

St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Well done for a great first week back everyone. It has been lovely to see the boys and girls and to hear all their news.

Have a well-earned break this weekend!

Mrs Baxter



We are looking forward to welcoming Beverley and the Sustrans team back to our school.

Sustrans Active School Travel Programme

Most parents will know we encourage families to choose to travel to school by walking, cycling or scooting, or for those who live further away to park and stride. We started this journey working with the Sustrans Active School Travel Programme, and are pleased to have Beverley Gaston, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer, back with us over the next year. She will be helping us running events and competitions, as well as coming into school to run various activities for all the year groups.

Active travel has a range of benefits including improving physical and mental health, promoting independence, increasing safety awareness, benefiting the environment and reducing the number of cars around the school gates, making our school safer for everyone.

We understand cycling or walking to school is not easy for every family, and there will be opportunities for all children to participate in some activities in the programme.

Safety is very important to our school. Please help us, for example by ensuring children are wearing bright clothes to help them be seen by road users, or if you drive by watching out for pupils walking. The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk to and from school rests with the parents/carers.

We look forward to seeing even more children and parents/carers cycling, walking and scooting to school this year!

Beverley Gaston
Schools Officer | Sustrans Northern Ireland

There will be many updates over the next few days / weeks so 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.

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.

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 (after induction period)	- 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/carers 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.

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 (Friday 1 pm – Monday 9.30 am).

Swimming Lessons

P6 pupils will begin swimming lessons on Thursday 15th September.

P6 parents will receive an email regarding this.

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.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club will return on Monday 5th September 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.

Data collection reminder

It is extremely important that you view, edit as necessary, and return the data collection forms. We require these back as soon as possible.

Permissions

The link to the permissions form have been sent via email. Please follow this link and sign and date each section online as you complete the form. **We require urgent responses.**

School photographer

The school photographer will be in the school on Tuesday 20th September.

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.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin on Monday 12th September. An email with sign up details and any other forms or links regarding sign up for clubs will follow next week.

Please see timetable below:

	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Uplift	Max Coding
Classes:	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)
Cost and Payment	Pay360	Pay360	Form sent home 05/09	Pay360	Online link
Places available:	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

	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	Pay360	Form sent home 05/09	Pay360	Online link
Places available:	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Dates:	Week 1: 12/09/22 Week 2: 19/09/22 Week 3: 26/09/22 Week 4: 03/10/22 Week 5: 10/10/22 Week 6: 17/10/22	Week 1: 12/09/22 Week 2: 19/09/22 Week 3: 26/09/22 Week 4: 03/10/22 Week 5: 10/10/22 Week 6: 17/10/22	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

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

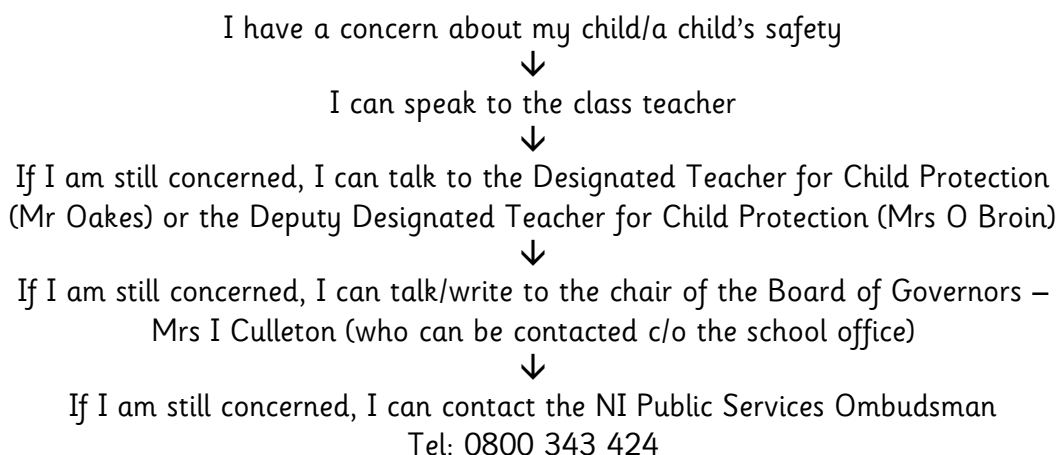
We have several children in school who suffer from nut and other allergies. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food group in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Consequently, we must ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school (either for healthy break 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.

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



Monday 5th September – Breakfast Club begins

Monday 12th September – After School Clubs begin

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 (phonecall 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
	5 th September	6 th September	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September
Week 2	Oven baked sausages Or Homemade chilli chicken Savoury noodles Baked beans / tossed salad Mashed potato Arctic roll with sliced peaches	Breaded fish fillets Or Lasagne and crusty bread Sweetcorn and peas / Asian slaw Mashed potato Pineapple chunks Frozen yoghurt	Roast breast of chicken Or Salmon tails Traditional stuffing/gravy Savoy cabbage/diced carrots Oven dry roast and mashed potato Chocolate brownie with raspberry milkshake	Breast of chicken curry with boiled rice and naan bread or Chicken and cheese panini Garden peas Baked potato Tossed salad Apple sponge with custard	Steak burger and bap Or French bread pizza Chipped potato / baked potato Tossed salad Coleslaw Flakemeal biscuit and fruit chunks
	12 th September	13 th September	14 th September	15 th September	16 th September
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 Roast & 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 Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks