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Friday 1st December 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Alfie M
P2 Eliza W
P3 James R
P4 Michael O
P5 Conor M
P6 Brent M
P7 Charley M / Ava M

Congratulations to Mrs McIlwrath

We were delighted to hear about the safe arrival of Master Michael McIlwrath at the weekend! Mrs McIlwrath is keeping well and enjoying every minute of motherhood. Congratulations from everyone in our St MacNissi's school community.

Roadworks

Fr O'Brien has informed us that the road works on Agnew Street are due to continue for a few more weeks. Some machinery is being stored in the Church carpark, and as you will already have noticed the street is particularly busy. You may wish to review your arrangements for collecting your child, bearing all of this in mind.

Please also remind your child to be very careful near the road and carparks.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Open Night

Our school open evening for prospective pupils will take place next **Wednesday 6th December** from **5pm to 7pm**. On this evening we will also 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.

First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation Dates 2024

Please note the confirmed dates for sacraments in 2024:

Monday 29th January – Primary 7 Service of Light at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

Wednesday 7th February – Primary 7 Confirmation at 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church

Wednesday 28th February – Primary 3 First Confession at 1.30pm in St MacNissi's Church

Saturday 11th May – Primary 4 First Holy Communion at 11am in St MacNissi's Church

Thank you from the School Council



A big thank you to **Larne Credit Union** for their generous donation of £100 towards school funds.

School Choir Sing-A-Thon

The School Choir Sing-A-Thon has been rescheduled to Thursday 7th December 2023.



Christmas Raffle

The PTA plan to run a Christmas Raffle and are asking for any donations.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate a prize or a voucher, please leave into the school office.

Thank you for your support!

We will be having a **Christmas Bingo Day** in school on Friday 8th December. Thank you to everyone for all the prizes donated towards this event.

We will be having a **special visitor** to the school on Wednesday 13th December and the pupils will have an opportunity to have their photograph taken and will all receive a selection box. Photos will be sent home before the Christmas holidays.

The combined price for all these Christmas activities is £4.00 per child and £10 per family (more than 2 children).

Payment can be made on ParentPay.



The pupils have all received some raffle tickets to bring home today to sell for the PTA Christmas Raffle. Please return your tickets before Friday 15th December. More tickets available from the school office.

Here are some of the fantastic prizes on offer with more prizes being added every day!

TOP PRIZE: Stena Line gift voucher for a return crossing for a car and 4 passengers

Boiled Gas – Peter Wilkinson - £60 gift voucher for an oil or gas boiler service

Perfections, Larne - £30 gift voucher

2 x £25 gift vouchers for the Curran Court Hotel, Larne

4 x £10 gift vouchers for Eurospar, Viking Lodge

3 x Family swim gift vouchers for any leisure centre in the Mid & East Antrim Council Area

£10 gift voucher for Bake, Larne

Baylis & Harding Fuzzy Duck Gift Set

Bottles of wine and prosecco

Thank you to all the parents and local businesses for your support!



St. MacNissi's Primary School

A D M I S S I O N S
2024

We welcome all new
admissions
of children from
all faiths

- Daily Breakfast Club from 8am
- Wide Range of After School Clubs
- Promotion of Academic Achievement in all Areas
- Accelerated Reader / Mathematics Programmes
- Outdoor Learning Areas
- School Trips/Residential
- Digital Suite / Digital Leaders
- Shared Education Partnership
- Student Wellbeing Champions
- Wellbeing Sessions
- IPad Provision in each classroom
- Weekly/Monthly Celebration Awards
- Take 5 / Sustrans Programmes
- School Website and Facebook Page
- Weekly Newsletter
- School Council
- Bus Service
- Range of Sports and Teams
- SchoolsNI App Messaging Service
- Parent / Teacher Association
- School Choir
- Sacrament Preparation
- Strong Community Links

Open Evening

Wednesday 6th December 2023

5pm - 7pm

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Dates for your Diary

December 2023

Tuesday 5th December – Primary 6 – Peaceplayers at YMCA

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

Thursday 7th December – School Choir – Sing A Thon (rescheduled date)

Friday 8th December – PTA Christmas Bingo Day

Sunday 10th December – Choir at the St Vincent de Paul Service at St MacNissi's Church at 7pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day & A Special Visitor

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

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

Friday 15th December – School Choir to Gloucester Day Park

Tuesday 19th December – School finishes at 2pm for all pupils

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

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

January 2024

Thursday 4th January – Back to School – Finish at 11am.

Friday 5th January – Normal school hours

Thursday 11th January – Primary 7 – Swimming lessons begin at Larne Leisure Centre

Friday 12th January – Primary 7 – Trip to Parliament Building, Stormont

Tuesday 16th January – Primary 5 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 17th January – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library

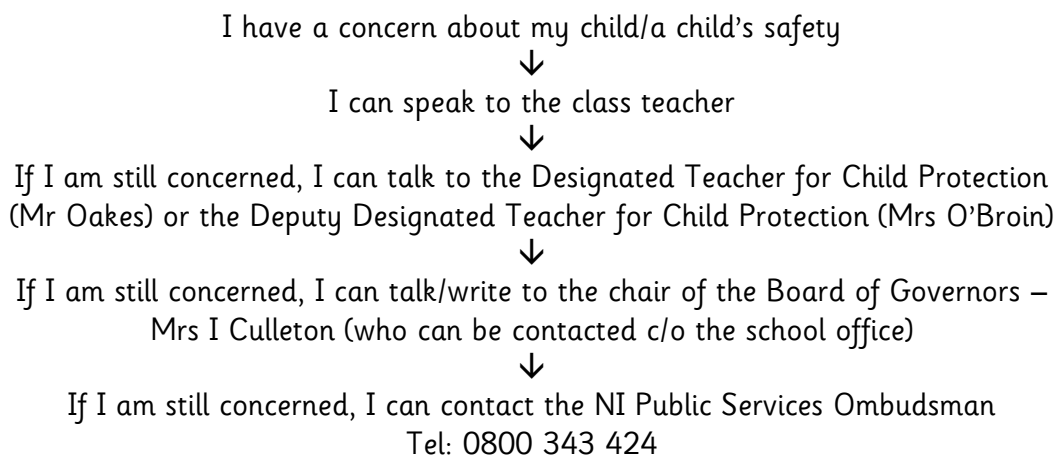
Monday 29th January – Primary 7 Service of Light at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

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 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



November 2023

Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Tuesday
27 Nov

18:30 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults

Tuesday
28th Nov

18:30 - 20:30
£24



What is ACT?

Acceptance & Commitment Therapy.
How it can help with anger, anxiety
and neurodiversity

Thursday
30th Nov

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding Addictive Behaviour

Screens, Gaming, Vaping and more

Thursday
4th Jan

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

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