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Friday 8th December 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Charlotte B
P2 Nevin D
P3 Jacob S
P4 Lacey K
P5 Jordan G
P6 Shane M / Lilianna M
P7 Annie D

Christmas Dinner

School Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers or hats to school along with their normal uniform.

Pay on ParentPay as normal for school dinner.

Christmas Shows

All the pupils and teachers are working hard on their Christmas plays. The Primary 3 and 4 show will take place on Thursday 14th December at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall. The Primary 1 and 2 show will take place on Friday 15th December at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall.

The KS2 show will take place in the Auditorium on Wednesday 20th December at 1:15pm.

There will be no charge for the school plays but we would appreciate any donations you wish to make on the day.

Raffle tickets will also be available for the PTA Christmas Draw.

School Choir Sing-A-Thon

Well done to our school choir members who sang for five hours on Thursday. They were amazing! Please see our Facebook page for clips and photographs.

Open Evening and School Development Plan Launch

We held our Open Evening on Wednesday and on this night the Board of Governors were there to launch our School Development Plan. Copies of the plan are available on our school website.

If you know of anyone who missed our Open Evening, please advise them to contact the office and we can arrange a time for them to visit.

No Dogs Policy

A polite reminder that no dogs are allowed in the school grounds as per our school policy.

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in our school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others can find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly our younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

As a result, no dogs are permitted on the school grounds. Service dogs and those brought in as part of educational activities are the only exceptions within our policy. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

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

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.



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Main Course:

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Turkey Gravy, Cocktail Sausages,
Roast and Mash Potatoes, Carrots and Peas**

Dessert:

Ice Cream Tub and Festive Shortbread Biscuit

(Pay on ParentPay as normal for school dinners)

Monday 18th December 2023

School Dinners -

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOX

**Chicken Nuggets or Sausages,
Chips & Corn on the Cob**

Festive Biscuit & Ice Cream Tub

(Pay on ParentPay as normal for school dinners)





Name the Christmas Teddy Bear

Name the Christmas Teddy Bear – 50p per guess. From Monday 13th December the Primary 7 pupils will start to call around to all the classrooms to start collecting guesses.

Christmas Raffle

The PTA are running Christmas Raffle and we are still taking 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!



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
- £25 gift voucher for Funhouse Treats, Larne (Bouncy Castle Hire)
- Signed Larne FC Football
- Fairy Tails Hair & Beauty gift vouchers (Wash & Blow Dry and Unicorn Braids)
- Baylis & Harding Fuzzy Duck Gift Set
- Bottles of wine and prosecco

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

Dates for your Diary

December 2023

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

Wednesday 13th December – Primary 4 to Primary 7 – Confessions in St MacNissi's Church at 9.30am

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

Thursday 14th December – Primary 3 and 4 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall

Friday 15th December – Primary 1 and 2 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall

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 in the Auditorium

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

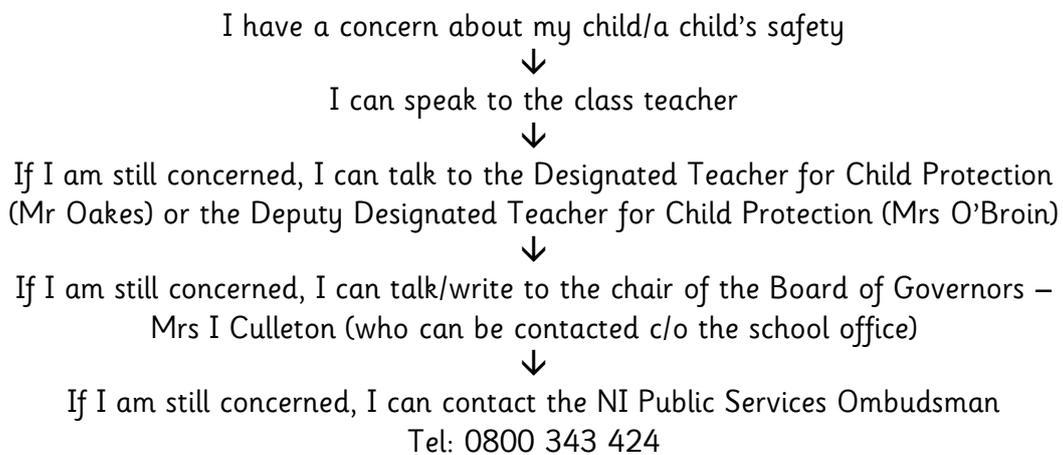
Monday 29th January – Primary 7 Service of Light at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

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.

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE SERVED ON WEDNESDAY



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

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WEEK 4

WEEK COMMENCING:
SEP 18, OCT 16, NOV 13,
DEC 11, JAN 15, FEB 12

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Beef Bolognese with
Garlic Bread

Or

Cod Fishcakes with
Tartare Sauce

SIDES

Garden Peas

Oven Baked Potato
Wedges

DESSERT

Melon, Mandarin &
Pineapple Pots with
Yoghurt Dip

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Ham & Cheese Pizza or
Pepperoni with Garlic Dip

Or

Tex Mex Beef & Veg
Enchilada

SIDES

Sweetcorn and Red
Pepper/Coleslaw

Chipped
Potatoes/Baked Potato

DESSERT

Jelly & Mandarin
Oranges

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast of the Day

Or

Stuffed Chicken

SIDES

Broccoli/Turnip

Mashed Potatoes/Oven
Roast Potato

DESSERT

Ice Cream, Pears &
Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken
Curry & Naan Bread

Or

BBQ Chicken Wrap with
Crunchy Salad

SIDES

Green Beans

Steamed Rice

DESSERT

Cornflake Tart &
Custard

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Oven Baked Chicken
Goujons

Or

Sweet Chilli Chicken
Panini

SIDES

Salad/Baked Beans

Chipped
Potatoes/Mashed
Potatoes

DESSERT

Homemade Ginger
Biscuit and Fruit



Children's Occupational Therapy Sensory Regulation Parent Workshops

The Children's Occupational Therapy Service is inviting you as a parent/carer to attend a Sensory Regulation Parent Workshop.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND THIS SESSION.

The presentation will be provided by Occupational Therapists. Parents are welcome to speak to the therapists and ask questions at the end of the session. It will last approximately **2.5 hours** with a short break in the middle. After this workshop, your child will not need to be seen by Occupational Therapy unless a further request for support is indicated.

Advice leaflets will be available for you to take home.

You do not need to book and you do not need to make a referral to Occupational Therapy to attend

The dates are as follows: |

Thursday 25th January 2024 – 6:30pm

The Sandel Centre, 6 Knocklynn Road, Coleraine, BT52 1WT

Wednesday 28th February 2024 – 10:00am

Magherafelt Women's Group, 27-29 Moneymore Rd, Magherafelt, BT45 6AG

Thursday 21st March 2024 – 6:30pm

Farranshane House, 1 Ballygore Road, Antrim, BT41 2RN

If you would prefer to watch a recording of the presentation at home, scan the QR code below.



Sensory Processing Webinar - Zoom
<https://hsc.zoom.us/j/92222222222>



