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Friday 19th January 2024

This week's Stars are:



P1 Cian M
P2 Conor M
P3 Aine M
P4 Noah H
P5 Frankie O
P6 Hugo M
P7 Benjamin F

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Communities of Service and it will run from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January 2024. As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, the whole school will attend Mass on Monday 22nd January at 10am in St MacNissi's Church. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend or watch the service from home on the live stream.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates.

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.

Primary One Applications

The EA Connect portal is open for the new Primary One admissions (September 2024)
<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.

If you know anyone who would like any advice or support with their application, or to arrange a visit to the school please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Waste Free Wednesdays

Our ECO Committee along with Miss Cunning and Miss McLaughlin 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!

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 send home invite letters on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

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



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.

PTA Fundraising

Our next fundraiser will take place on Thursday 1st February with a Table Quiz in the Bodega at 8pm.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT

ST MACNISSI'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

come along and support our school!

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

£3 per person	8 PM	Raffle
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The Bodega, Larne

Dates for
your Diary 

January 2024

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

Tuesday 30th January – Primary 2 – Visit to Larne Library

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

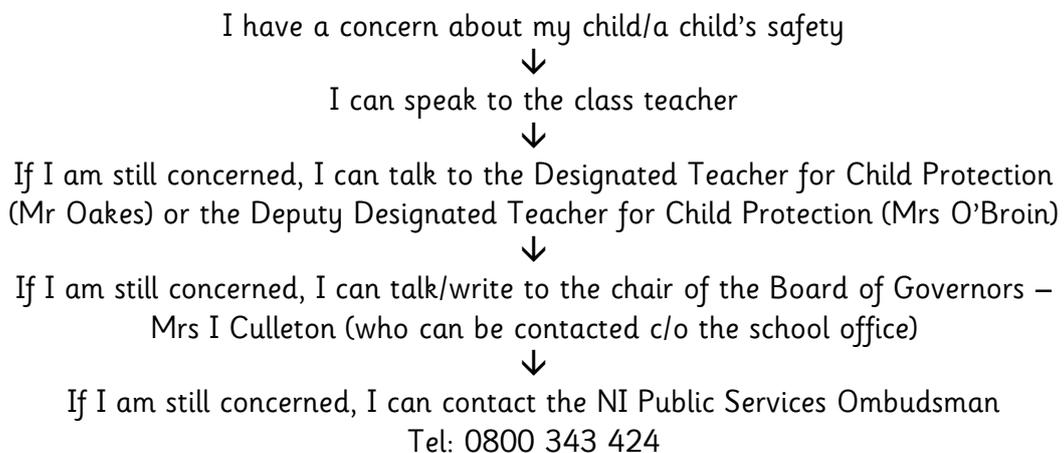
Wednesday 28th February – Primary 3 – Sacrament of First Confession at 1.30p

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 1

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

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

Classic Margherita
Pizza

Or

Fish Goujon in Soft Shell
Taco & Zingy Tomato
Salsa

SIDES

Baked
Beans/Salad/Coleslaw

Chipped Potatoes/
Baked Potato

DESSERT

Strawberry Mousse &
Fruit

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken

Or

Chicken Casserole

SIDES

Carrots & Parsnip/Savoy
Cabbage

Mashed Potatoes/Oven
Roast Potato

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

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Hot Dog

Or

Crispy Cod Fishcakes

SIDES

Tomato
Ketchup/Coleslaw/Salad

Chipped Potatoes/Baked
Potato

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot &
Biscuit



ECAC Junior XC

East Coast AC are proud to announce details of the ECAC Junior Cross Country Series, a three race Series aimed at promoting Junior athletics. All three races are at local venues and are open to EVERYONE!

Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
4 February 2024 LARNE HIGH SCHOOL	18 February 2024 LARNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	3 March 2024 SANDY BAY PLAYING FIELDS, LARNE

Entry - ONLINE ONLY via our website

www.eastcoastathleticclub.co.uk/club-events/event-three-4xyk9

In each of the three races, medals will be awarded to the first three athletes in each race category.

To qualify for the 'grand final' prize giving (after Race 3), all athletes must complete at least two out of the three races in the Series (best two results will be used where athletes have competed in all three events). The prizes will be trophies for first, second and third.

Entry will close the day before each race. **NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY.** Prices are £5 per race, £8 for two races or £10 for all three.

Category	Distance			Registration Closing Time
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	
Mini Girls 2018/2019/2020	500m	650m	800m	10.15am
Mini Boys 2018/2019/2020	500m	650m	800m	10.30am
Minor Girls 2014/2015/2016/2017	1000m	1300m	1600m	10.45am
Minor Boys 2014/2015/2016/2017	1000m	1300m	1600m	11.05am
Junior Girls 2011/ 2012/2013	1500m	1750m	2000m	11.20am
Junior Boys 2011/ 2012/2013	1500m	1750m	2000m	11.30am
Senior Girls 2007/2008/2009/2010	1500m	1750m	2000m	11.45am
Senior Boys 2007/2008/2009/2010	1500m	1750m	2000m	12.00 noon

Series 2024



FREE

RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2024

Together let's make it count

**Sunday 28 January
10 - 11am**

Meeting point:
Toilet Block at Chainé Park,
Larne

Free – just come along and
bring the whole family, no
booking required.

Everyone welcome

As part of RSPB's Big Garden
Birdwatch 2024

Why not join our free event?
We will see what species are
around and record numbers
as part of the national
campaign. Share your own
stories and meet others. Get
outdoors and enjoy our park.

What to wear: You will need to
be dressed appropriately for
the weather.

For further information
contact: [parks@
midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:parks@midandeantrim.gov.uk)

midandeantrim.gov.uk



Natural Play Sessions

Saturday 20 January 2024 To Saturday 3 February 2024
Ecos Nature Park, Ballymena

ECOS Nature Park, Kernohan's Lane, Ballymena

Saturday 20 January, 11am to 1pm

Saturday 3 February, 11am to 1pm

Could you survive in the Wild?

Join Paul from Wild Walk Bushcraft for two sessions of Natural Play at ECOS.

This free session is suitable for the whole family, it is a great opportunity to explore the natural environment.

While having fun you could pick up some bushcraft skills e.g. den building, foraging and Firecraft.

This will be an outdoor event so please dress appropriately.



Natural Play Sessions

ECOS Nature Park
Saturday 20 January 2024, 11am to 1pm &
Saturday 3 February, 11am to 1pm