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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### This week's Stars are:



P1 Daire R  
P2 Caolan S  
P3 Isla K  
P4 Phoebe W  
P5 Isla K  
P6 Connie M  
P7 Jack M

### Peace Proms – School Choir

Good luck to the school choir who are participating in the Peace Proms at the SSE Arena this Sunday evening.

You have all worked very hard for this event and we hope that you will enjoy this amazing experience.

### Trocaire

This year the money raised for Trocaire will help support the people of Malawi, following catastrophic drought, poverty and hunger. We will now begin our fundraising events for Trocaire and each class will have a Trocaire box for any loose change the pupils would like to donate.

Each class will also organise a fundraising event for Trocaire before the Easter holidays. More details to follow.

### Breakfast Club on ParentPay

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February you will be able to make payment for Breakfast Club on ParentPay. Cash payment will still be available every morning.

Payment can be made daily or weekly in advance.

Please note that if you make payment on ParentPay you MUST still sign your child into Breakfast Club every morning.

### School Council – Tuck Shop

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February the School Council will be running a Tuck Shop to raise money for the Eco Committee to purchase a new greenhouse and composter. Pupils may bring in no more than £1 to spend at the Tuck Shop during school.

## Team Hope

We have received an email from Team Hope to thank the boys and girls for their outstanding donations. They were able to send 176,615 shoebox gifts from Ireland to children in 12 countries across Eastern Europe and Africa as part of the 2023 Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

For many of these children, this is the only gift they will have received this Christmas (or in their lives before).

Well done everyone!



## Primary 3 First Confession and Special Assembly

The Primary 3 pupils will make their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm in St MacNissi's Church. Pupils do not need to bring a school bag on this day and any snacks/packed lunches should be disposable as pupils will not be coming back to school after the service, they will be allowed to go home. Pupils should be in full school uniform (no trainers). All parents should be seated in the Church by 1.15pm.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March the Primary 3 pupils will have their Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## Battery Recycling



As part of our Eco Flag work, we are starting to recycle batteries. Duracell are running a competition for schools and there are prizes for the schools who collect the most batteries.

Pupils should bring used batteries into class and pass onto their teachers. Thank you for all your support.



We will be participating in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, this inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

### **Bug Hotel – Request for Items**

We have a new Bug Hotel in the Key Stage 2 playground. If you have any of the following items you would like to donate - bricks, stones, logs, or hollow pipes, please leave into the school office.

### **Primary 1 and 2 – Nature Trip**

The Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils will be going on a local nature trip to Curran Park on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15am to 11.30am. The children will not need anything different on this day and lunches will be in as normal. More details will follow on Seesaw.

## Dates for your Diary

### February 2024

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 7 – PeacePlayers at YMCA

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 3 – Sacrament of First Confession at 1.30pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – School Council Tuck Shop – fundraiser for Eco Committee

### March 2024

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Primary 3 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 7 – PeacePlayers at YMCA

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Children welcome to dress up in costume

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 7 – PeacePlayers at YMCA

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 1 & 2 – Nature Trip to Curran Park

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed – Bank Holiday for St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 1 – School Nursing Team – P1 Appraisals (more details to follow)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 7 – Peaceplayers Celebration Event at YMCA

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School finishes at 11am for the Easter Holidays

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) – Easter Holidays

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School commences for Term 3

### April 2024

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Primary 7 – Woodhall Residential Trip

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Primary Schools Swimming Gala

## After school clubs – Booking/Payments can be made for all clubs on ParentPay – you can pay weekly or in advance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Football Club with Larne FC coach</b>	<b>Eco Club</b>	<b>Uplift Performing Arts</b>	<b>Construction Club</b>	<b>Friday Fun Club (2pm to 3pm)</b>
Classes:	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 to P7)</b>
Cost and Payment	ParentPay £3.00 per session (4-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)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)
Places available:	15	15	15	15	15
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3.00 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Football Club with Larne FC coach</b>	<b>Eco Club</b>	<b>Uplift Performing Arts</b>	<b>Irish Dancing Fun with Rowena (no experience needed)</b>	<b>Hockey Club (2pm to 3pm)</b>
Classes:	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P5, P6 and P7)</b>
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Places available:	30	20	25	15	20
Dates:	Week 1: 19.02.24  Week 2: 26.02.24  Week 3: 04.03.24  Week 4: 11.03.24	Week 1: 20.01.24  Week 2: 27.02.24  Week 3: 05.03.24  Week 4: 12.03.24  Week 5: 19.03.24	Week 1: 21.02.24  Week 2: 28.02.24  Week 3: 06.03.24  Week 4: 13.03.24  Week 5 : 20.03.24	Week 1: 22.02.24  Week 2: 29.02.24  Week 3: 07.03.24  Week 4: 14.03.24  Week 5: 21.03.24	Week 1: 23.02.24  Week 2: 01.03.24  Week 3: 08.03.24  Week 4: 15.03.24  Week 5: 22.03.24

## 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.**

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW DINNER MENU STARTING MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Beef Bolognese - Or - Chicken Goujon Wrap with chilli dip  Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Mashed Potato  Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baked Potato  Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Chinese-style Beef & Vegetables  Diced Carrots & Green Beans Noodles / Rice  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon & Creamy Tomato Pasta  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Pineapple Delight	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Chicken & Summer Veg Pie  Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Mashed Potatoes  Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Freshly Baked Ham & Cheese Panini  Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato  Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Bolognese - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots Pasta / Wedges  Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy  Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato  Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast Gammon, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Dippers  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato  Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip - Or - Roast Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake  Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Baby New Potatoes  Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread  Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Baked Potato  Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce  Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals  Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Chicken & Pepper Fajita  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Sausages - Or - Baked Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn / Salad Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes  Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy - Or - Jerk Chicken & Caribbean Rice with Flatbread  Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato  Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap  Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges  Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread  Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Roast Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta and Tomato & Pesto Sauce  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions - Or - Salt & Chilli Chicken  Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice  Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge

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MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY | IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY | MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

# Autism and Fussy Eating

Join our session on fussy eating and autism, led by Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI. Discover practical strategies to help master fussy eating including mealtime challenges, sensory eating and food acceptance tips.

When: Thursday 29th February, on Zoom  
Time: 10am-11.30am

To book a place call free  
0808 8020 400

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Development Team: 2015 and younger  
Under 12s: 2013 + 2014  
Under 14s: 2011 + 2012  
Under 16s: 2009 + 2010  
Under 18s: 2007 + 2008  
Senior teams: 2006 and older

For more details please contact  
Jayden: [jayden@larneymca.org](mailto:jayden@larneymca.org)



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which level is best for your child!**

