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Friday 21st June 2024



You're off to Great
Places!
Today is your day!
Your MOUNTAIN is waiting,
So... get on your way!

-- Dr. Seuss

Farewell to our Primary Sevens!!

Today we said farewell to our wonderful Primary Seven class.

We have the fondest memories of these boys and girls as they leave St MacNissi's today. They have continually demonstrated an eagerness to learn and achieve, whilst showing everyone their beautiful, individual personalities and having lots of fun along the way. As a class they have supported, encouraged and respected each other, and have developed strong friendships which have brought so much joy and happiness.

We really couldn't have asked for better role models for our younger pupils – these boys and girls have been amazing, and whilst we are very sad to see them leave, we know that they are ready to shine in their new (very lucky!) post primary schools.

To our parents who are ending their journey with us in St MacNissi's – thank you. As a school we are so fortunate to have such supportive parents and we are very grateful to all of you for your help and encouragement with your child/children's education, and also for your support within our Parent Teacher Association and various roles around school. It is all truly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer – fill it with special memories and enjoy every minute!

Mrs Baxter

Free School Meals and Uniform/Physical Education Allowances for School Year 2024/25

All parents/carers should apply on EA Connect - <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/> - before 26 July to ensure arrangements are in place for the new school year beginning in September 2024.

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is available to assist parents and guardians who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9am to 4pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

Special Diet

Parents/carers can now apply for support online via the EA Connect portal where they will be directed to the relevant online application for Free School Meals under the Special Diet criterion.

Further information can be found in the leaflets at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Fair

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support at our summer fair last Friday evening. We are so happy the sun came out for us and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. We raised a fantastic amount of £2000 which will enable us to purchase another whiteboard for our school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who volunteered at the fair, without your help we could not have had the games and stalls on the evening, your help was very much appreciated.

School Council

The school council recently organised a Frozen Friday and raffle to raise funds to purchase resources for Foundation Stage. They raised an outstanding amount of £243. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Classes 2024/25

The class teachers for 2024/25 will be as follows:

P1 Miss C Nevin

P2 Mrs C McQuillan (Monday to Thursday) / Miss Russell (Friday)

P3 Miss S Russell (Monday to Wednesday) / Mrs S Higgins (Thursday and Friday) this arrangement will be in place until December 2024 when Mrs Hamill will return from maternity leave.

P4 Mrs E McIlwrath

P5 Miss K Cunning

P6 Mrs A O'Broin

P7 Mr C Oakes

Transfer Club

There will be NO transfer club for the Primary Six pupils this Wednesday 26th June. Transfer club will begin again in September.

SEAG Applications

Registration is now open for Primary 6 children transferring to post-primary school in September 2025. Registration closes on Friday 20th September 2024.

Cash for Clobber

If you have any items for Cash for Clobber, please drop into the school office on Monday morning as we will be having a collection next week.

School Uniform Scheme 2024

As we are winding down for this school term, the Council would like to make parents of the school aware that they are once again running the School Uniform Scheme this year, delivered in partnership with Mid and East Antrim Community Hub and supported by Mid and East Antrim Poverty Action Group (PAG) and Volunteer Now.

School Uniform Scheme Drop Off and Collection Points:

For your convenience, donations of good quality, clean school uniforms can be dropped off to each of our Pop-Up Shops (locations below) and uniform items can also be collected between Monday 8 July until Friday 30 August 2024:

- Ballymena – Retail Unit 58-59 Tower Centre, Wellington Street Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT43 6AH: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm
- Larne – 4 Upper Main Street, Larne, Co. Antrim, BT40 1JZ: Wed and Thur 10am -2pm
- Carrick – 2 Joymount, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 7DN (please note – uniform drop off / collection is unavailable during 5 – 9 August in Carrickfergus): Mon and Tues 10am - 2pm

This year we will be asking for a minimum donation of £1 per item, with nylon blazers £2 and woollen blazers £3.

Funds will be in aid of the Poverty Action Group.

To note:

There is no qualifying criteria or referral process. People can go along and drop off uniforms, however if they have nothing to donate, they can still pick up anything that they need (subject to availability) throughout July and August.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine on 028 28262417.

Dates for your Diary



June 2024

Friday 28th June – Last day of school – 11am finish

August 2024

Thursday 29th August – Back to School – 12.30pm finish

Friday 30th August – Normal school day – Packed lunches required

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. 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 3 - STARTS MONDAY 24th June 2024

Please note changes to choices this week:

Monday: Fish Fingers or Plain or BBQ Chicken Wrap
Tuesday: Margherita Pizza
Wednesday: School Chippy Day – Goujons or Sausages
Thursday: Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy

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 couscous 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 - Beef Casserole Diced Carrots & Green Beans Mashed Potatoes / 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 Panzini 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 Chill 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, Peas & 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 & Chili Chicken Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge

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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
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Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2024-25

We are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances for the school year beginning September 2024 - and hope the following will be helpful as you plan your New Intake meetings with parents.

Applications will be opening soon on EA Connect. We expect the system to be operational from the week commencing 17 June 2024.

More details will be available in due course, but we would ask you to share the information in this newsletter with parents ahead of the launch.

Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/guardians in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, will need to upload a Proof of Benefit Letter with their application.

Qualifying social security benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

A Proof of Benefit Letter can be requested by [visiting this website](#). As it can take at least five days to obtain the letter, applicants are advised to request it now in advance of the launch.

We ask you to remind your parent community of this requirement - **as an application cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.**

Tax Credits or Universal Credit

Important update for Universal Credit recipients - the Department of Education has announced an **interim uplift** in the annual net household income threshold for eligibility for people who receive Universal Credit, **from £14,000 to £15,000.**

We would be grateful if you could advise your parents of this change to the 2024-25 application process.

If parents/guardians receive Tax Credits or Universal Credit, they do not need the Proof of Benefit Letter. **However, they will still need to upload evidence of their Tax Credits or Universal Credit benefits.**

If parents/guardians have difficulty in obtaining a Proof of Benefit Letter, or do not understand how to provide evidence of their Universal Credit or Tax Credits, **their local Social Security Agency office Digital Hub** will have staff on hand to help them obtain the correct evidence to support their application.



Social Media Toolkit

In order to help us promote awareness of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance applications for September 2024, we have developed a social media toolkit which you may wish to use on your own communication channels.

The toolkit - which can be accessed using [this link](#) - includes graphics and text with key information, as well as a schedule of suggested dates for sharing the content on your channels.

Pupil Lists

You may wish to consider obtaining a list of 2023/24 eligible pupils from AnyComms+ so that you can encourage those eligible parents/guardians to submit an early application this year.

If you require further information about accessing Pupil Lists, please email the dedicated email address for schools at mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk



We are very grateful to you for your continued support throughout the academic year, particularly with sharing key information and updates with your school communities.

Extra help for parents/guardians on the EA website:

- FAQs
- Eligibility criteria
- Supporting documents guidance
- Helpdesk contact details

Further Assistance - Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk

The FSMU Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm by telephone on 028 9041 8044 or email mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk





Lifeboats

COME VISIT US

RNLI OPEN DAY

LARNE LIFEBOAT STATION

Olderfleet Road
Saturday 22 June 2024
12pm - 4pm

Fun for all the family!
Meet the crew, BBQ, bouncy castles,
souvenirs, try on our kit & more!



The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603),
Scotland (SC037796), the Republic of Ireland (CIN 2678 and 20020326),
the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 0063207),
the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ

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Unearth the past...

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Saturday 17th August 2024, 11.00am – 3.00pm

This free family event will allow you to unearth the past through unique access to a private collection of fossils, meteorites, artefacts and antiquities.

Drop-in event. Suitable for all ages. No booking required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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



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