

St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Don't forget School will be closed in Friday 30th September 2022 for Staff Development Day.

Stars of the Week.

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 – Jack Mc C

P2 – Ettie R

P3 – Harry D

P4 – Ellie T

P5 – Jack Mc G

P6 – Jack W

P7 – Aoife O  Jacob W

School Council

We were delighted to present our new School Council members with their badges at assembly today. A great group of pupils who will help to contribute towards the continuous improvement of our school community.

P3 – Harry D and Daisy H

P4 – Archie M and Cara C

P5 – Hugo M and Aria R

P6 – Faye S and Ben M

P7 – Aoife O and Alex H

European Languages Day

Monday 26th September we celebrate **European Languages Day**. As well as a lovely Italian dinner menu the children will be learning about lots of different cultures and languages. We will end the day with a special assembly.

P6 Special Assembly

We welcome back our Special Assembly, first up will be Primary 6 on Friday 21st October at 1.15pm. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to come along but please keep numbers to 2 adults per child.

Free School Meals

If your child receives Free School Meals, **please remember** you still need to order their school meal through Pay360 every week.

Attendance

If your child is off school due to sickness or any other reason please phone the School Office to inform us on the first day of their absence. This **MUST** be followed up with a letter explaining their absence on the day they return to school.

Pay 360

Pay360 will continue to be used for dinner payments. We will also use this system for swimming, some clubs and various other things throughout the year.

Please pay during the designated time for the week ahead, this week, (Friday 1pm – Monday 9.00 am).

If any parents are still having issues with the Pay360 please call to the School Office.

Car Parking

We would appreciate it if parents did not park at the school gates during drop off and pick up times. The Chapel Car Park is opened especially for the parents to use and the safety of all the children is our priority.

UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme

The Irish Football Association curriculum sports programme for Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils, this will continue on Wednesday 21th September. P3 and P4 pupils should wear PE gear on Wednesdays. **Please wear appropriate bottoms as detailed above and bring trainers in a bag.**

Swimming Lessons

P6 pupils have begun swimming lessons every Thursday, this should be paid through Pay360. Parents will be able to pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 23rd September 2022 at 9am and will close on Thursday 29th September at 9am this week.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available every morning and will be on a pay as you go basis. The cost is £2 per day and the club will run from 8am – 8:50am. You can pay your weekly breakfast club payment at the beginning of the week however you **must** sign your child in as you drop them off each day.

Cash payments only for breakfast club.

Drop off and collection times

Classroom doors will be open between 8:50am and 9:00am each morning. Children should not be on school premises prior to this unless they are attending breakfast club. Late arrivals after these times should come through the main front door.

Parent teacher meetings

Details regarding the pastoral phone calls on the 10th and 11th October will follow next week.

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.

Allergies

If your child has an Allergy Action Plan, please ensure that the school are aware of this and medication is kept updated. This is the responsibility of every parent.

Cycle to School Week: 3-7 October 2022

We are taking part in Cycle to School Week, and would encourage you to get involved! We realise cycling to school isn't possible for everyone, so this year the event is suggesting you make one of the following pledges:

- Cycle to school everyday
- Swap one car journey for cycling
- Cycle with your family
- Discover somewhere new on a cycle ride

We would love to see lots of bikes in our bike shelter, but hopefully you will be able to try out one of these options, and we'd love to hear what you do. You can also make your pledge at: <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/> and be entered into a prize draw to win a Frog bike!

Department of Education – Review of Childcare Services - Survey

The review wants to understand the current state of the childcare sector in Northern Ireland, including the supply and demand of childcare services, their accessibility and affordability. The review will involve surveys and focus groups or interviews with parents, carers, childcare providers and other people within the childcare sector. Parents and carers of children aged between 0 and 14 years of age in Northern Ireland can have their say in this survey (your answers are anonymous).

Please follow the link on this email.

After school clubs

Please see timetable below:

	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Uplift	
Classes:	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Form to be sent home £6 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £4 per session (6 week block)	
Places available:	25	15	25	25	

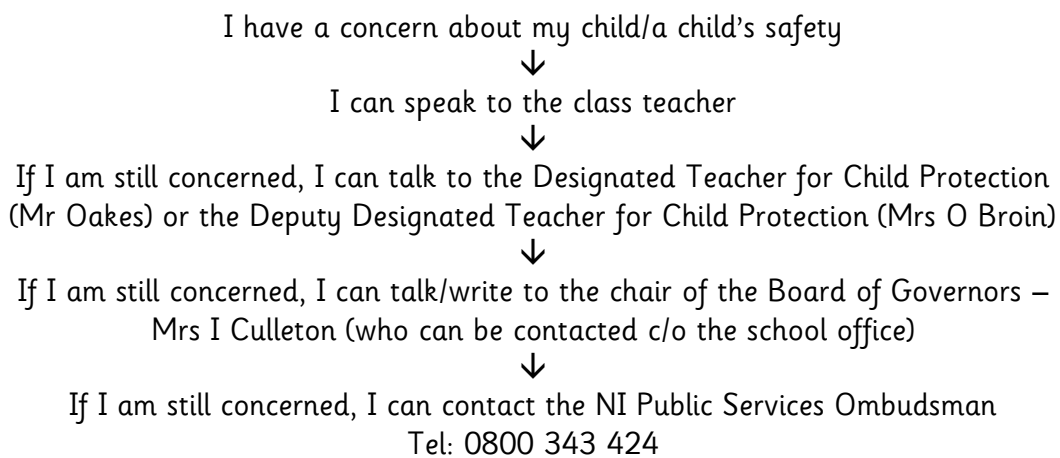
	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Uplift	Max Coding
Classes:	(P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3 and P4)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Form to be sent home £6 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £4 per session (6 week block)	£6 per session Online link (6 week block)
Places available:	30	15	25	25	25
Dates:	Week 1: 12/09/22 Week 2: 26/09/22 Week 3: 03/10/22 Week 4: 10/10/22 Week 5: 17/10/22 Week 6: 24/10/22	Week 1: 12/09/22 Week 2: 26/09/22 Week 3: 03/10/22 Week 4: 10/10/22 Week 5: 17/10/22 Week 6: 24/10/22	Week 1: 13/09/22 Week 2: 20/09/22 Week 3: 27/09/22 Week 4: 04/10/22 Week 5: 11/10/22 Week 6: 18/10/22	Week 1: 14/09/22 Week 2: 21/09/22 Week 3: 28/09/22 Week 4: 05/10/22 Week 5: 12/10/22 Week 6: 19/10/22	Week 1: 15/09/22 Week 2: 22/09/22 Week 3: 29/09/22 Week 4: 06/10/22 Week 5: 13/10/22 Week 6: 20/10/22

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.

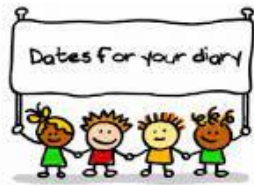


St MacNissi's Primary School is very fortunate to have the support of parents who volunteer their time to enable school events to happen and raise money for the direct benefit of all our pupils. The PTA committee meetings take place two or three times a term, either online via TEAMS or occasionally in school, and are usually no longer than one hour.

The PTA are always keen to welcome new members, either to sit on the committee or to volunteer at events throughout the year.

If you would like to find out more about our committee or add your name to our list of volunteers, please contact the school office.

Our whole school community appreciates your help and support.



Monday 10th / Tuesday 11th October - Settling in updates (phone call times will be allocated next week)

Monday 10th October – Scholastic Book Fair arrives

Friday 21st October – Primary 6 Special Assembly at 1.15pm

Wednesday 26th October – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 28th October – Halloween Fancy Dress – 11am finish

Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November - Halloween Break


Monday 7th November – All children return to school after Halloween Break

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Pantomime at the Waterfront Hall (details to follow)

Thursday 22nd December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays

Friday 23rd December – Thursday 5th January – Christmas Break (inclusive)

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	26 th September	27 th September	28 th September	29 th September	30 th September
Week 1	European Languages Day we are going Italian Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Salsa Potato Salad Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream or Watermelon Chunks	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Roast Loin of Pork or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or Chicken Panini with BBQ Sauce on the side Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	School Closed - Staff Development Day
	3 rd October	4 th October	5 th October	6 th October	7 th October
Week 2	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	Lasagne & Crusty Bread or French Bread Pizza Sweetcorn& Peas / Asian Slaw Mashed Potato Jelly, Ice Cream with Sliced Peaches	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy Cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake	Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Gardens Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad Apple Sponge & Custard	Steak Burger & Bap or Breaded Fish Fillets Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks



FREE TRIAL CLASS

GREENISLAND COMCENTRE

MONDAY: Juniors 7-8pm

WHITEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY: Juniors 7-8pm Seniors 8-9.30pm

LARNE LEISURE CENTRE

WEDNESDAY: Juniors 6.30-7.30pm

Junior class age 5-13 Senior class age 14 to adult. Find us on Facebook at [Gozen Ju Jitsu Clubs](#)

For further information or to book a trial class email us at gozenjujitsu@goi.com or Text 07753267187

