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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

**This week's Stars are:**



P1 Anna D

P2 Chloe S

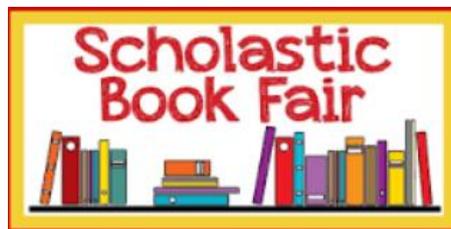
P3 Cavan M

P4 Florrie K

P5 Archie M

P6 Alexander S  Aoife M

P7 Emily S



On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October the Scholastic Book arrives in school. The children will have an opportunity to browse and purchase books daily. If you are sending money in for your child to purchase books during the day, we would appreciate if you could send a mixture of notes and coins.

**Parents are welcome to the book fair with their children at the following times:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October between 8.40am – 9.00am**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 8.40am – 9.00am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm**

We are always very grateful for your support during our annual book fair. Not only do the pupils enjoy choosing and purchasing new books, but the school also benefits from commission money which is earned with every purchase made. We put this directly back into the school through the purchasing of new books for our class and Accelerated Reading Libraries.



## Panto Time

This year we are very pleased to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions to our school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## ParentPay Issues

We have had some telephone calls from parents with regards to issues with ParentPay and with payments coming out of their bank accounts in lump amounts. I have contacted ParentPay and they have given the following solution:

**When a user wants to add payments to items, they have two choices, One Click payment or to add the item to their basket for the checkout. At the checkout, the user has the choice between one click payment and 'Other Payment'. If they select other payment this will then take them to a visa secure card checkout, where they can make a normal card payment.**

**Unfortunately, this is how the payer account is currently designed and cannot be amended to remove the one click payment option.**

My understanding from this is that parents should be selecting 'other payment' at the checkout to avoid payments being lumped together and taken as a larger amount from their bank accounts.

I hope this resolves any issues you may be having with your ParentPay account.

# Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Every year the school supports Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your child received an information leaflet last week. If you would like to support this appeal, please return your shoebox by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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...

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

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

**Don't forget to return your Fireside Quiz sheets –  
£1 per entry. 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for all pupils. 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**

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

£3.50 per child  
£10 per family  
Pay on ParentPay



# 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 have had some amazing pictures handed in already so get colouring!

TRICK  
OR  
TREAT

## Dates for your Diary



### October 2023

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Book Fair Week

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 6 – Wee Critters Interactive Animal Education

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 2 – Visit to Larne Library

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

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

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

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 2 – Stay & Play at 1.15pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 6 – Visit to Larne Library

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Primary 6 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (inclusive) – Half Term Break

### November 2023

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

## 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.**



# 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



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FREE nutrition videos\***

\*Made by Registered Dietitians and Nutritionists for Parents and Teachers.

Or search Public Health Dietitians on YouTube.

- Feeding Under 5s
- Fussy Eating
- Lunch & snack ideas
- Healthy Eating during the primary school years
- Nutrition for Teenagers

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## CAP Cook Along Course

**COOK ALONG WITH YOUR CHILDREN**  
Free Course



Would you like to learn some new recipes?  
Would you like to teach your children how to cook?  
Would you like to get a step by step guide on cooking a new dish?  
Would you like the ingredients and recipe delivered to your door?

Christians Against Poverty are running a Free Cook Along Course starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. You will get the recipe and free ingredients delivered to your door along with an online video via email. The only requirement is that you cook with your children and send in a video or photo of the finished product each week. For further details email: [wendydavison@capuk.org](mailto:wendydavison@capuk.org)

