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Friday 18th November 2022

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Alex J
P2 Isla K
P3 Owen D
P4 Conor M
P5 Katy L ★ Jaden O
P6 Ella B
P7 Alicia C ★ Ethan B

Open Night

We welcome all new potential pupils and their parents to our School Open Night which will take place on **Wednesday 7th December 2022 from 5pm to 7pm.**

Please help us by spreading the word among your family and friends.



**We welcome all
new admissions**

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The Daily Mile – Santa Run

The Daily Mile Network is inviting schools across Northern Ireland to join the virtual Santa run event to celebrate The Daily Mile! Grab your Christmas jumper or accessories on Friday 2nd December 2022 for the Santa run during school hours.

Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin

On Tuesday 13th December the school will be attending Aladdin at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast. A letter has already been sent home with all pupils. A packed lunch will be required and a snack or treat to eat during the show. Payment can be made through Pay360. Please return the permission forms once payment has been made.

Learn and Play Afterschool Club

Our Learn and Play afterschool club will continue this Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November 2022. An email has already been sent out to all parents giving details of this new afterschool club. Payment can only be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 18th November 2022 at 1pm and close on Monday 21st November 2022 at 9am.

Primary 1 Stay & Play

Our Primary 1 Stay and Play date will be Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 1.10pm. We would encourage all P1 parents to come along to this lovely afternoon. We are also re-scheduling the Primary One reading meeting for the same afternoon at 2pm (30 minutes). Primary One children will be supervised for those parents who wish to attend.

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.

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.

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 20th May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Chapel.

P6 Swimming Lessons

Primary 6 pupils swimming lessons will continue on Thursday 24th November this should be paid through Pay360. Parents can pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 18th November at 9am and will close on Thursday 24th November at 9am for the next session.

UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme

The Irish Football Association curriculum sports programme for Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils, this will continue on Wednesday 23rd 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**



We hope all the boys and girls enjoyed the Break the Rules Day this week. Thank you to everyone for all the donations for the Children's Christmas Shopping Event.



Children's Christmas Shopping Event

Monday 19th December 2022



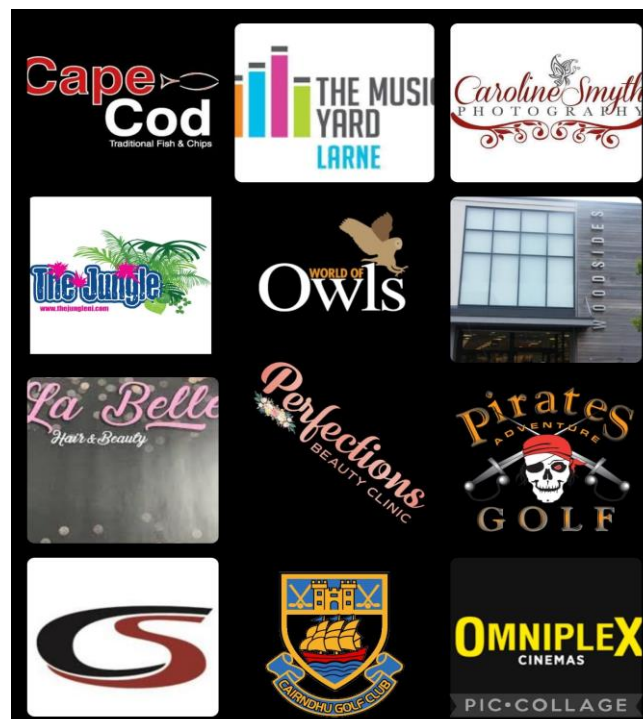
Thank you to our main sponsor of the event, Larne Credit Union, who have provided us with a very generous donation of £350 to buy additional gifts that the children will have the opportunity to save for and purchase for family members, helping to improve their financial capability skills.

The anticipated funds raised from the Christmas Shopping Event will be used by the PTA to pay for the travel costs to the upcoming pantomime and school resources.

We will have a special visitor in school that day!

Christmas Raffle

We will also be holding a Christmas Raffle with lots of great prizes. Thanks to those who have donated so far, including Caroline Smyth Photography, Perfections, Larne Omniplex, Jungle NI, Larne Music Yard, Glenarm Castle, CS Sports, Woodsides, Cairndhu Golf Club, Pirates Crazy Golf, Cape Cod, World of Owls and more.

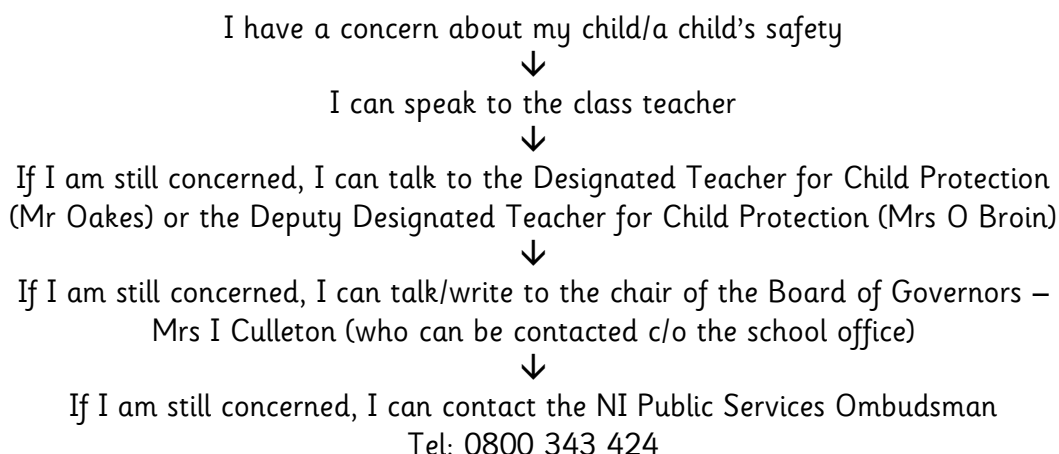


Child Protection and Safeguarding

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.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 2nd December – The Daily Mile – Santa Run! Christmas jumpers or accessories can be worn

Monday 5th December – Staff Development Day (no pupils)

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

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Pantomime at the Waterfront Hall – letter sent home with all pupils – payment can be made on Pay360 – permission forms to be returned when payment is made

Wednesday 14th December – School Christmas Dinner

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


Monday 19th December – Children's Christmas Shopping Event & Special Visitor

Tuesday 20th December – Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Christmas Play at 12 noon finishing at 1.30pm – **whole school will finish at 1.30pm**. (Foundation and Key Stage One children will be kept in their classrooms until they are collected by parents attending the play). All children in Key Stage Two to be collected from their classroom doors after the show.


Thursday 22nd December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays (no bus or dinners on this day)

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

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	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>Ice Cream Sponge Roll 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>
	28 th November	29 th November	30 th November	1 st December	2 nd December
Week 2	<p>Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken</p> <p>Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p>Lasagne & Crusty Bread or French Bread Pizza</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Peas/Asian Slaw Mashed Potato</p> <p>Jelly, Ice Cream with Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy Cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake</p>	<p>Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini</p> <p>Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad</p> <p>Apple Sponge & Custard</p>	<p>Steak Burger & Bap Or Breaded Fish Fillets</p> <p>Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad Coleslaw</p> <p>Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks</p>

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December	9 th December
Week 3	School closed for Staff Development Day	Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Swetcorn 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 Potato Rice Pudding and Melody Of Fruit	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken Baguette with Salad Selection & Half Baked Potato Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Chunks
	12 th December	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December
Week 4	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Crusty Bread or Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap Half Baked Potato with cheese Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFET: Chicken Goujon Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Crusty Bread Corn on the Cob Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Christmas Dinner See poster below for more details	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

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DINNER



PRICE: £2.63



ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING,
COCKTAIL SAUSAGES, PEAS,
BATON CARROTS,
MASHED & OVEN BAKED ROAST
POTATOES & TURKEY GRAVY
(SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE CATERED
FOR)

DESSERT OF THE DAY
CARTON OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE

Happy
Christmas

Larne Christmas Activities

Mid & East Antrim -
here for you
this Christmas

The season
for sharing

Friday 25 November
6pm-8.30pm

- MayWe will be providing a cinema screening of the 'Elf Movie' in Larne Town Hall. Booking will be required for this. Download the ShopMEA App and browse this event for booking link.

Saturday 26 November 11am-3pm
in Larne Town Hall

- Big Telly Elf Factory in the Town Hall (No Booking Required)
- Christmas Craft Fair by LetsCraftNI in Larne Town Hall from 11-3pm with seasonal music
- Festive Flower Arranging demonstration 11.45am
- Christmas Wreath Making (fresh greenery) demonstration 1.45pm



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SEND Transformation Programme



Information Event for Parents and Carers

Introducing a programme aimed at
transforming services, so that we provide
the right support at the right time for all our
children and young people with special
educational needs and disabilities.



The EA are holding online SEND Transformation Programme information events for parents and carers.

The SEND Transformation Programme Reference Group (PRG), made up of parent advocacy groups and the wider education and health bodies, and community and voluntary organisations, will facilitate the following engagement sessions:

Online information session 1: Thursday 24th November 2022: 8-9:30: <https://bit.ly/3Ez4Z5k>

Online information session 2: Thursday 1st December, 2022: 7pm-8:30pm: <https://bit.ly/3tDkenz>

These upcoming information events provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about the programme and to meet PRG representatives. EA want to make sure all voices are heard, so that we can be sure we are taking the right steps to deliver the right support at the right time, for all our children with special educational needs and disabilities.