

St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 21st October 2022

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There was great excitement in school today Primary Six got ready for their Special Assembly. It is lovely to hold these events and we thoroughly enjoy welcoming you all into school again. Primary Six were fantastic – and I am sure that family members who attended were so proud of them – just as we are! Thank you to Mr Oakes for preparing the children and coordinating today – it really was great!

We look forward to the P3 special assembly on Friday 27th January 2023.

We have a busy week ahead as we approach the Halloween break. Our Halloween disco takes place on Thursday evening and there has been lots of planning going on behind the scenes. The PTA have worked hard to ensure that it will be a great evening for our pupils and on behalf of our whole school community we thank them.

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

This week's Stars are:



P1 Conor McA
P2 James R
P3 Abaigeal McQ
P4 Joshua F
P5 Aimee-Rose R
P6 Ethan K ★ Faye S
P7 Tyler James C

Flu Immunisation Programme

The School Nursing Team will be coming to our school this Monday 24th October 2022 and **not** Wednesday 26th October as originally planned.

Halloween Break

School closes at 11am on Friday 28th October after the Halloween Parade at 10.30am in the playground (weather permitting).

Pupils must be collected from their classroom door after the parade and **not** leave from the playground.

Staff Car Park

The Staff Car Park at the front of the school should **not** be used for drop off or pick up of pupils at school finishing times. The Chapel Car Park is opened for parents to use and the safety of our pupils is our priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

Signatures Required

If during your Parent/Teacher Telephone Call you were asked to call to the School Office to sign documents, it is important that you call in as soon as possible. Reminder letters have been sent home with pupils as well.

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. **Our attendance records are legal documents and so any absence must be followed up with a letter giving a reason for the absence on the day the pupil returns to school.**

UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme

The Irish Football Association curriculum sports programme for Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils, this will continue on Wednesday 26th October. P3 and P4 pupils should wear PE gear on Wednesdays.

Please wear appropriate bottoms and bring trainers in a bag.

School Business

We are always keen to keep a record of anyone who may be available to fill positions within the school (either short or longer term). This would include classroom assistants, cleaners and lunchtime supervisors. Please send a CV into the school office.

P6 Swimming Lessons

P6 pupils swimming lessons continue every Thursday, this should be paid through Pay360. Parents can pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 21st October 2022 at 9am and will close on Thursday 27th October at 9am this week. If your child misses Swimming this week due to the Sustrans Programme a refund will be issued on Pay360.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available every morning and is on a pay as you go basis. The cost is £2 per day and runs 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.

Note: Friday 28th October – Only Toast/Pancakes and Water/Juice available – no cereals.

Parent/Grandparent Helpers

We require parent/grandparent helpers to accompany our classes on school trips this year.

We have a busy schedule of trips and activities planned for the year and we depend on these volunteers to enable us to take the children on these events.

If you would like your name added to our volunteer list (following Access NI Clearing Check) please contact the School Office. We would really appreciate your help.

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.

Pay 360 and Free School Meals

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 9.00am).

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

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

Monday Morning Mass at 10am

The Primary 4 and Primary 5 pupils will attend Monday morning Mass on Monday 24th October 2022.

School's Out

Just a reminder that Larne Foodbank can help by providing food parcels to support to families during the October half-term holidays.





PTA Update

Our PTA have been instrumental in organising some of our whole school events this year. They are always looking for new members and are happy to discuss what a volunteer role within the PTA would entail.

So far, the money raised through PTA events, including Split the Pot and the Summer Fete, has been used to purchase a new interactive whiteboard for our ICT suite, Easter eggs for all of our pupils and art supplies for school.

Upcoming PTA Events

Split the Pot – First draw Thursday 27th October 2022 – **last few days to get your entries in!**

Split the Pot runs half termly. Brown envelopes will be sent home with the children. Only one £1 coin should go in any one envelope and a name written on the front. One envelope is chosen and the winner will receive half of the total money collected. The other half goes straight into PTA funds.



Christmas Raffle

Christmas shopping event (children)

Special Visitor in December!

ST MACNISSI'S P.S
PTA HALLOWEEN
DISCO

Thursday 27th October
P1 - P4 (5:30 - 6:30pm)
P.5 - P.7 (6:45 - 7:45pm)

£2 per child / £5 for more than two children

All tuck shop items 50p each
Hair colours (applied by staff) 50p

Tuck Shop *Glow Sticks* *Hair Colours*

After school clubs – Football Skills and Nature, Gardening & Art Club will run for an extra week due to the Bank Holiday in September). **It is our intention to run a Learn and Play Afterschool Club in the next term – more details to follow.**

Please see timetable below:

| | Monday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|-------------------|--------|--|---------|-----------|----------|
| 2.00 – 3.00pm | | Nature, Gardening and Art | | | |
| Classes: | | (P1 and P2) | | | |
| Cost and Payment | | Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block) | | | |
| Places available: | | 15 | | | |

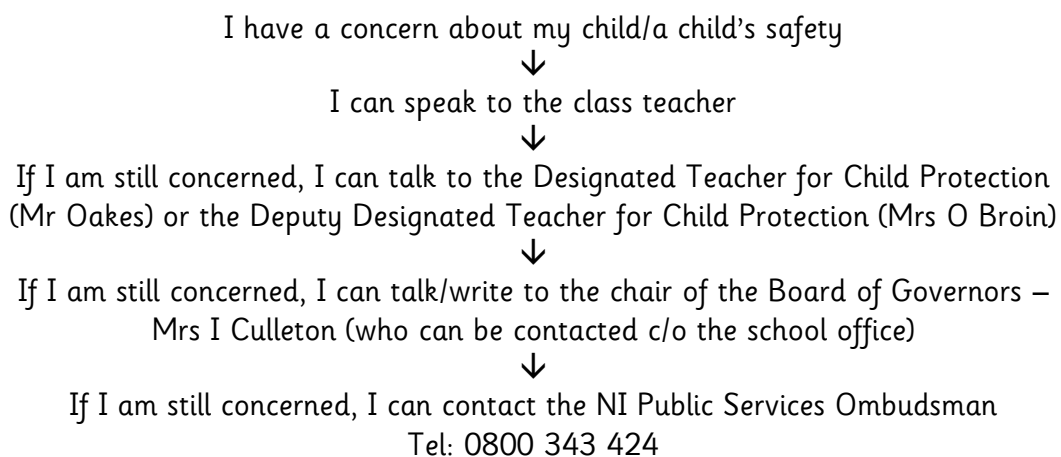
| | Monday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|-------------------|--|--|---------|-----------|----------|
| 3.00 – 4.00pm | Football Skills | Nature, Gardening and Art | | | |
| Classes: | (P5, P6 and P7) | (P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7) | | | |
| Cost and Payment | Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block) | Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block) | | | |
| Places available: | 30 | 15 | | | |
| 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 | | | |

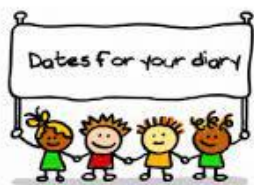
Child Protection and Safeguarding

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.





Monday 24th October – Flu Vaccination

Thursday 27th October – PTA Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

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

Halloween Parade (parents welcome to come along (dress up optional!). This event will be outdoors with weather permitting – Friday 28th October at 10:30am

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

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

Tuesday 8th November – Shoe Box collection (leaflet sent home with children or more available from the School Office. (Please ensure any shoeboxes are in by Monday 7th November)

Tuesday 15th November – PTA Event – Break a Rule Day! We ask for a donation of one item per child required for our Christmas Shopping Experience – more details to follow next week.

Wednesday 7th December – Open Night 5pm to 7pm – all new potential pupils and parents' welcome

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

Thursday 15th December – Primary 3 and Primary 4 – Christmas Play at 1.30pm


Friday 16th December – Primary 1 and Primary 2 – Christmas Play at 1.30pm

Tuesday 20th December – Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Christmas Play at 1.30pm


Thursday 22nd December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays

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

Dinner Menu

|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | | |
| | 24 th October | 25 th October | 26 th October | 27 th October | 28 th October |
| Week 1 | Spaghetti Bolognaise 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 | Halloween Special Breast of Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Witches Fingers, Brains & Crickets (Sausages, Beans & Chips) Tossed Salad Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard | School Closes at 11am for Halloween Break |
| | 7 th November | 8 th November | 9 th November | 10 th November | 11 th November |
| Week 3 | Breaded Chicken Goujons or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla Wrap Pasta Salad Sweetcorn Homemade Chilli Wedges Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce | Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt and Fruit | Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roasted & Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Melody Of Fruit | Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Filled Baked Potatoes Salad Selection Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection | Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Chunks |

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| | 14 th November | 15 th November | 16 th November | 17 th November | 18 th November |
| Week 4 | <p>Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread or Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap Half Baked Potato with Cheese Tossed Salad</p> <p>Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie</p> | <p>BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks</p> <p>Fruit Muffin & Milkshake</p> | <p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roasted & Mashed Potato</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie and Banana Chunk</p> | <p>Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Gardens Peas Or Savoury Mince</p> <p>Garden Peas Mashed Potato</p> <p>Fruit Crumble & Custard</p> | <p>Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken & Cheese Panini</p> <p>Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad / Coleslaw</p> <p>Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit</p> |
| | 21 st November | 22 nd November | 23 rd November | 24 th November | 25 th November |
| Week 1 | <p>Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza</p> <p>Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Salsa Potato Salad</p> <p>Raspberrry Ripple Ice Cream or Watermelon Chunks</p> | <p>Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry</p> <p>Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes</p> <p>Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit</p> | <p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato</p> <p>Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes</p> | <p>Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or Chicken Panini with BBQ Sauce on the side</p> <p>Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas</p> <p>Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard</p> | <p>Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap</p> <p>Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection & Fruit Chunks</p> |



WINTER COAT PROJECT

COME AND PICK UP YOUR FREE WINTER
COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES

PRELOVED TOYS/NEW GIFTS FOR
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE ALSO
WELCOME



WHERE?

Millbrook Community Centre
Drumahoe Road,
Larne,
BT40 2PF



WHEN?

DONATION TIMES

Wednesday evenings 7-8pm
Sunday mornings 10-11am

PICKUP TIMES

Saturday 5 November 10.30-3pm

TEA, COFFEE & TREATS ALSO AVAILABLE



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