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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

## Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

### This week's Stars are:



P1 Isabelle K

P2 Tom M

P3 Daisie H

P4 Lydia M

P5 Ava-Rose F

P6 Charley M

P7 Holly M  Tony F

### Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Meetings

Reminder that all pupils finish at 2pm next week to allow for Parent/Teacher Meetings. These will be face to face meetings and invites have been sent home with pupils.

Unfortunately, there will be NO afterschool clubs this week and refunds will be issued.

### Industrial Strike Action

As you may be aware, a half-day strike is planned for Tuesday 21st February by a number of teaching unions. The strike is due to take place from midnight until 12pm on Tuesday.

Children should come to school between 12 noon and 12:10pm for afternoon lessons. Lunch will continue as normal so please book on Pay360 or send a packed lunch.

Please do not send your child to school before 12pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February as teaching staff may not be on site.

Any further updates will be sent on the messaging app.

### NSPCC – Number Day 2023

Children have enjoyed a Maths fundraising day. Thank you to everyone who donated to the NSPCC we raised a fantastic amount of £201 to support children and young people.



## Wear What You Love Day



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February children can wear their own clothes – 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.

### P1 Medical Forms

All Primary One child health medical forms should be returned to the school before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February as the school nurse will be calling to collect them from the school office.

### Primary 7 – Woodhall Residential Trip

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

### P7 Swimming Lessons

There will be NO swimming lesson this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for Primary 7 due to the 2pm finish. Lessons will continue after the half term break on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Any payments made will be refunded.

### Additional Holiday

We have received confirmation from the Department of Education that schools have been granted an additional holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. This holiday will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May and is in addition to the normal May Day Holiday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### Tin Whistle Lessons

We are commencing Tin Whistle Lessons in KS2. Mr Oakes will start with the Primary 6 pupils. Some pupils in Primary 6 have already purchased their tin whistle. These can be purchased on Amazon (D Whistle) or if you would like to purchase one through the school, please send in £5 to the school office.

### Special Assembly

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

**After school clubs** - These clubs will begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and run for 6 weeks (5 weeks for Construction Club). Payment can be made on Pay360 for Football, Nature, Gardening & Art, Construction and Hockey Club. Pay360 will open for bookings on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 3pm until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.

	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Construction Club	
Classes:	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Form have been sent home £6 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	
Places available:	25	15	25	25	

	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Skills	Nature, Gardening and Art	Junglenastix	Construction Club	Hockey Club
Classes:	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4 and P5)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P5, P6 and P7)
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (6 week block)	Form to be sent home £6 per session (6 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	£3 per session Online link (6 week block)
Places available:	25	15	25	25	30
Dates:	Week 1: 20/02/23  Week 2: 27/02/23  Week 3: 06/03/23  Week 4: 13/03/23  Week 5: 20/03/23  Week 6: 27/03/23	Week 1: 21/02/23  Week 2: 28/02/23  Week 3: 07/03/23  Week 4: 14/03/23  Week 5: 21/03/23  Week 6: 28/03/23	Week 1: 21/02/23  Week 2: 28/02/23  Week 3: 07/03/23  Week 4: 14/03/23  Week 5: 21/03/23  Week 6: 28/03/23	Week 1: 22/02/23  Week 2: 01/03/23 <b>NO CLUB</b> <b>2pm finish</b>  Week 3: 08/03/23  Week 4: 15/03/23  Week 5: 22/03/23  Week 6: 29/03/23	Week 1: 23/02/23  Week 2: 02/03/23  Week 3: 09/03/23  Week 4: 16/03/23  Week 5: 23/03/23  Week 6: 30/03/23

## Service of Light & Confirmation Dates

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.

## First Confession Date

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 or attend the afterschool construction club from 3pm to 4pm.

## 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.

## School Messaging App

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

I have a concern about my child/a child's safety



I can speak to the class teacher



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mr Oakes) or the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs O Broin)



If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the chair of the Board of Governors – Mrs I Culleton (who can be contacted c/o the school office)



If I am still concerned, I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman  
Tel: 0800 343 424

## Dates for your Diary

### February 2023

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).**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 3 – Visit to Larne Library

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – **Wear What You Love Day**

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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.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Industrial Strike Action – Pupils to come to school between 12 and 12.10pm.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Primary 5 – Visit to Larne Library

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 4 – Visit to Larne Library

## Dates for your Diary

### March 2023

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Primary 7 Confirmation – 12 noon (all other pupils will finish at 11am on this day with the exception of Primary 4 as they are on Shared Education Trip and can be collected at the normal time).

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day – pupils are welcome to dress up as their favourite character or bring in their favourite book – we encourage the pupils to be creative with their costumes, please do not go to a lot of expense for this day.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 6 – Visit to Larne Library

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

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

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

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

## St MacNissis Primary School – Dinner Menu

<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>
	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread or Tuna &amp; Sweetcorn Wrap</p> <p>Half Baked Potato With Cheese</p> <p>Tossed Salad</p> <p>Honey Dew Melon Wedges And Ginger Cookie</p>	<p>BUFFET: Chicken Goujon Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Crusty Bread</p> <p>Corn on the cob</p> <p>Fruit Muffin &amp; Milkshake</p>	<p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing / Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast &amp; Mashed Potato</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie and Banana Chunk</p>	<p>Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice &amp; Naan Bread Garden Peas or Savoury Mince</p> <p>Gardens Peas Mashed Potato</p> <p>Fruit Crumble &amp; Custard</p>	<p>Breaded Chicken Bites or Chicken &amp; Cheese Panini</p> <p>Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad / Coleslaw</p> <p>Jelly, Ice Cream &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>





## East Coast AC Junior



### Series 2023

#### Race Dates and Venues

- Sunday 5th February 2023, Larne High School
- Sunday 19th February 2023, Larne Grammar School
- Sunday 5th March 2023, Sanday Bay Playing Fields, Larne

Full details and registration are available at:

<https://www.eastcoastathleticclub.co.uk/junior-xc-series-23>

## LET'S TALK ABOUT BULLYING



free online workshops for parents and carers

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS OF  
CHILDREN AGED 5-11  
WEDNESDAY 22ND FEB  
7.30-9PM  
ON ZOOM

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS OF  
CHILDREN AGED 11-18  
WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH  
7.30-9PM  
ON ZOOM

Explore our own  
associations and  
understanding of  
bullying

Discuss how to  
support children  
experiencing and  
displaying bullying  
behaviours and  
discover the many  
shapes this can  
take.

Learn about the  
law and policies  
that exist to  
prevent and  
respond to  
bullying

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sleep issues?

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with your child's  
bedtime?

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not sleep in  
their own bed?

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Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the  
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50%

Around 50% of  
children will have  
a sleep issue at  
some point\*

#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

#### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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