

St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Don't forget School will be closed in Monday 19th September 2022 for the Bank Holiday.

Stars of the Week.

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 – Keela C

P2 – Mairead W

P3 – Sophia D

P4 – Harper H

P5 – Ailish McA

P6 – Emily S

P7 – Carly McC and Joshua S

School photographer

The school photographer will be in the school on Tuesday 20th September 2022. **Please note only siblings within the school will be photographed together this year.**

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 – Tuesday 9.00 am).

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

PE Uniform

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- White polo shirt (school)
- Plain dark blue or black shorts / jogging/tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Trainers
- *School jumper must be worn

All parents will receive further information from class teachers with details of the class timetable including PE days.

On PE days children should ensure that ONLY the PE uniform outlined above is worn.

*Please be reminded that trainers are only permitted on PE days (to be sent in in a bag) and are not part of our school uniform.

UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme

The Irish Football Association curriculum sports programme for Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils, this will continue on Wednesday 21st 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 16th September 2022 at 9am and will close on Thursday 22nd 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.

We ask that all adults please refrain from entering the school grounds / playground any earlier than five minutes before pick up time to ensure that child protection and safeguarding guidelines are being followed. Please remember that this is still school time and children may be out on the playground. Their safety is our priority.

Primary 1	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:00pm
Primary 2	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:00pm
Primary 3	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:50pm (children will be brought up to the gate leading to the church)
Primary 4	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm (children to meet parent/carer at designated pick up point)
Primary 5	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm
Primary 6	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm
Primary 7	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm

Please be aware your child's teacher is not available at 9am. If you wish to speak with the teacher please contact the School Office to arrange a call back.

Parent teacher meetings

As a result of review we have taken the decision to move the parent teacher meetings from October to February in order to provide a fuller picture of your child's progress. We will be adding a pastoral phone call in October and more details regarding this will follow.

Birthday Cake

Due to allergies in the school we ask you do not send in birthday cake for the class. If you wish to send a birthday treat for the class only Haribo is permitted.

Caddy Bags

Mr Lomas has asked if any parents would like to donate small green caddy bags to the school this would be very much appreciated.

Engage

We have secured Engage funding for this term. Mrs Higgins will be the Engage support teacher. Through the Engage programme we will provide support in various curriculum areas, focusing initially on Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing. If you have received a letter regarding the Engage Programme, please sign and return to the school as soon as possible.

After School Clubs

If your child attends any of the After School Clubs (with the exception of Transfer Club) they must be collected at the Main Front Door beside the School Office.

We have had requests from parents to join the Football and Nature, Gardening & Art Club, so we will open the booking on Pay360 for these clubs until Monday 26th September at 9am.

Emails

Please check your emails regularly and inform the school office if you have any problems receiving school related emails. Please continue to check your junk email – our new school secretary will be sending emails from mcarmichael549.

School website

Our school website is currently undergoing restructuring and redesign. We will shortly be sending out information about the SchoolsNI app which is linked to this and will provide an additional means of communication between home and school.

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.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin this Monday 12th September. **There are still places available, please contact the School Office if you are interested in joining any of the Clubs.**

These Clubs will not be offered again this term. 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	

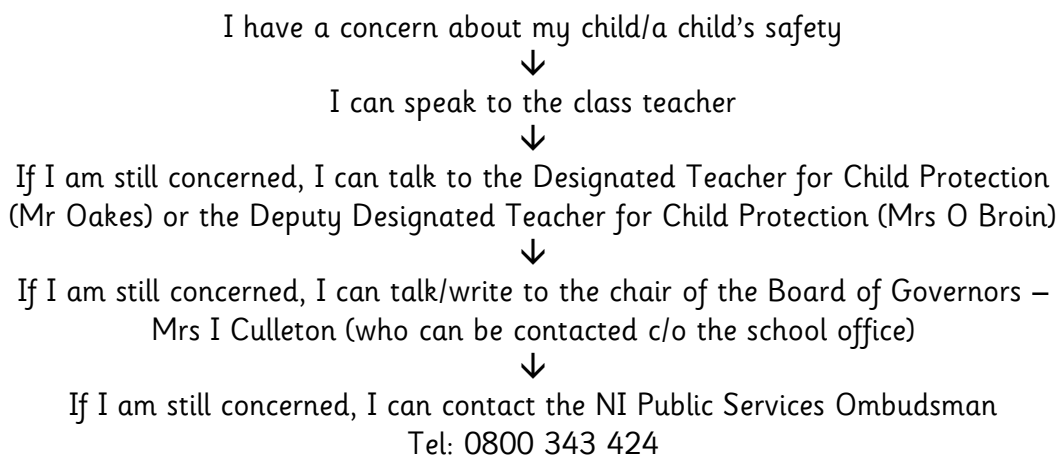
	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Uplift	Max Coding
Classes:	(P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3 and P4)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 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.



September



Tuesday 20th September – School photographer visit

Friday 23rd September – Beginning of Term Mass (parents welcome to watch online)

Friday 30th September – Staff Development Day (no pupils)

October



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

Monday 10th October – Scholastic Book Fair arrives


Wednesday 26th October – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 28th October – Halloween Fancy Dress – 12pm finish

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

*Please note that parent / teacher meetings will be held in February 2023.

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 th September	20 th September	21 th September	22 nd September	23 rd September
Week 4	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Roast Beef or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie and Banana Chunk	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Garden Peas or Savoury Mince Garden Peas Mashed Peas Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken & Cheese Panini Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad / Coleslaw Jelly. Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit
	26 th September	27 th September	28 th September	29 th September	30 th September
Week 1	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	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurts

OPEN DAY & REGISTRATION SATURDAY 17TH SEPT

SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW MEMBERS



Church Hall @ The Old Presbyterian Church of Larne and
Kilwaughter

JOIN US

@ 10.30am



