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## Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are: P1 Cara M P2 Ezra H

P3 Aine M P4 Harry D P5 Harper H P6 Connie M Aoife W P7 Anna M



## **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you to all the pupils who have already donated shoeboxes. We will still be able to accept shoeboxes on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November after the Halloween holidays.

## No Dogs Policy

St MacNissi's Primary School operates a No Dogs policy:

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in our school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others can find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly our younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

As a result, <u>no dogs</u> are permitted on the school grounds. Service dogs and those brought in as part of educational activities are the only exceptions within our policy. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

### **Open Night**

Our school open evening for prospective pupils will take place on <u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</u> from <u>5pm</u> to <u>7pm</u>. On this evening we also will officially launch our strategic School Development Plan for the 2023-2026 period. We invite all prospective parents and pupils, and parents of our current pupils to school on this evening.

We would appreciate if you could let anyone within our wider school community know about the date and time of open evening.

We look forward to welcoming everyone.



## **Peace Proms Information**



## 7pm St Macnissi's PS

## West 8 Rows 16 & 17

CHOIR SEATING PLAN FOR CONCERTS: The above diagram indicates where our choir will be seated for the concert.

\*It is important that you know where our choir will be seated so that you can purchase seats with a clear view. **Parents should sit opposite the choir** – we suggest in a South/East block or on floor level opposite.

TICKETS: Ticket go on pre-sale to schools at 10am on Wednesday 1st November. This is the direct ticket link for parents:<u>https://www.ticketmaster.ie/venueartist/460013/1509563?did=prompre</u>



## November 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school after the half term break

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Primary 7 Lantern Making for the Larne Christmas Parade
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Primary 6 Peaceplayers at YMCA
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Primary 1 P1 Reading Meeting at 12.45pm and Stay & Play at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November School Choir to SSE Arena for Peace Proms Rehearsal
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Primary 5 Fire Safety Talk with NIFRS
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Primary 6 Peaceplayers at YMCA
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Primary 3 and 4 Book Trust Author and Illustrator Event at Moyle PS.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Primary 6 Peaceplayers at YMCA
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Primary 6 Peaceplayers at YMCA
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November Inver Cup Outdoor 7's Tournament

## December 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTA Non-Uniform Day – more details to follow

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 6 – Peaceplayers at YMCA

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Open Night from 5pm to 7pm

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Bingo Day more details to follow
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Primary 3 and 4 Christmas Play at 1.15pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Play at 1.15pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December School Choir to Gloucester Day Park
- Wednesday 20th December Primary 5, 6 and 7 Christmas Play at 1.15pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Finish for Christmas holidays at 11am

## 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**

## 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

MAIN COURSES Roast Chicken

WEDNESDAY

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

## ea catering WEEK 3

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

## 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





# HALLOWEEN

Halloween Half Term Holidays are coming but don't get too frightened Parentline NI have you sorted! Our Halloween pack is full of activity ideas, recipes and more. Call now for your free copy 0808 8020 400





Here's what's happening in Larne Town Centre for Halloween:

On Monday 30 October, a Children's Halloween Craft Workshop will take place in the Town Hall in Larne where children can create their own Halloween mask. To book your place on this Free event click on the link <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/732839601977?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

Sounds Good Music will be at Broadway between 1pm and 4pm, with two Halloween walkabout performers present from 2pm until 4pm.

The Paranormal Pumpkin Patch is Live in Larne Town Centre and will run until 5<sup>th</sup> November. This virtual game will have you tracking down 10 spooky characters who have taken up residence at the following locations. It's your job to find and release them, but they won't go easy!

Caroline Smyth Photography Jam & Thread Bake Hayes Travel Plata Jewellers Hunter Campbell Robinson Furniture The Save Point Pitter Patter McCoubrey & Woodside Pharmacy