coleslaw

SIDES

Garden Peas

Steamed Rice

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Salad and
Yoghurt

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Beef Burger in a Bap
with Tomato Ketchup

Or

Peppered Chicken

SIDES

Sweetcorn/Salad

Chipped
Potatoes/Steamed Rice

DESSERT

Flakemeal Biscuit &
Fruit

Applying for _____

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

If you require help...

 www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants

 028 9041 8044

 mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

1. Are you eligible?

You must be:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit OR
- be an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

Qualifying Benefits:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable household income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

2. What documentation do you need?

You will be asked to upload proof that you are receiving a qualifying benefit:

- Tax Credits Award Notice
- Universal Credit Payments breakdown or
- Proof of Benefit letter (if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit).

3. What else do you need?

- National Insurance Number
- Childrens' names
- Dates of Birth
- Schools they will be attending
- Address
- E-mail and telephone number
- Bank or building society account and sort code details.

4. Where do you apply?

Visit the EA's Free School Meals and Uniforms page to start an application. As well as new applicants, parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance will need to apply again for this year. You will need to register with an e-mail address and create an account to apply. You will then be able to log back in to check your application

5. What happens next?

Your application will be processed within 3 weeks. Please do not contact EA for an update on your application within the 3 weeks of submitting your application. If you have provided incorrect or insufficient supporting documentation, you will receive a tailored email advising you to resubmit your application with details of the correct documentation you need to provide.

You will receive an email from EA once your application has been approved and processed.

