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StMacNissiPSLarne

Friday 27th January 2023

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Rowan D

P2 Ayda O

P3 Florrie K

P4 Emily M

P5 Nikki J

P6 Harry C ★ Isla C

P7 Saoirse M

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.

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 have been sent home with pupils.

Primary 7 Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January. Invites have been sent home with pupils. Primary 7 pupils will attend at the normal times.

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

School Uniform

Please be reminded that trainers are only permitted on PE days (to be sent in in a bag) and are not part of our school uniform.

On PE days children should ensure they wear the following: white polo shirt (school), plain dark blue or black shorts/jogging/tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers. School jumper must be worn.

Special Assembly

Primary 4 will host their Special Assembly on Friday 24th February at 1.15pm
Primary 5 will host their Special Assembly on Friday 31st March at 1.15pm

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.

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 made 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 7th 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 20th 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 15th 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 20th May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Church.

P7 Swimming Lessons

Primary 7 pupils will continue swimming lessons this Thursday 2nd February. Payment of £4 can be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 27th January at 1pm and close on Thursday 2nd February at 9am. All children will be required to bring appropriate swimming gear/towels etc to school each Thursday.

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.



ECAC JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY SERIES 2023

East Coast AC are delighted to announce that this year's Junior XC Series will take place on Sunday 5th February at Larne High School, Sunday 19th February at Larne Grammar School and Sunday 5th March at Sandy Bay.

Further details can be found on our club website via the following link <https://www.eastcoastathleticclub.co.uk/junior-xc-series-23>

Athletes can enter the series via the link below and all athletes who compete in the final race at Sandy Bay will receive a wooden medal especially designed by the winner of our recent competition for our junior section, Zoe Filbey.

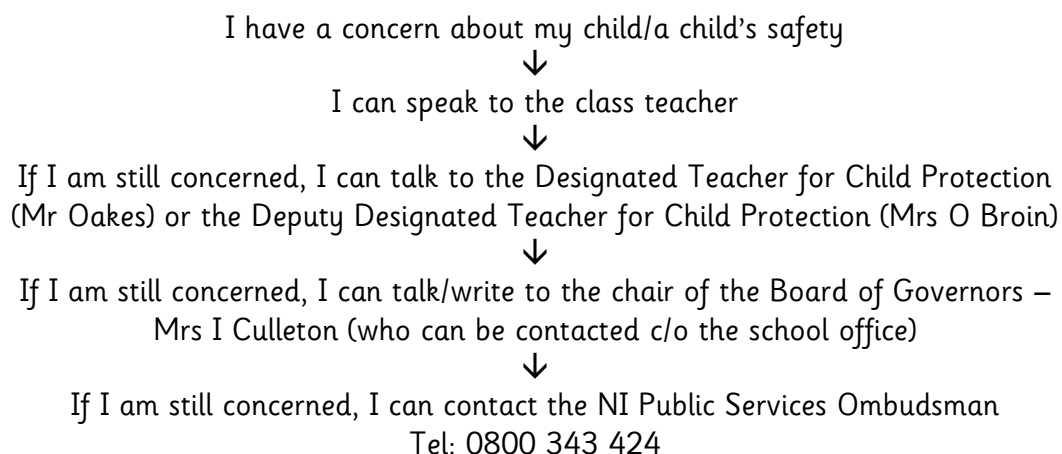
<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ECACJuniorXCseries>

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

Dates for
your Diary



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 – Packed lunch required.

February 2023

Wednesday 1st February – Primary 6 - IFA Workshop with Olderfleet Primary School. Primary 6 pupils should wear their school polo shirt and sweatshirt with jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.

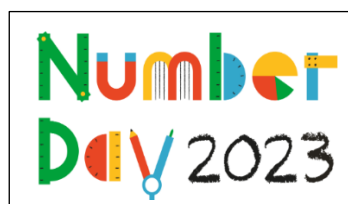
Thursday 2nd February – Primary 7 – Larne School's Boys 5 a side football tournament at Larne Leisure Centre.

Friday 3rd February – Primary 7 – Larne School's Hurling Cup at Larne Leisure Centre.

Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day –

We are asking our pupils and staff to wear an item of clothing with 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) with the exception of those pupils attending After School Clubs.**

Tuesday 7th February – Primary 3 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 8th February – Primary 2, 3, 4 and 5 – School visit from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds – Birdwatch 2023

Friday 10th February – 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.



Dates for your Diary



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

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

Wednesday 22nd February – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

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

Friday 24th February – Primary 4 Special Assembly

Friday 24th February – Primary 5 – Egyptian Day – Dress up – please do not go to any expense for this day – Mrs Davies would like the children to be creative and there will be rewards for the most imaginative costumes.

Tuesday 28th February – Primary 5 – Visit to Larne Library

March 2023

Wednesday 1st March – Primary 7 Confirmation – 12 noon

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – more details to follow.

Tuesday 7th March – Primary 6 – Visit to Larne Library

Friday 15th March – Primary 3 – First Confession at 1.30pm in St MacNissi's Church

Thursday 16th March – Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Visit to Larne Museum – Birds of Prey

Wednesday 22nd March – Primary 7 Woodhall Residential Trip

Friday 31st March – Primary 5 Special Assembly

St MacNissis Primary School – Dinner Menu

WEEK 3	Monday 30th January	Tuesday 31st January	Wednesday 1st February	Thursday 2nd February	Friday 3rd February
	<p>Breaded Chicken Goujons or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla Wrap</p> <p>Pasta Salad Sweetcorn Homemade Chilli Wedges</p> <p>Ice Cream, Pears and Chocolate Sauce</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread</p> <p>Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad</p> <p>Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roasted & Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Rice Pudding and Melody of Fruit</p>	<p>Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread, Garden Peas Or Chicken Baguette & Half Baked Potato</p> <p>Salad Selection</p> <p>Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection</p>	<p>Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake</p> <p>Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato</p> <p>Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Chunks</p>

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