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We come to the end of a busy and fun filled term in school. The children have enjoyed many experiences including plenty of new learning, special visitors, performances, competitions, assemblies, workshops and trips. It has been a pleasure to witness the progress that all of our boys and girls have made since the start of September. We hope that they enjoy the holidays and come back in January with enthusiasm and energy for the new term and new year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our school staff for their endless dedication and commitment to our pupils and to all aspects of daily school life in St MacNissi's. I wish them all a restful and well-deserved break.

On behalf of everyone at St MacNissi's Primary School, I would like to thank all of our families for your support throughout this term. We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January.

Christmas Plays

Well done to all the boys and girls in Primary 5, 6 and 7 who put on brilliant Christmas show for everyone on Wednesday.

Thank you very much for the generous donations which will go towards our school funds.

Drop Off and Pick Ups

We have had a request from Larne Fire Station to ask parents to refrain from using the forecourt of the Fire Station for drop off and pickups. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers Needed

We are putting together a list of Parent/Grandparent volunteers who would be available to help on school outings, for example to Larne Library etc. We would require that any volunteers complete an Access NI check (no cost). If you would be available and would like to put your name forward, please contact the School Office for more information.

Hurling Sessions

Dominic McKinley will return to take hurling sessions for Primary 4 to Primary 7 from Friday 5th January. If your child has a hurling helmet, please send this into school on Fridays with them (with names on). Hurls are not required initially. **All children should wear their school uniforms and bring trainers in a bag.**

Sickness

If your child becomes unwell please follow the infection control advice from PHA which states that you should and keep your child at home for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

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

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school rewarding events ideas
pupils staff parents organisation teachers



Thank you to everyone for your support with the PTA Christmas Activities for the pupils and the PTA Raffle. The money raised will be used to purchase new whiteboards for the classrooms.

Well done to all of our winners!

Stena Line Return Crossing: S McKenna

Perfections Voucher: C Fleming

Curran Court Vouchers: A Hughes and A Convery

Oil or Gas Service Boiler with Peter Wilkinson: R Kelly

Family Swim Vouchers: S Rea, P Reilly and N Steele

Bake Voucher: L O'Lynn

Eurospar Vouchers: U McAllister, L McIlwaine, J Witherspoon

Fairy Tails Vouchers: S McKenna and L Stephens

Raw Details Voucher: J Dornan

Funhouse Treats Voucher: I Culleton

Larne FC Signed Football: G Lynch

Santa Teddy Bear: A Corr

Lindt Chocolates: L McCabe

Chocolates & Bubbles Gift Sets: L O'Boyle, P Gardner and M McCrossan

Pamper & Wine Gift Sets: J Davidson, A Dornan and E McAllister

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

After school clubs – all clubs will begin week commencing Monday 8th January 2024. Booking/Payments can be made for all clubs on ParentPay except for the Max Coding Club- leaflet for booking details at end of newsletter.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Club with Larne FC coach	Max Coding Club	Uplift Performing Arts	Construction Club	Friday Fun Club (2pm to 3pm)
Classes:	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 to P7)
Cost and Payment	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	See leaflet for booking details (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)
Places available:	15	23	15	15	20
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Club with Larne FC coach	Max Coding Club	Uplift Performing Arts	Irish Dancing Fun with Rowena (no experience needed)	Hockey Club (2pm to 3pm)
Classes:	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P5, P6 and P7)
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Places available:	30	22	25	15	15
Dates:	Week 1: 08.01.24 Week 2: 15.01.24 Week 3: 22.01.24 Week 4: 29.01.24 Week 5: 05.02.24	Week 1: 09.01.24 Week 2: 16.01.24 Week 3: 23.01.24 Week 4: 30.01.24 Week 5: 06.02.24	Week 1: 10.01.24 Week 2: 17.01.24 Week 3: 24.01.24 Week 4: 31.01.24 Week 5 : 07.02.24	Week 1: 11.01.24 Week 2: 18.01.24 Week 3: 25.01.24 Week 4: 01.02.24 Week 5: 08.02.24	Week 1: 12.01.24 Week 2: 19.01.24 Week 3: 26.01.24 Week 4: 02.02.24 Week 5: 09.02.24

Dates for
your Diary 

January 2024

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

Friday 5th January – Normal school hours

Friday 5th January – P4 to P7 classes - Hurling Sessions will commence every Friday

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

Sunday 21st January – Saturday 27th January – Catholic Schools Week

Thursday 25th January – Primary 4 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm

Friday 26th January – Grandparents Day

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

February 2024

Thursday 1st February – PTA Table Quiz in the Bodega

Friday 2nd February – NSPCC – Number Day

Friday 2nd February – Schools Hurling Competition

Wednesday 7th February – Primary 7 – Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 9th February – PTA Wear What You Love Day

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term Break

Sunday 25th February – School Choir – Peace Proms at the SSE Arena 7pm

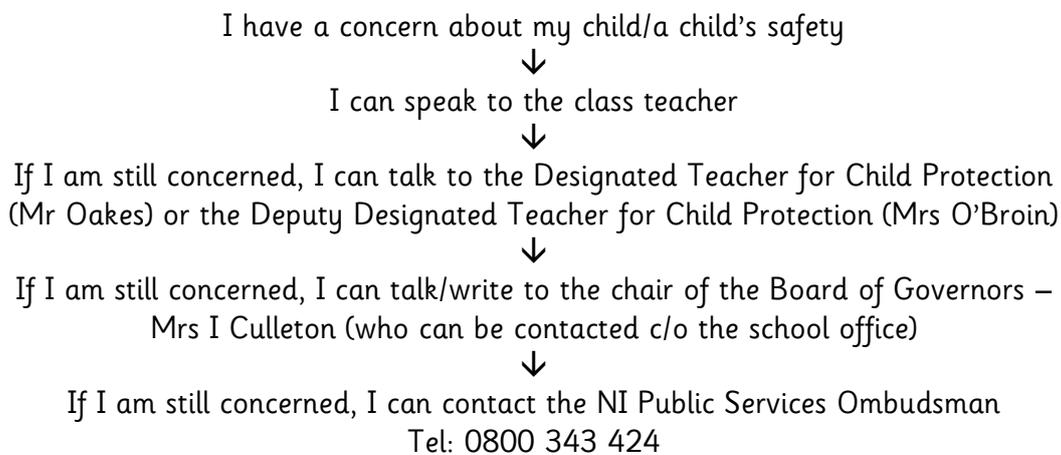
Wednesday 28th February – Primary 3 – Sacrament of First Confession at 1.30pm

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.

SCHOOL MEALS COMMENCE ON FRIDAY 5th JANUARY 2024



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 Bolognese 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

Max Coding QR Code for booking Afterschool Club:



The poster features a green background with various technology-related items. At the top left, the text 'MAX CODING' is displayed in white and red. At the top right, there is a circular image of a microchip. Below this, the text 'MAX VR' is shown in white and yellow. The central area contains several images: a white drone, a white VR headset, a blue robot with large eyes, a blue car-like robot, an orange tracked robot, and a white car-like robot. At the bottom left, there is a line of text: 'Scan the code to see the dates and times for your school and to make a booking.' At the bottom right, there is a QR code.

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