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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

**This week's Stars are:**



P1 Arlo H  
P2 Lily B  
P3 Phoebe W  
P4 Jordan G  
P5 Isabella M  
P6 Anna M  
P7 Evie M  Aoife M

### New School Website

Our new school website is now live and in order for this to appear more readily on searches please click the link below.

<https://www.stmacnissisps.com/>

### Open Night

We welcome all new potential pupils and their parents to our School Open Night which will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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 next **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022** for the Santa run during school hours.

### **Mystery Readers Wanted!**

We would love for parents/grandparents to come into Primary 1 and Primary 2 and read a story to the children. This can be a story your child loves or a book of your choice. This must all be kept a top secret from the children so if anyone does come into school, it is a lovely surprise for them! If this is something you would like to do, please leave your name and contact number at the School Office.

### **St MacNissi's Community Champions**

We would like to invite members of our community to speak to all the children during our weekly assembly. We hope to invite a visitor from the community in every 2-3 weeks. If you have a job or role within the community and would like to share information about this with our pupils at one of our assemblies, we would really appreciate you getting in touch with the School Office.

### **Learn and Play Afterschool Club**

Our Learn and Play afterschool club will continue this Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Payment can only be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 1pm and close on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 9am.

### **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. 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.

### **Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Chapel.

### **P6 Swimming Lessons**

Primary 6 pupils swimming lessons will continue on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 this should be paid through Pay360. Parents can pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am and will close on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9am for the next session.

### **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**



## Children's Christmas Shopping Event

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Split the Pot

We are running another Split the Pot – next draw on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. A brown envelope will be sent home with each child. Only one £1 coin should be put in each envelope and a name clearly written on the front. One envelope is chosen and the winner will receive half the money collected. The other half goes straight to PTA funds.

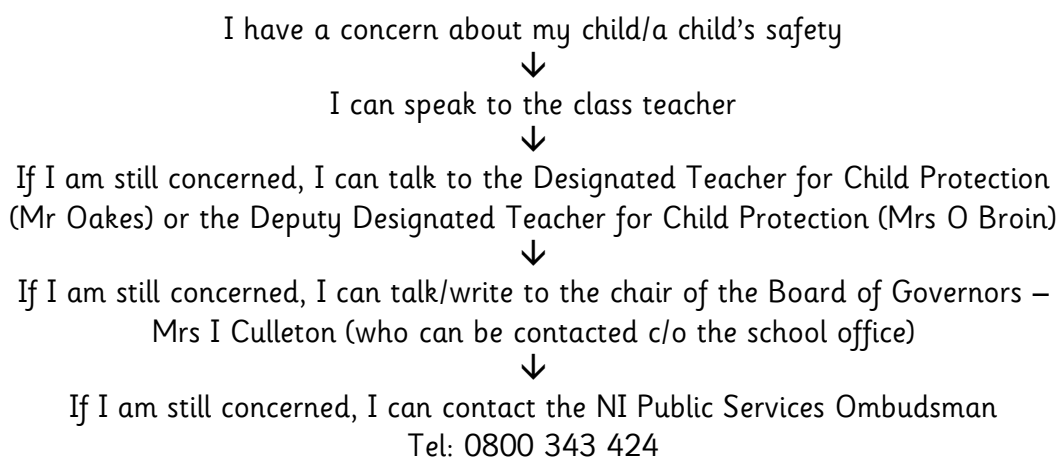


## Child Protection and Safeguarding

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December – The Daily Mile – Santa Run! Christmas jumpers or accessories can be worn

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day (no pupils)

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 – letter sent home with all pupils – payment can be made on Pay360 – permission forms to be returned when payment is made

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

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


Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas Shopping Event & Special Visitor

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Christmas Play at 12 noon in the Auditorium 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays (no bus or dinners on this day)

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

## Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	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 Margherita Pizza  Sweetcorn & 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
	5 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December	9 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Week 3</b>	School closed for Staff Development Day	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 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

## Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12 <sup>th</sup> December	13 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December
<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: Chicken Goujon Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Crusty Bread  Corn on the Cob  Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> 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
	19 <sup>th</sup> December	20 <sup>th</sup> December	21 <sup>st</sup> December	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	23 <sup>rd</sup> December
<b>Week 1</b>	Margherita Pizza or Fish Fingers  Sweetcorn Salad Chipped Potato  Ice Cream Sponge Roll	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry  Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes  Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit (alternative lunch for KS2) <b>School Finishes at 1.30pm</b>	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	<b>School will finish at 11am for the Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School closed</b>

# 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

### Mid and East Antrim Christmas Toy Container Project 2022



This Christmas, why not give those unwanted and pre-loved toys lying around the house to families who may find this time of year more challenging?

For the 4th year running, Council is working in partnership with Habitat ReStore Ballymena, East Belfast Mission (#Restore) and local community groups including Larne Community Care Centre and Carrickfergus Community Forum to deliver a toy donation scheme.

The project will run until Saturday 17 December.

#Christmas containers are being set up at five household recycling centres and three leisure centres across Mid and East Antrim.

Details and times for drop-off are:

#Ballymena area: - Waveney Road HRC, Ballymena - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm - Seven Towers Leisure Centre  
#Larne area: - Redlands HRC, Larne - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm - Larne South HRC, Islandmagee - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am - 5pm - Glenarm HRC - Wednesday and Saturday 9am - 5pm - Larne Leisure Centre  
#Carrickfergus area: - Sullatober HRC, Carrickfergus - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 1pm - 5pm - Amphitheatre, Carrickfergus  
#MEActionOnPoverty #MEARecycles #SeasonForSharing



## Come and Visit

St. Anthony's Nursery School,  
43 Fairway, Larne, BT40 2BG

### Open Afternoon Wednesday 14th December 1.00-3.00pm









St. Anthony's Nursery School provides a happy, nurturing and fun learning pre school experience in the heart of the community. Each child entrusted into our care is individual and unique and is treated with respect, understanding and warmth by our highly skilled and dedicated staff. Together with our families we lay the foundations for a life-long love of learning and a **bri**ghter future.

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