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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

**This week's Stars are:**



P1 Hannah H

P2 Jaxon M

P3 Harry Q

P4 Ellie T

P5 Brent M ★ Lucie W

P6 Isla C

P7 Finn M ★ Eabha M

**Change of Dinner Menu for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 - the School Kitchen will be celebrating Chinese New Year! See menu on the newsletter.**

### **School Messaging App - Important**

The new school messaging app is up and running. If you have not received a text message to set this up or you are having any problems receiving our messages, please contact the School Office.

### **Primary One Admissions – September 2023**

Please remember the online portal for Primary One admission closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12 noon.

### **Catholic Schools Week 2023 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> January**

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Special Assembly

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

## Service of Light & Confirmation Dates

It has been confirmed that the Primary 7 pupils will celebrate their **Confirmation on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church**. Further details to follow.

## Violin Fees

Violin fees are now due for Term 2. Letters have been sent home with pupils. Payment can be made through Pay360. Thank you to the parents who have already sent payment through.

## Primary 7 – Woodhall Residential Trip

Payment for the Primary 7 Woodhall trip is still open on Pay360 – payment should be made in full by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. If you need any help or support with payments, please contact the School Office and we will endeavour to help in any way that we can.

**Woodhall Residential Parent Information Session** will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm in the school assembly hall.

## First Confession Date

It has been confirmed with Fr O'Brien that the Primary 3 pupils will celebrate their First Confession on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm in St MacNissi's Church. Pupils will be able to go home with their parents after the service.

## First Holy Communion Date

Primary 4 pupils will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Church.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

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

**All children will finish school at 2pm from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February (including Primary 7) with the exception of pupils attending After School Clubs.**

## P7 Swimming Lessons

Primary 7 pupils will continue swimming lessons this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Payment of £4 can be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm and close on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. All children will be required to bring appropriate swimming gear/towels etc to school each Thursday.

## School Policies

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

## 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.



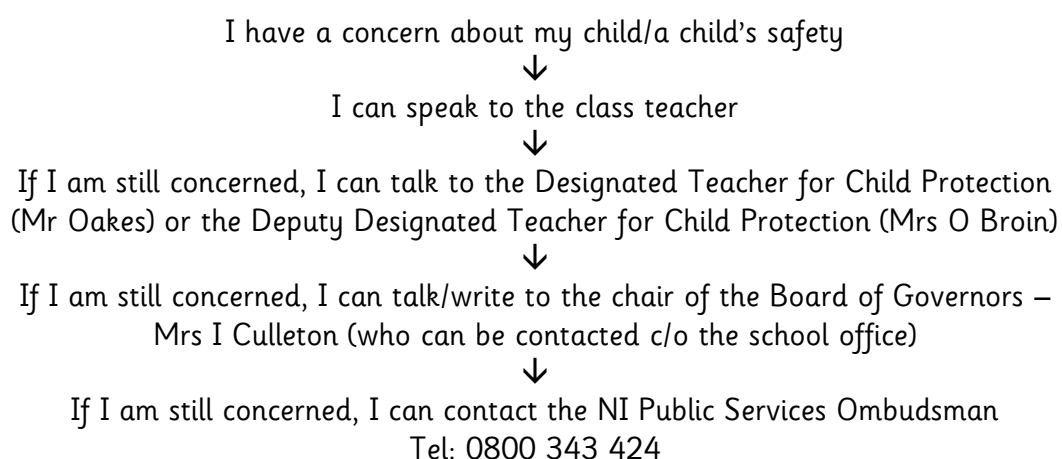
ROC Mentors Larne is a mentoring programme providing help and support to families finding times tough. The scheme is a short-term early intervention to help families begin to lay the foundation for a better future. Further information about this support group can be found on their website [www.roc.uk.com/roc-northern-ireland/](http://www.roc.uk.com/roc-northern-ireland/)

## 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.

## Take5 steps to improve your Emotional Wellbeing



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## January 2023

Dates for  
your Diary



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Grandparents Day – see details above of Mass and School Visit

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Primary 3 Special Assembly at 1:15pm

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

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Primary 6 Shared Education Trip to Airtastic

## February 2023



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Teacher Meetings. **It will be 2pm finish for all pupils all this week (including Primary 7) with the exception of those pupils attending After School Clubs.**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Wear What You Love Day  
\*children can wear their own clothes on this day –  
we ask for donations to the Children's Cancer Unit Charity at the Belfast Royal Victoria Hospital – we appreciate all the work and help they give to children and their families at such a difficult time and we will keep all the families in our prayers.



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive) – Half Term Holidays

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 7 Woodhall Residential Parent Information Session at 1.30pm in the school assembly hall.

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 4 Special Assembly

## March 2023

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Primary 7 Confirmation – 12 noon

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Primary 7 Woodhall Residential Trip

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Primary 5 Special Assembly



**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](mailto: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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# SINK OR SWIM

## FREE Online 6 Week Programme for Parents & Carers

Do you sometimes struggle with parenting? Are some days better than others? Many parents feel exactly the same way!

Sink or Swim explores the realities of parenting, while sharing tips & tools on how to look after your own mental health. Programme welcomes those parenting 0-18 years specifically.

**Open to all areas within the  
Northern Health & Social Care Trust**  
Monday 23rd January -  
27th February 2023  
(6 Weeks)  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

To register call us freephone  
0808 8010 722



## St MacNissis Primary School – Dinner Menu

**On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January the school kitchen will be celebrating Chinese New Year!**

**Please see change of menu for Monday and Thursday this week only.**



<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Chinese New Year Celebrations</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>
	Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken & Cheese Panini  Garden Peas Baked Potato Tossed Salad  Apple Sponge & Custard	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	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken  Savoury Noodles Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes  Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	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:	<b>P1 and P2</b>	<b>P1 and P2</b>	<b>P1 and P2</b>
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:	<b>P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7</b>	<b>P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7</b>	<b>P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7</b>
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