

# St. MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

@StMacNissisPSLarne

What a great first half term that has been! It has certainly been very busy and packed with lots of learning and fun activities.

Since September our pupils have been given the opportunity to participate in activities including Sustrans cycling, Take 5, swimming and basketball, our beginning of term Mass, IFA football coaching, after school clubs, visits to Larne Library, visits to Larne Museum, Shared Education visits to partnership schools, YMCA twinning, P6 Special Assembly, Autumn walks, park visits, Stay and Play sessions, Jag Tag and more.

We have entered competitions including the Credit Union Art competition and we have celebrated lots of successes from both inside and outside of school. Well done to all of our first half term stars of the week. We have also elected new School Council members and Wellbeing Champions.

The term ended with a fantastic evening at our PTA Halloween disco and our annual Halloween Parade. Thank you to our PTA members and Bradley and members of Larne YMCA for their help. The children all looked fantastic – thank you parents for your support!

As always thank you to our teachers, support staff and auxiliary staff for everything that they do for the children.



Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Halloween break from everyone at St MacNissi's!

## First Holy Communion Date

It has been confirmed with Fr O'Brien that the Primary 4 pupils will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Chapel.

## St MacNissi's Facebook Page

Please follow our Facebook Page 'St. MacNissi's Primary School – Larne' and please 'like' our posts – it will keep you up to date with what is going on in school and the fun activities the pupils are participating in.

## Primary 1 Stay & Play

Our Primary 1 Stay and Play date will be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 1.10pm. We would encourage all P1 parents to come along to this lovely afternoon.

## Primary 7 – Larne Grammar School – Familiarisation Day

The Primary 7 pupils who returned forms will be attending Larne Grammar School on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10am. If you have still not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible to allow your child to attend.

## 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.



### Primary 7 Woodhall Trip

All Primary 7 pupils have received information about their Woodhall Trip in March. A payment plan has been set up on Pay360. Parents can either make payment in full or pay in instalments. If you have any issues with payment, please speak to the School Office and we can arrange a payment plan to suit.

### Flu Immunisation Programme

If your child missed their flu vaccination on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the school nursing team will be coming back into the school at the end of November to carry out a further session. If you wish your child to have their flu vaccine before this, then please contact your GP.

### P6 Swimming Lessons

Primary 6 pupils swimming lessons will continue on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November this should be paid through Pay360. Parents can pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am and will close on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9am for the next session.

### Shoe Box Appeal

A reminder that all shoe boxes need to be returned to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Leaflets are available from the School Office.

### UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme

The Irish Football Association curriculum sports programme for Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils, this will continue on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. P3 and P4 pupils should wear PE gear on Wednesdays.

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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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**

 Public Health Agency

# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.



## 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 – The winner of the first draw on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October was Isla (P2) winning £51 – thank you to everyone for your support.**

**BREAK THE RULES**

**TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**  
YOU CAN BREAK UP TO 3 OF THE RULES BELOW

- 1. Bring a healthy snack for break**
- 2. Have neat and tidy hair**
- 3. No temporary tattoos**
- 4. No wearing nail polish**
- 5. Do not wear trainers**
- 6. Do not bring juice in your bottle**
- 7. Wear matching socks**

ON THIS DAY WE WOULD APPRECIATE A DONATION OF AN UNUSED GIFT (VALUE BETWEEN £1 AND £5).  
THIS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT.

## December Events:

Christmas Raffle

Children's Christmas shopping event

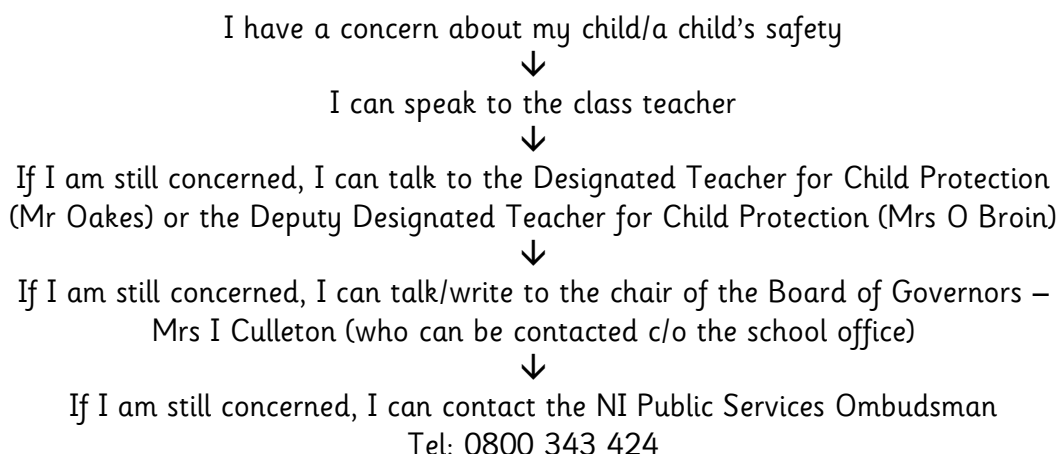
Special Visitor in December!

## 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).

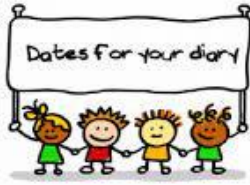
If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call the Referral Gateway Team on **0300 1234 333** or **028 9442 4459** or the PSNI Central Referral Unit on **028 9025 9299** or **101 Ext 30299**.

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.



## 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.



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)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Event – Break a Rule Day! See the poster on PTA Events. We ask for a donation of one item per child for our Christmas Shopping Experience – gifts can also be hand-made.

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

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

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 3 and Primary 4 – Christmas Play at 1.30pm


Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 1 and Primary 2 – Christmas Play at 1.30pm

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


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
	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
<b>Week 3</b>	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
	14 <sup>th</sup> November	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	18 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Week 4</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese 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 Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails  Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roasted & Mashed Potato  Chocolate Brownie and Banana Chunk	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Gardens 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

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21 <sup>st</sup> November	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Week 1</b>	Spaghetti Bolognaise or Margherita Pizza  Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Salsa Potato Salad  Raspberrry 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 Breast of Chicken 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 & Fruit Chunks
	28 <sup>th</sup> November	29 <sup>th</sup> November	30 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Week 2</b>	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  Sweetcorm & 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, Garden 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



## 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

