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This week's Stars are:

P1 Stephen S P2 Hannah H P3 Mairead W P4 Abaigeal M P5 Grace W P6 Ruby M P7 Isla C



PTA EASTER FUNDRAISING

The PTA have organised some Easter fun activities for all the pupils. There will be an Easter art competition with a prize for the best boy and girl in each class and an Easter egg hunt for each class, both activities will take place during school. The cost for these activities will be $\pounds 2$ per child and should be paid through ParentPay.

Don't forget to send in your tickets for the Easter raffle, we have 3 Easter hampers up for grabs filled with goodies, crafts and treats to enjoy over the Easter holidays! The draw will take place on Wednesday 27th March.

Guess the number of sweets in the Easter basket – 20p per guess. The basket will continue to be brought around the classrooms until Wednesday 27th March.

All funds raised will be put towards the interactive whiteboards.

Easter Holidays

School will close on Thursday 28th March at 11am for the Easter holidays.

School will commence again for term 3 on Monday 8th April.

Bun Sale

On Wednesday 27^{th} March the Primary 7 pupils will be holding a Bun Sale to raise funds for Trocaire. Pupils are welcome to bring in no more than £2 to buy a treat during school. Thank you for your support.

Afterschool Clubs

Please note that there are NO afterschool clubs this week.

A list of the afterschool clubs running after the Easter holidays will be sent home on Monday.

P3 & P4 Sponsored Walk

Well done to the Primary 3 and Primary 4 boys and girls who took part in a Sponsored Walk on Wednesday to raise funds for Trocaire. The total raised was £385! Thank you for your support.

Primary 1 and 2 - Teddy Bear Extravaganza

The Primary 1 and Primary 2 boys and girls have received an invite from Buttons the Bear to bring their favourite teddy bear to school on Tuesday 26th March for a sponsored day of fun to raise funds for Trocaire. It will be a fun filled day with lots of activities and a picnic with their teddy bears. Sponsor forms/money should be returned by Wednesday 27th March. Thank you for your support.

Primary 5 - Silver Smartie Fundraiser

The Primary 5 boys and girls have all received a tube of smartie's once they have enjoyed their sweets, they should refill their tubes with 20p pieces to raise funds for Trocaire. The tubes should be returned to school before Wednesday 27th March. Thank you for your support.

Primary 6 - Read-a-thon

We hope that the Primary 6 boys and girls are enjoying their read-a-thon and are working hard to achieve their challenge of 1 million words in 2 weeks! Sponsorship forms/money should be returned by Wednesday 27th March. Thank you for your support.

School Milk Scheme

The School Milk Scheme will continue in term 3 after the Easter break. Cost of milk will be 21p per day for a carton and will be given to pupils at breaktime every day. Milk must be paid for in advance and will run from Monday 8th April to Friday 28th June 2024 (inclusive). The total cost for next term will be \pounds 11.55 and should be paid through ParentPay on or before Wednesday 27th March. Please note we cannot take any orders after this date as we have to pre order the milk with Dale Farm.

Primary 5 Swimming Lessons

The Primary 5 pupils will begin swimming lessons after the Easter holidays from Thursday 11th April for 11 weeks.

Information has been sent home with pupils.

Payment should be made each week on ParentPay. This will cover the cost of the transport to Larne Leisure Centre and the swimming lesson.

Eco News

Don't forget we are collecting batteries for the **Duracell Big Battery Hunt**. They can be brought to school and passed on to Miss Cunning. We have started **Cash for Clobber**, so please drop any used/unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts into the school office and we can generate some valuable funds for the school.

We now have enough bottle tops collected for the art mural in the playground. Thank you for your donations.



March 2024

- Tuesday 26th March Primary 1 & Primary 2 Teddy Bear Extravaganza for Trocaire fundraising
- Wednesday 27th March Primary 7 Bun Sale for Trocaire fundraising
- Thursday 28th March School finishes at 11am for the Easter Holidays
- Friday 29th March Friday 5th April (inclusive) Easter Holidays

April 2024

- Monday 8th April School commences for Term 3
- Wednesday 10th April Primary 6 Afterschool Transfer Club begins (finishing time 3.30pm)
- Thursday 11th April Primary 5 begin swimming lessons at Larne Leisure Centre
- Tuesday 16th April Primary 7 Woodhall Residential Trip
- Tuesday 16th April Primary 3 Visit to Larne Library
- Thursday 18th April Clarke Cup Football Tournament
- Friday 19th April Primary Schools Swimming Gala
- Friday 19th April Primary 7 Dragons Den Event
- Friday 19th April Primary 5 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall
- Thursday 25th April Clarke Cup Football Tournament
- Friday 26th April Sustrans Workshops
- Monday 29th April Primary 6 and 7 Love for Life Workshops

<u>May 2024</u>

- Wednesday 1st May Sustrans Workshops
- Friday 3rd May Primary 2 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall
- Monday 6th May School Closed Bank Holiday
- Saturday 11th May Primary 4 First Holy Communion at 11am in St MacNissi's Church

Thursday 16th May – Outdoor 7's – Girls Football Tournament

Wednesday 22nd May – Primary 7 – Transition Day

Thursday 23rd May – Outdoor 7's – Boys Football Tournament

Friday 24th - Tuesday 28th May (inclusive) – School closed for Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day

Friday 31st May – Primary 1 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

<u>June 2024</u>

Friday 7th June – School Sports Day - Primary 1 to Primary 3 classes will be from 9.15am to 10.30am and the Primary 4 to Primary 7 classes will be from 10.50am to 12.40pm.

Monday 10th June – School Closed – Staff Development Day

Friday 14th June – School Summer Fair from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

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 \checkmark

I can speak to the class teacher

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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)

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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)

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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.

Online Safety

Please see our online safety section on the school website for help, tips, and advice on online safety.

WEEK 2 - STARTS MONDAY 25th MARCH - No Dinners on Thursday 28th March

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNG



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Beef Bolognaise - Or - Chicken Goujon Wrap with chill 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 - Beef Casserole Diced Carrots & Green Beans Mashed Potatoes / 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	Bolognaise - 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

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

Larne Music Festival

Now with classes in Vocal, Piano, Guitar, Traditional, Instrumental, Adult Choir and Groups



Adjudicators: Donal McCrisken MBE ~ Vocal, Piano, Instrumental Guitar ~ TBC

> Gráinne Meyer ~ Traditional

First Larne Presbyterian Church Hall



Closing Date for entries: 30th March www.Larnemusicfestival.com

24 – 27 April 2024