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Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:

P1 Jack M P2 Arlo H P3 Ettie R P4 Arianna W P5 Emily M P6 Nikki J P7 Caleb M

School Kitchens – Halloween Art Competition

Well done to all the boys and girls on some fantastic pieces of Halloween artwork. Congratulations to our winners -

Foundation: Cianan P KS1: Daisie H KS2: Annie D

Afterschool Clubs

Please note that there will be no afterschool clubs running this week. We will be launching our afterschool clubs for after the Halloween holidays next week and a message will be sent on the messaging app when they are available to book on ParentPay.

PTA Fireside Quiz

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who entered our fundraising PTA fireside quiz. We raised a fantastic $\pounds 270!$ The winners of the three cash prizes are:

Ailish M P6 Matthew M P5 Harper H P5

Open Night

Our school open evening for prospective pupils will take place on <u>Wednesday 6th December</u> from <u>5pm</u> to <u>7pm</u>. On this evening we also will officially launch our strategic School Development Plan for the 2023-2026 period. We invite all prospective parents and pupils, and parents of our current pupils to school on this evening.

We would appreciate if you could let anyone within our wider school community know about the date and time of open evening.

We look forward to welcoming everyone.

PTA Halloween Disco – Arrangements

We are looking forward to our Halloween Disco on Thursday 26th October. We have listed a few points for your consideration:

- All pupils should be dropped off at the front door and parents should remain with their child until they are inside the school.
- Primary 1 to Primary 4 pupils are to be collected from the P2 Courtyard entrance at 6.30pm.
- Primary 5 to Primary 7 pupils are to be collected from the fire exit doors in the hall at 7.45pm.
- Please **<u>do not use</u>** the staff car park for drop off or pick up as it will be dark and the safety of everyone is our priority.
- Pupils do not need to bring any money with them as party bags are included in the price.



School Council - Halloween Tuck Shop

The school council will be running their Halloween Tuck Shop on Wednesday 25^{th} October in the afternoon. Pupils are welcome to bring in no more than £1 to purchase some treats. All proceeds to school funds.

School Milk Scheme

We are introducing the School Milk Scheme back into school after the Halloween holidays. The cost will be 21p per carton and it will be given to pupils at breaktime every day. If you wish your child to have milk it must be paid for in advance and will run from Monday 6^{th} November to Thursday 21^{st} December (inclusive). The total cost for next term will be £7.14 and should be paid through ParentPay before Thursday 26^{th} October at 2pm. <u>Please note we cannot accept any orders after this date for next term as we have to pre order the milk with Dale Farm</u>.

Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime

We hope that all the boys and girls enjoyed the pantomime during the week it was a really enjoyable morning with lots of singing and dancing. We have uploaded a video to our website and Facebook page with some highlights.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Every year the school supports Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your child already received an information leaflet. 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.

Peace Proms 2024

We are delighted to have been selected for the Peace Proms 2024. The event will take place on Sunday 25^{th} February in the SSE Arena. Details have been given to our choir members. Tickets will be available to buy on Ticketmaster from <u>Wednesday 1st November 2023</u>. Please be advised that we will be performing at the later show at 7pm on the Sunday.



October 2023 Tuesday 24th October – Primary 2 – Stay & Play at 1.15pm

Tuesday 24th October – Primary 6 – Peaceplayers

Wednesday 25th October – School Council Halloween Tuck Shop

Wednesday 25th October – Primary 6 – 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

Friday 27th October – school finishes at 2pm for the Halloween holidays

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November (inclusive) – Half Term Break

November 2023

Tuesday 7th November – Primary 7 – Lantern Making for the Larne Christmas Parade

Tuesday 7th November – Primary 1 – Stay & Play at 1.15pm

Wednesday 8th November – School Choir to SSE Arena for Peace Proms Rehearsal

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November – Primary 3 and 4 – Book Trust Author and Illustrator Event at Moyle PS.

Thursday 30th November - Inver Cup Outdoor 7's Tournament

December 2023

Friday 1st December – PTA Non-Uniform Day – more details to follow

Wednesday 6th December – Open Night from 5pm to 7pm

Friday 8th December – PTA Christmas Bingo Day – more details to follow

Thursday 14th December – Primary 3 and 4 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm

Friday 15^{th} December – Primary 1 and 2 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm

Wednesday 20th December – Primary 5, 6 and 7 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm

Thursday 21st December – Finish for Christmas holidays at 11am

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 (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

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Savoury Mince

Or

Italian Chicken & Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread

SIDES

Baton Carrot/Salad

Mashed Potatoes

DESSERT

Banana Yoghurt Pot

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Fish Goujon in Soft Shell

Taco & Zingy Tomato

SIDES

Beans/Salad/Coleslaw

DESSERT

Strawberry Mousse &

Chipped Potatoes/

Baked Potato

Classic Margherita

Pizza

Salsa

Baked

Fruit

Or

MAIN COURSES

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken

Or

Chicken Casserole

SIDES

Carrots & Parsnip/Savoy Cabbage

Mashed Potatoes/Oven

DESSERT

Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Chicken Panini

SIDES

Garden Peas/Sweetcorn

Steamed Rice/Oven Baked Wedges

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge & Custard

ea catering WEEK 1

Week commencing AUG 28, SEPT 25, OCT 23, NOV 20, DEC 18, JAN 22

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Hot Dog

Or

Crispy Cod Fishcakes

SIDES

Tomato Ketchup/Coleslaw/Salad

Chipped Potatoes/Baked Potato

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot & Biscuit

Roast Potato



SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY BOX FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023 COME AND JOIN THE SPOOKY CANTEEN STAFF FOR A LUNCHTIME HALLOWEEN FEAST



THE PARTY BOX ITEMS WILL INCLUDE: CREEPY CHICKEN GOUJONS CRUSTY CRUNCHY CHIPS & CRABBY CORN ON THE COB WITCHES BREW TO DRINK (MILKSHAKE)

DESSERT WILL BE A SELECTION OF HALLOWEEN THEMED BISCUITS OR CAKES AND FRUIT



Mayors Charity Concert

Featuring the Toccata soloists, orchestra and choir

21 October, 7.30pm McNeill Theatre, Larne

In support of 'This Is Me' Dementia Friendly Choir and Women's Aid ABCLN





Come along to our Winter Coat Project to get your free Winter Coats, hats, scarves and gloves!

ST CEDMA'S CHURCH HALL Church Road, Larne BT40 3EU

Thursday 26th Oct 10:00am-2:00pm