

# St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Stars of the Week.

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

**This week's Stars are:**



P1 Anna McA

P2 Erin L

P3 Farrah McA

P4 Jake H

P5 Aoife M

P6 Noah McA

P7 Eoin McA ★ Holly McK

## 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.



### Change of Date for the Flu Immunisation Programme

The School Nursing Team will now be coming to our school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and **not** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October as originally planned.

### P6 Special Assembly

We welcome back our Special Assembly, first up will be Primary 6 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.15pm. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to come along but please keep numbers to 2 adults per child. Primary 6 children will be able to go home after the assembly.



We are very excited to be celebrating **Maths Week 2022**. This year we will be focusing on maths in the great outdoors to encourage a greater understanding of the power and beauty of maths in our world. We will be taking part in games, challenges and lots of outdoor maths activities.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> October. P3 and P4 pupils should wear PE gear on Wednesdays.

**Please wear appropriate bottoms and bring trainers in a bag.**

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9am and will close on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## 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 5 pupils will attend Monday morning Mass on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.  
The Primary 4 pupils will attend Monday morning Mass on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



A special thank you to Charlie McBride and John McQuillan (Glenravel) for donating and delivering over 30 logs for our nature garden. The school councillors, Mrs Archer and the gardening club are working alongside Mrs Baxter to regenerate the area and the logs will be used to create a seating area for our classes to enjoy. We really appreciate the kind donation and look forward to sharing pictures of our progress soon.





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

Meetings are usually held once every 5/6 weeks over ZOOM and last no longer than one hour. There is already a committee in place, but we require parents to help arrange and set up events. Without the help all the great events planned for the year ahead may not be able to go ahead. **The PTA really need additional support.**

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.

## Upcoming PTA Events

Split the Pot – First draw Thursday 27th October 2022

**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** – PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last week of Junglenastix, Uplift and Max Coding. (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:

<b>2.00 – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	<b>Football Skills</b>	<b>Nature, Gardening and Art</b>	<b>Junglenastix</b>	<b>Uplift</b>	
Classes:	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	<b>(P1 and P2)</b>	
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	

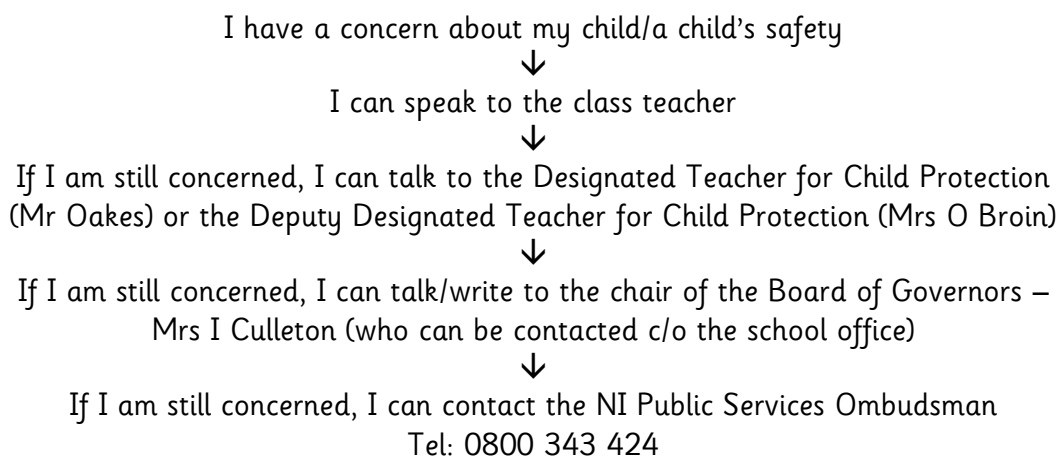
<b>3.00 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	<b>Football Skills</b>	<b>Nature, Gardening and Art</b>	<b>Junglenastix</b>	<b>Uplift</b>	<b>Max Coding</b>
Classes:	<b>(P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3 and P4)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>	<b>(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)</b>
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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.





Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Primary 6 Special Assembly at 1.15pm (P6 pupils can go home after the assembly)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccinations – **please note change of date.**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Halloween Disco

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Halloween Break

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – All children return to school after Halloween Break

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



**TEAM HOPE**  
Helping vulnerable children overseas

# THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

<p style="text-align: center; color: #2e3192; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WRITE</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #2e3192; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WASH</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center; color: #2e3192; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WEAR</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #2e3192; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WOW</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div>


**WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:**  
 Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food (chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

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


Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Break (inclusive)

## Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	17 <sup>th</sup> October	18 <sup>th</sup> October	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Week 4</b>	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Crusty Bread Or Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap Half Baked Potato with Cheese Tossed Salad  Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	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 Potato  Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken & Cheese Panini  Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad / Coleslaw  Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit
	24 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	28 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Week 1</b>	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	<b>Halloween Special</b> Breast of Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or <b>Witches Fingers, Brains &amp; Crickets (Sausages, Beans &amp; Chips)</b>  Tossed Salad Garden Peas  Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	School Closes at 11am for Halloween Break

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7 <sup>th</sup> November	8 <sup>th</sup> November	9 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November	11 <sup>th</sup> 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 Gammon 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

**Starting 1st  
November**



**Latharna Óg GAC**

# **Junior Training**

**Tuesdays Indoors  
@ The Cliff**

**P1/P2 6.45 - 7.15**

**P3 & over 7.15- 8.00**

**£3 per session**

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