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Friday 12th January 2024

This week's Stars are:



P1 Amy R
P2 Rowan D
P3 Isla K
P4 Ruby J
P5 Ellie T
P6 Leo C / Isabella M
P7 Casey M

Strike Action

There is a planned full day strike action for members of all teaching and non-teaching unions across Northern Ireland on Thursday 18th January 2024. School will be closed to pupils on this day.
Refunds for any afterschool clubs will be issued.

Drop Off and Pick Ups

Please be reminded that Larne Fire Station have asked parents to refrain from using the forecourt of the Fire Station for drop off and pickups. We would appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Waste Free Wednesdays

Our ECO Committee along with Miss Cunning are working to achieve our Eco-Schools Green Flag status. The committee are introducing **Waste Free Wednesdays** to reduce our use of single use materials and to encourage more sustainable choices within our school.

Every Wednesday we would ask that your child's break and lunch contain as few items as possible that must be thrown away. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted, or recycled.

Reusable containers are a handy way to pack a waste free lunch. They also make it easy to buy food and drink in bulk which can save money over time. We are really excited for you to join with us in this new initiative and to make a positive impact on our environment!

Food Caddy Bags

Mr Lomas, our caretaker, has asked if any parents would like to donate small green caddy bags to the school. This would be very much appreciated. These can be left into the school office.

Smart Watches

As per our Digital Device Policy, pupils should not be wearing smart watches which have voice or video recording features to school. This is important to ensure the protection and safeguarding of our pupils and staff.

Primary One Applications

The EA Connect portal opens for new Primary One admissions (September 2024) on Tuesday 9th January <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide>
Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 26th January 2024. It is important to note that applications are not considered on a first come, first served basis.

Grandparents Day

As part of the Catholic Schools Week, we would like to invite grandparents or someone special to your child to visit our school on Friday 26th January from 9.30am to 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the school assembly hall and grandparents will then have an opportunity to have a walk around the school visiting grandchildren on their way.

Our whole school will also attend Mass on Monday 22nd January at 10am as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations.

Primary 6 Post Primary Transfer Process

The Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process.

The document is available to download from the Department's website.

[Advice for P6 Parents - January 2024.pdf \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place throughout the week commencing Monday 5th February 2024. School will finish at 1pm for all pupils on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February to accommodate these meetings. These will be face to face meetings and your child's teacher will be in contact to arrange a date and time.

On Wednesday 7th February, school will finish at 11am to enable all staff to attend the Primary 7 Confirmation. There will be no lunches or dinners on this day.

Unfortunately, we cannot run the afterschool clubs on this week so refunds will be issued.

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

PTA Fundraising

Our next fundraiser will take place on Thursday 1st February with a Table Quiz in the Bodega at 8pm – any donations for ballot prizes would be appreciated and can be left into the school office.

On Friday 9th February there will be a PTA '**Wear What You Love Day**' and pupils will be asked to donate £1 towards our fundraising for the whiteboards.



On Friday 2nd February, NSPCC Number Day, we are asking our pupils and staff to wear an item of clothing with an item of clothing with a number on it and donate to support the NSPCC. This can be a favourite sports top, item of clothing, cap or a specifically designed costume. There will be a lot of fun activities and puzzles for the children to complete throughout the day.

Dates for
your Diary 

January 2024

Tuesday 16th January – Primary 2 – Visit to Larne Fire Station

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

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

Thursday 18th January – Strike Action – School closed for all pupils

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

Monday 22nd January – School Mass for Primary 1 to Primary 7 at 10am

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

Thursday 25th January – Primary 7 – Girls Indoor Football Tournament

Friday 26th January – Grandparents Day – Invite to school - 9.30am to 10.30am

Friday 26th January – Primary Schools Credit Union Quiz at 10.30am

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

February 2024

Thursday 1st February – Primary 7 – Boys Indoor Football Tournament

Thursday 1st February – PTA Table Quiz in the Bodega at 8pm

Friday 2nd February – NSPCC – Number Day - £1 donation to NSPCC

Friday 2nd February – Schools Hurling Competition

Monday 5th February – 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings

Tuesday 6th February – 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings

Wednesday 7th February – 11am finish for all pupils – Primary 7 Confirmation

Wednesday 7th February – Primary 7 – Sacrament of Confirmation, 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church

Thursday 8th February – 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings

Friday 9th February – 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings

Friday 9th February – PTA Wear What You Love Day - £1 donation

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February (inclusive) – 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.

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 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

Larne Grammar School

Information for prospective
pupils and parents

OPEN NIGHTS

Tuesday 23rd January

6.30-9.00pm

Wednesday 24th January

6.30-8.30pm

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For more information including our
Virtual Tour and Prospectus visit:

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JANUARY 2024

A little
KINDNESS
goes a
long way

Thank You for Donating

You have been so generous and donated an amazing 19.2 tonne of food during the year 2023, and we have been able to distribute 19.6 tonne to those in need. **Thank you!**

Since the Christmas hamper appeal our stock of Cereal, Pure Fruit Juice, UHT Milk and Tinned Fish has been almost completely depleted. However, thanks to those who donate financially, we have been able to purchase these items from local stores to ensure that we can continue provide a full food parcel.

At this time, we kindly ask that if you are able, you could help us to replenish these items.



We are so blessed by the generosity of the people of Larne. Your acts of kindness really go a long way.

Distribution Opening Hours

In Craigyhill Methodist Church:

- Tuesday 1pm – 3pm
- Wednesday 5pm – 6.30pm
- Friday 10am – 12pm

In 1st Larne Presbyterian Church:

- Saturdays 9am – 11am

Office Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 1pm

Christmas Hampers 2023

Larne Foodbank would like to express a huge thank you to all who have donated food, toiletries, household items and finance over the past couple of months to help us with the ongoing need in our community as well as the Christmas Hampers. A wonderful team of volunteers have counted items, moved stock, packed and prepared **381 bags** of basic items, household products, toiletries and Christmas Luxuries to provide much needed Hampers to **236 families**, catering for **692 individuals**. It was wonderful to see individuals, churches, businesses and groups from the whole community working together to make this possible. Together with our partners CAP and Equality Period, we want to express a massive **THANK YOU** to each one of you.



To all these organisations and many more in our community – we thank you!



