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### This week's Stars are:

P1 Mateo O P2 Amelia M P3 Mairead W P4 Farrah M P5 Cora G P6 Kenan P / Katy L P7 Orla C

### **SEAG Outcomes**

Good luck to the Primary 7 pupils who will be receiving their SEAG results tomorrow. We are very proud of all of the wonderful boys and girls in our Primary 7 class. They are fantastic role-models for our younger pupils and a great example of all that we value here in St MacNissi's.

# **Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024**

We have had a lovely week here in St MacNissi's celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year was communities of service and we certainly have the most wonderful school community with boys and girls who share the love of God through their words and actions every day. To end this special week, we really enjoyed having so many of our grandparents and friends visit our

school. We hope that they enjoyed their morning as much as we all did!

For a round-up of the week please see our school Facebook page and website.



On Friday  $2^{nd}$  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 (minimum donation £1). 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.

# Primary 7 - Service of Light and Confirmation

The Service of Light and Commitment will take place on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church. Pupils should arrive at the church no later than 6.45pm. Sponsors do not need to attend with pupils on this night, but they can if they so wish.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church. Primary 7 pupils do not attend school on this day. Pupils, parents and their sponsors should arrive at the church no later than 11.45am.

All Primary 7 pupils should be presented in full school uniform for both Service of Light and Commitment, and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We would like to invite the Primary 7 boys and girls and their families to the school assembly hall after the Confirmation service for tea/coffee and refreshments.

# Healthy Break Policy

The school operates a healthy break policy. Please ensure that any snacks and lunches follow the healthy break guidance (linked below). There is also the opportunity to purchase milk for drinking at break time.

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-

06/Healthu%20Breaks%20for%20Schools%20A5%20Leaflet%20ENGLISH.pdf

# Girls Indoor 5's Football Tournament

Well done to the Primary 7 girls who participated in the Girl's Indoor Football Tournament yesterday. The girls were runners up and played brilliantly, showing great manners and sportsmanship throughout. Good luck the boys in their tournament next Thursday!

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place throughout the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. School will finish at 1pm for all pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to accommodate these meetings. These will be face to face meetings and notes have been sent home.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

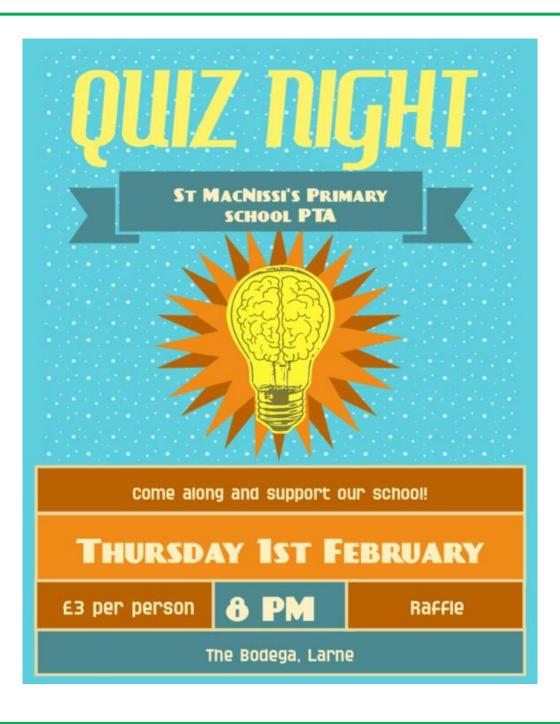
# Volunteers Needed – PTA Summer Fair

Our PTA are busy behind the scenes organising our Summer Fair. They are looking for any parent volunteers who could help with set up, during the fair or afterwards to help clear up. Whatever time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. The more volunteers we have the more activities and games we can offer for the children. If you can offer your time, please contact the school office.

# **PTA Fundraising**

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

On Friday  $9^{th}$  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.





Stalls available to book now Contact the school office on 02828273571

STALL

BOOKINGS

# When

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2024 5:30-7:30PM

# Where

ST MACNISSI'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Info

£20 PITCHING FEE SET UP FROM 3PM

Dates for uour Diaru

## January 2024

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 2<sup>nd</sup> February NSPCC Number Day minimum £1 donation to NSPCC
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Schools Hurling Competition
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1pm finish for Parent/Teacher meetings
- Wednesday 7th February 11am finish for all pupils Primary 7 Confirmation
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation, 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 minimum £1 donation
- Monday 12th February Friday 16th February (inclusive) Half Term Break
- Wednesday 21st February Primary 5 Visit to Larne Library
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February School Choir Peace Proms at the SSE Arena 7pm
- Wednesday 28th February Primary 3 Sacrament of First Confession at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 28th February Primary 7 Visit to Larne Library

### March 2024

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Primary 3 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day Children welcome to dress up in costumes
- Wednesday 13th March Primary 7 Woodhall Trip Information Session at 2.15pm in the assembly hall

# **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 (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

# 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

## MAIN COURSES

Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread

TUESDAY

Or

BBQ Chicken Pizza

#### SIDES

Sweetcorn/Salad

Oven Roasted Potato Wedges

#### DESSERT

Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard

# MAIN COURSES

WEDNESDAY

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

# ea catering WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING: SEP 04, OCT 02, OCT 30, NOV 27, JAN 01, JAN 29

# **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



# WALK TO SCHOOL

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Walking, being outside and spending time with others are all great for your mental health, so why not give it a go!



childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek



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
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Closing Time
Mini Girls 2018/2019/2020	500m	650m	800m	10.15am
Mini Boys 2018/2019/2020	500m	6 <mark>50m</mark>	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





# RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2024 Together let's make it count

# Sunday 28 January 10 - 11am

#### Meeting point: Toilet Block at Chaine 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@ midandeastantrim.gov.uk





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