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StMacNissiPSLarne

Friday 13th January 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Sarah S
P2 Ellen D
P3 Michael O
P4 Frankie O
P5 Aidan M
P6 Caleb M
P7 Alex H ★ Sofia H

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. The boys and girls were very excited to share all of their news when they returned to school last week.

We have a very busy term ahead – please take note of the important dates within this newsletter.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023.

J Baxter

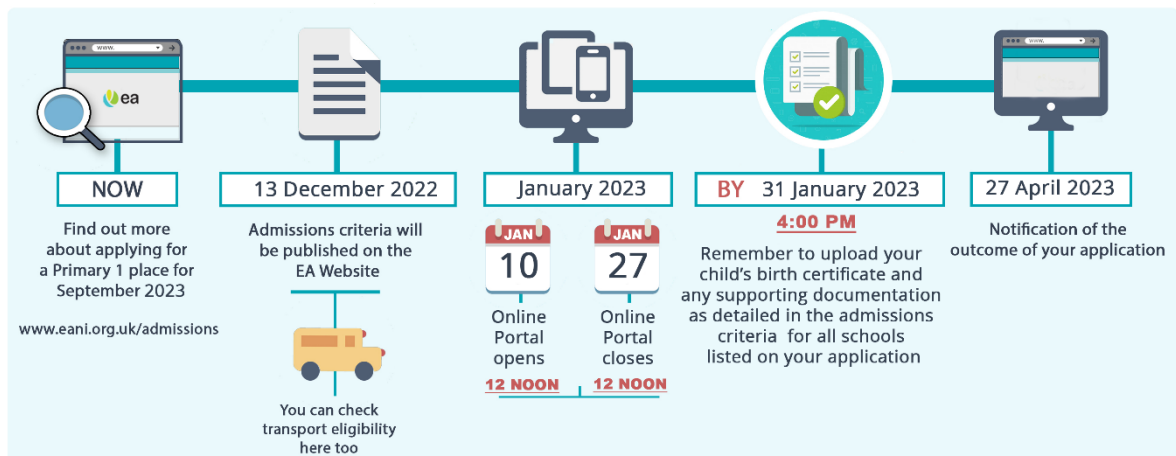
Primary One Admissions



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class



Catholic Schools Week 2023

22nd January – 29th January

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Monday 23rd January. The theme this year is 'Walking Together in Faith and Love.' Throughout the week our pupils will be partaking in activities, prayer services and celebrations.

On **Wednesday 25th January** we will celebrate **Grandparents Day**.

Fr O'Brien has kindly agreed to say Mass for grandparents at 10am in St MacNissi's Church if they wish to attend.

We would then like to invite grandparents, or someone that is special to your child, to the school for tea and scones and classroom visits at 10:30am.

Service of Light & Confirmation Dates

It has been confirmed that the Primary 7 pupils will celebrate their **Confirmation on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church**. All other pupils will finish school at 11am on this day (with the exception of Primary 4 as they are on a Shared Education Trip and can be collected at the normal time).

The **Service of Light** will take place on **Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church**. Further details to follow.

P7 Swimming Lessons

Primary 7 pupils will continue swimming lessons this Thursday 19th January. Payment of £4 can be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 12th January at 1pm and close on Thursday 19th January at 9am. All children will be required to bring appropriate swimming gear/towels etc to school each Thursday.

Special Assembly

Our next Special Assembly will be Primary 3 on Friday 27th January at 1.15pm. Primary 4 will host their Special Assembly on Friday 24th February.

First Holy Communion Date

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

Primary 3 PE Day

Please note that the Primary 3 PE day will now change to a Monday instead of a Wednesday from this Monday 16th January. Please ensure your child has the appropriate bottoms and trainers.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place throughout the week commencing Monday 6th February. These will be face to face meetings and invites will be sent home on Monday 23rd January. Primary 7 Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January. Invites will be sent home on Monday 16th January.

All children will finish school at 2pm from Monday 6th – Friday 10th February (including Primary 7)

School Policies

Many of our school policies can be found on the school website or copies can be requested from the School Office.

School Crossing Patrol

We had a visit from Mr Gordon Lyons who is helping with our appeal to re-instate our school crossing patrol. If you would like to voice your concerns, you can do so using the following email address: Transport-Ballymena@eani.org.uk

St MacNissi's Community Champions

If you have a job or role 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.

Mystery Readers Wanted!

We are introducing Mystery Readers to **Primary Three and Primary Four** throughout this term

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who have been in touch to volunteer as a Mystery Reader. We are still taking names so if you would like to come in and read a story to the children, please leave your name and contact number at the School Office. 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!

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.

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.

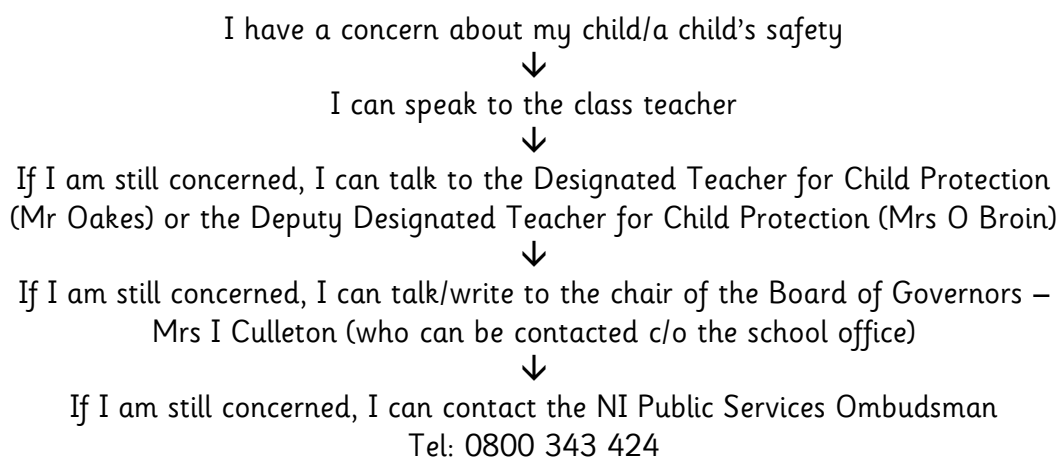
Our Education Welfare Officer will visit the school next week to review attendance levels.

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.

January 2023



Wednesday 18th January – Primary 7 Shared Education Trip to Moyle Primary School

Monday 23rd January to Friday 27th January – Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 25th January – Grandparents Day – see details above of Mass and School Visit

Friday 27th January – Primary 3 Special Assembly at 1:15pm

Monday 30th January – Tuesday 31st January – P7 Parent/Teacher Meetings – Primary 7 will attend school at the normal times.

Tuesday 31st January – Primary 6 Shared Education Trip to Airtastic

February 2023



Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day – We are asking our pupils and staff to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation on Friday 3rd February to support the NSPCC. This can be a favourite sports top, item of clothing, cap or a specifically designed costume. There will be a lot of fun activities and puzzles for the children to complete throughout the day – including an against the clock challenge with Buddy, the Speak out Stay safe mascot.

Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February – Parent Teacher Meetings. **It will be 2pm finish for all pupils all this week (including Primary 7)**

Friday 10th February – PTA Wear What You Love Day - £1 to PTA Funds

*children can wear their own clothes on this day

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February (inclusive) – Half Term Holidays

Thursday 23rd February – Primary 7 – Service of Light 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

Friday 24th February – Primary 4 Special Assembly

March 2023

Wednesday 1st March – Primary 7 Confirmation – 12 noon

Wednesday 22nd March – Primary 7 Woodhall Residential Trip

Friday 31st March – Primary 5 Special Assembly

Take5 steps to improve your Emotional Wellbeing



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Free
Event

Storytime at Larne Museum & Arts Centre Saturday 4th February 2023, 10.30am - 11.30pm

Join us for an interactive storytelling session with themed activities based on the storybook 'Robot Stop!' by Adam Bestwick. Please bring 3 cardboard boxes, eg biscuit or cereal boxes, to make your own robot!

Booking preferable. Suitable for age 4-11.

For more information, please contact Larne Museum on 028 28 262443 or e-mail marian.kelso@midandeantrim.gov.uk.

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Larne Museum & Arts Centre, 2 Victoria Road, Larne, BT40 1RN.
Opening Hours: Mon - Fri, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Free admission.
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St MacNissis Primary School – Dinner Menu

WEEK 1	Monday 16th January	Tuesday 17th January	Wednesday 18th January NOTE CHANGE TO MENU FOR THIS WEEK ONLY	Thursday 19th January NOTE CHANGE TO MENU FOR THIS WEEK ONLY	Friday 20th January
	Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Salsa Potato Salad Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream or Watermelon Chunk	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	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	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	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Chipped Potato/Baked Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurts
WEEK 2	Monday 23rd January	Tuesday 24th January	Wednesday 25th January	Thursday 26th January	Friday 27th January
	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 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

After school clubs

We still have some spaces in our After School Clubs. If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

Please see timetable below:

2.00 – 3.00pm	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Football Skills (with Larne FC Coaches)	Art & Crafts	Construction Club – Lego, K'nex, Meccano
Classes:	P1 and P2	P1 and P2	P1 and P2
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)
Places available:	25	15	15

3.00 – 4.00pm	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Football Skills (with Larne FC Coaches)	Art & Crafts	Construction Club – Lego, K'nex, Meccano
Classes:	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)
Places available:	25	20	20
Dates:	Week 1: 09/01/23 Week 2: 16/01/23 Week 3: 23/01/23 Week 4: 30/01/23 Week 5: 06/02/23	Week 1: 10/01/23 Week 2: 17/01/23 Week 3: 24/01/23 Week 4: 31/01/23 Week 5: 07/02/23	Week 1: 11/01/23 Week 2: 18/01/23 Week 3: 25/01/23 Week 4: 01/02/23 Week 5: 08/02/23



St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena

OPEN NIGHTS



P6 and P7 Pupils and Parents are invited to attend

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January 2023 from 7.15pm