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Friday 15th March 2024

This week's Stars are:



P1 Lori R
P2 Lily-Mae M
P3 James R
P4 Anna C
P5 Conor M
P6 Shane M
P7 Erin H



School Closure

School will be closed on Monday 18th March for the bank holiday for St Patrick's Day. We hope that you all have a lovely long weekend.

Afterschool Clubs

Please note that this will be the last week of afterschool clubs until after the Easter holidays. Football and Hockey Club have already finished for this term.



Thank you to Brighter Futures and Larne FC for approving our grant application for a new whiteboard for the Primary 6 classroom.

We are very grateful for this significant contribution towards our ICT upgrades.

Drop Off & Pick Up

The church carpark is open for drop off and pick up and we encourage parents to use this when possible. There are also the options of the free carpark on Exchange Road and the carpark on Agnew Street. As has previously been communicated, the area in front of the Fire Station should **not** be used for drop-off and pick up and we respectfully ask that you adhere to this. NIFRS will continue to monitor this.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2024

We hope that as many pupils as possible are travelling actively to and from school. The teachers are recording all the activities for each class and there will be some prizes given out at the end of next week.

Trocaire Fundraising

This year the money raised for Trocaire will help support the people of Malawi, following catastrophic drought, poverty and hunger. We have begun our fundraising for Trocaire and each class will have a Trocaire box for any loose change the pupils would like to donate.

Each class has organised a fundraising event for Trocaire:

P1 and P2 will be having a Teddy Bear Extravaganza on Tuesday 26th March.

P3 and P4 will be going on a Sponsored Walk on Wednesday 20th March.

P5 will be doing a Silver Smartie Fundraiser, pupils will receive a tube of smarties and will be asked to return the tube filled with 20p pieces. Tubes should be returned by Thursday 28th March.

P6 will be doing a Readathon starting on World Book Day until 21st March. They have set a challenge for the whole class to read 1 million words in 2 weeks!

P7 will be holding a Bun Sale on Wednesday 27th March.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Day – Date for your diary

Our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 7th June 2024 in the school playground. Primary 1 to Primary 3 classes will be from 9.15am to 10.30am and the Primary 4 to Primary 7 classes will be from 10.50am to 12.40pm.

Bottle Tops

As part of our Wheelie Bin Challenge the pupils are collecting plastic bottle tops from milk cartons, fizzy drinks bottles etc to make an art mural for the playground. These can be brought into school and given to Miss Cunnina.

Eco Committee - Recycling

Don't forget we are collecting batteries for the **Duracell Big Battery Hunt**. They can be brought to school and passed on to Miss Cunnina. We have also started **Cash for Clobber**, so please drop any used/unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts into the school office and we can generate some valuable funds for the school.

Swimming Lessons

The Primary 7 swimming lessons will finish next Thursday 21st March.

The Primary 5 pupils will begin swimming lessons after the Easter holidays from Thursday 11th April for 11 weeks. Information has been sent home with pupils.



PTA EASTER FUNDRAISING

All money raised will be put towards the fundraising for new interactive whiteboards.

Easter Raffle – Pupils have all received a sheet of raffle tickets to sell for the Easter raffle. Prizes will be Easter hampers filled with goodies, crafts and treats to enjoy over the Easter holidays.

Guess the sweets in the basket – How many sweets are in the Easter basket? The basket will be brought around the classrooms over the next 2 weeks and pupils may guess the number of sweets in the basket, 20p per guess. If more than one pupil guesses correctly then names will be put into a draw to win the basket of sweets.

Easter Fun Activities – We will be having an Easter art competition and there will be a prize for the best artwork from one boy and one girl in each class. The pupils will complete this during school. We will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt for each class during school. The cost will be £2 per child for entry into the art competition and to take part in the Easter egg hunt and this can be paid through ParentPay.

Breakfast Club on ParentPay

You can now make payment for Breakfast Club on ParentPay. Cash payment will still be available every morning.

Payment can be made daily or weekly in advance.

Please note that if you make payment on ParentPay you MUST still sign your child into Breakfast Club every morning.

Dates for
your Diary 

March 2024

Monday 18th March – School Closed – Bank Holiday for St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 19th March – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library – Nautical Themed Session

Tuesday 19th March to Friday 22nd March – Primary 1 – School Nursing Team – P1 Appraisals

Wednesday 20th March – Primary 3 and 4 – Sponsored walk for Trocaire fundraising

Wednesday 20th March – Primary 6 – Transfer Club begins

Friday 22nd March – Agewell Partnership Event at Larne Town Hall 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 26th March – Primary 1 & Primary 2 – Teddy Bear Extravaganza for Trocaire fundraising

Wednesday 27th March – Primary 7 – Bun Sale for Trocaire fundraising

Thursday 28th March – School finishes at 11am for the Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March – Friday 5th April (inclusive) – Easter Holidays

April 2024

Monday 8th April – School commences for Term 3

Thursday 11th April – Primary 5 begin swimming lessons at Larne Leisure Centre

Tuesday 16th April – Primary 7 – Woodhall Residential Trip

Friday 19th April – Primary Schools Swimming Gala

Friday 19th April – Primary 5 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

May 2024

Friday 3rd May – Primary 2 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

Monday 6th May – School Closed – Bank Holiday

Saturday 11th May – Primary 4 – First Holy Communion at 11am in St MacNissi's Church

Friday 24th - Tuesday 28th May (inclusive) – School closed for Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day

Friday 31st May – Primary 1 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the assembly hall

June 2024

Friday 7th June – School Sports Day

Monday 10th June – School Closed – Staff Development Day

Friday 14th June – School Summer Fair from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

After school clubs – NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE LAST WEEK OF AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS – FOOTBALL & HOCKEY ALREADY FINISHED

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Club with Larne FC coach	Eco Club	Uplift Performing Arts	Construction Club	Friday Fun Club (2pm to 3pm)
Classes:	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 and P2)	(P1 to P7)
Cost and Payment	ParentPay £3.00 per session (4-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)	ParentPay £3.00 per session (5-week block)
Places available:	FINISHED	15	15	15	15
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Club with Larne FC coach	Eco Club	Uplift Performing Arts	Irish Dancing Fun with Rowena (no experience needed)	Hockey Club (2pm to 3pm)
Classes:	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7)	(P5, P6 and P7)
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Places available:	FINISHED	20	25	15	FINISHED
Dates:	Week 1: 19.02.24 Week 2: 26.02.24 Week 3: 04.03.24 Week 4: 11.03.24	Week 1: 20.01.24 Week 2: 27.02.24 Week 3: 05.03.24 Week 4: 12.03.24 Week 5: 19.03.24	Week 1: 21.02.24 Week 2: 28.02.24 Week 3: 06.03.24 Week 4: 13.03.24 Week 5 : 20.03.24	Week 1: 22.02.24 Week 2: 29.02.24 Week 3: 07.03.24 Week 4: 14.03.24 Week 5: 21.03.24	Week 1: 23.02.24 Week 2: 01.03.24 Week 3: 08.03.24 Week 4: 15.03.24

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

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.

Some people, especially those allergic to peanuts, may have allergic reactions after eating lupin or foods containing ingredients from lupin.

Our school catering team have requested that parents advise if their child has an allergy related to this.

Online Safety

Please see our online safety section on the school website for help, tips, and advice on online safety.

WEEK 1 – STARTS MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024

Please note: Wednesday 20th March will be Chicken Curry or Beef Casserole

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Beef Bolognese - Or - Chicken Goujon Wrap with chilli dip Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Mashed Potato Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Chinese-style Beef & Vegetables Diced Carrots & Green Beans Noodles / Rice Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon & Creamy Tomato Pasta Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Pineapple Delight	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Chicken & Summer Veg Pie Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Mashed Potatoes Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Freshly Baked Ham & Cheese Panini Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Bolognese - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots Pasta / Wedges Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast Gammon, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Dippers Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip - Or - Roast Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Baked Potato Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Chicken & Pepper Fajita Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Sausages - Or - Baked Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn / Salad Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy - Or - Jerk Chicken & Caribbean Rice with Flatbread Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Roast Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta and Tomato & Pesto Sauce Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions - Or - Salt & Chilli Chicken Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge

P5 Spring/Summer 24 North Locality 1p6C

MILK, WATER, BREAD &
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY



EASTER SUNDAY FAIR



**SUNDAY 31ST MARCH
1:00-5:00 PM**

@ LARNE FOOTBALL CLUB

Tropic
Usborne Books
Traybakes
in gf, vegan
& standard

Neals Yard
Arcylic Prints
Nails & Lashes
Body Shop, FM
Personalised Gifts
Jewellery & more.

**Money for the NI Children's Hospice is raised
from the fair & Raffle only.**



Extern are providing Easter entertainment
& charging @ the door



Kids £3 each
Adults £1 each



SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Easter Sunday

Join us on Sunday 31st March from 1-5pm

- Extern Kids Easter Party
Includes egg hunt, disco, arts and crafts
- NI Hospice Monthly Sunday Fair
Includes stalls and raffle prizes
- DJ Hendi Performing Live
- Dog Friendly Outdoor Space
- Puppicious on sale

£3
per child
£1 per adult

