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Friday 2nd February 2024

This week's Stars are:



P1 Ciaran C
P2 Isla M
P3 Jacob S
P4 Harry Q
P5 Jessica B
P6 Kaiden M
P7 Brianna S

Parent/Teacher Meetings – Early Closure

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place next week. 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.

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.

Afterschool Clubs

There will be no afterschool clubs next week. Refunds will be issued for any bookings made.

The afterschool clubs will commence again on Monday 19th February and further details will follow next week.

Primary 7 – Confirmation

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 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.

Boys Indoor 5's Football Tournament

Well done to the Primary 7 boys who participated in the Boys Indoor Football Tournament yesterday. The boys played brilliantly, showing great manners and sportsmanship throughout.

Schools Hurling Competition

Well done to the Primary 7 girls and boys who participated in the Schools Hurling Competition today. We are delighted to be the winners of the cup for the third year in a row! Thank you to Latharna Og for organising, to Dominic for all of his help, and to Mayor Alderman Gerardine Mulvenna for presenting the boys and girls with their medals and the cup.



School Uniform Policy

As per our school uniform policy please be reminded of the following:

Jewellery- The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- o One pair of stud earrings
- o A sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

Hair Styles- Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. We suggest that long hair is tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks.

Labelling- All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name. Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school.



Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Table Quiz. A fantastic amount of £352 has been raised towards our fundraising for new whiteboards.



Wear What You Love Day

On Friday 9th February there will be a PTA '**Wear What You Love Day**' and pupils are welcome to come to school in their jeans, sports kits, pajamas, dress up costumes etc whatever they love to wear. PTA are asking for a minimum donation of £1 towards our fundraising for the whiteboards. This can be paid in cash or on ParentPay next week.



Dates for your Diary

February 2024

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 – minimum £1 donation

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February (inclusive) – Half Term Break

Wednesday 21st February – Primary 5 – Visit to Larne Library

Sunday 25th 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 1st March – Primary 3 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – Children welcome to dress up in costume

Wednesday 13th March – Primary 7 Woodhall Trip Information Session at 2.15pm in the assembly hall

Monday 18th March – School Closed – St Patrick's Day

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.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY DINNERS WILL BE SWAPPED THIS WEEK AS FRIDAY IS NATIONAL PIZZA DAY! (NEW MENU COMING AFTER HALF TERM)



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

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WEEK 3

WEEK COMMENCING:
SEP 11, OCT 9, NOV 6,
DEC 4, JAN 8, FEB 5

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Golden Crumbed Fish
Fingers

Or

Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese
with Garlic Bread Slice

SIDES

Baked
Beans/Coleslaw

Chipped
Potatoes/Mashed
Potatoes

DESSERT

Artic Roll with
Peaches & Pears

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Italian Beef with Crusty
Roll

Or

Pepperoni/Margherita
Pizza

SIDES

Garden Peas/Salad

Homemade Diced
Potatoes

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken

Or

Savoury Mince

SIDES

Carrot &
Parsnip/Cauliflower Cheese

Mashed Potatoes/Oven
Roast Potato

DESSERT

Melon Wedge

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken
Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Steak Burger in a Bap &
Cheese

SIDES

Steamed Rice/Salad

DESSERT

Lemon Drizzle Cake &
Custard

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Tasty Pork Sausages with
Tomato Ketchup/Gravy

Or

Salt N Chilli Chicken Wrap
with Garlic Mayo

SIDES

Mini Corn on the
Cob/Spaghetti Hoops

Chipped
Potatoes/Mashed
Potatoes

DESSERT

Decorated Fairy Cake

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

5-11
FEB
2024



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



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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek



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

FEBRUARY 2024

Howdens Family Fun Day

Howdens Larne is planning to host a family friendly fundraiser to support Larne Foodbank on Friday 9th February, 9am – 5pm. The event will include free food, fun games, music and prizes that include vouchers for local businesses. Howdens recently supported us by supplying us with a cupboard that we can now take with us to events. It helps us to demonstrate the devastating reality of what is found in the cupboards of some of the people we engage with, and then how much more hopeful that same cupboard can look after receiving an emergency parcel.

We want to thank Howdens for their continued generosity and their willingness to work with other local businesses for the benefit of the local community. We hope everyone enjoys the fundraiser!



Special Delivery

We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Sam Drummond from Nearby Shop on Gloucester Avenue, who arranged a bulk delivery of our most needed items. This really helped to ensure that we had all the essentials throughout the week! If you would like to help us to continue to refill our shelves, the items we are most in need of are:

- Tinned fish
- Long grain rice 500g
- Jars of sauce for rice
- Long life Juice 1l
- UHT milk 1l (Semi Skimmed/Whole)

Did you know that we also try to provide some hygiene products alongside our food parcels? We understand that when someone is in a position of food poverty, cuts will have been made elsewhere in their daily lives with items such as toilet roll, hand soap, toothpaste, shampoo and shower gel. We are currently running very low on these items and we were so grateful to receive a bag of donations from The Hygiene Bank this week. Thank you to Boots, Hygiene Bank volunteers and helpers from Corran Integrated Primary School for sorting, weighing and donating these items.



Thank-you for fundraising!

Larne Foodbank would like to express a huge thank you to The Inner Wheel Club who donated a fantastic £400 to Larne Foodbank. Inner Wheel's Tedi Cross, who is also a valued volunteer at Larne Foodbank, hosted a brilliant coffee morning on 10th January 2024 to mark the start of The Inner Wheel's centenary year of celebrations for International Inner Wheel. Tedi shared with us how Aroma Coffee House provided coffee free of charge to aid the event and that Watt's Butchers also got involved by providing scones at reduced price. We love to see the community of Larne coming together. The kind-heartedness of each and every person who contributes in any way to the work of Larne Foodbank makes a big difference to the people we work with.



Trussell Trust Rolling Roadshow 2024

The Trussell Trust Rolling Roadshow will be held in the Dunadry Hotel in Antrim on **8th May 2024**. The Roadshow is a brilliant opportunity to come together, connect and share ideas and learnings from across the Trussell Trust network. At the Roadshow, there is a chance to hear from Trussell Trust leaders and external experts as well as take part in interactive workshops that will enable you to take away practical tools and inspiration to ignite change in your local community. The Rolling Roadshow is a great moment in the Foodbank Network calendar and the theme for the 2024 roadshow is "Together". It will be a time to stand together as a community in the face of collective challenges, to share our experiences and knowledge, and to leave with stronger relationships, refuelled to continue to build bridges across our community networks to advocate for change. Roadshows provide a significant moment to come together in solidarity and collectively consider how we can continue to shape a more just future. Please get in touch if you would like to be a part of this with us.



