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Friday 11th April 2025

Easter Holidays

The Easter holidays will begin next Thursday 17th April 2025 at 11am. School will reopen on Monday 28th April 2025.

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Next week will be our last week for Trocaire fundraising. **Each class has a Trocaire box for any loose change the pupils would like to donate.**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Rainbow Day it raised a fantastic £455 towards our Trocaire fundraising.

PTA Easter Fundraising

The **PTA Virtual Duck Race** is well underway. The leaderboard will be updated every hour and you can keep a check on how your duck is getting on by using the link below.

<https://www.balloonrace.net/cwkkqi>

The winners will be announced next Wednesday afternoon.

Prizes are:

1st place - £30 Smyths Voucher

2nd place - £15 Mauds Voucher

3rd place – Easter Basket

Pupils have already started **guessing the number of eggs in the jar**. This competition will continue until Wednesday 16th April. It costs 20p per guess and pupils can guess as many times as they wish. If more than one pupil guesses correctly then names will be put into a draw to win the jar of eggs. There will be some runner up prizes. The winner will be announced on Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you for your support.

Sun Hats & Sun Cream

With the better weather the pupils will have more opportunities for outdoor learning and play. Can parents please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied and brings a sun hat to school when required.

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

The Stars this week are:



P1 Lucy M
P2 Theo M
P3 Chloe S
P4 Aine M
P5 Leah M
P6 Frankie O
P7 Niki C

Primary 4 - First Holy Communion

The Primary Four pupils will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May at 11am in St MacNissi's Church.

Some ladies in the Parish have gathered a collection of communion dresses and boys' outfits (only worn once) and parents are able to view in the upper room at St Anthony's Church in Craigyhill. (There is no charge and parents can either keep the dress/outfit or have it dry cleaned and return to them). For more details or to book a private, confidential viewing, please contact Eileen on 07547 888828.

End of Year School Trips

The end of year school trips have now been organised for the Primary 1 to Primary 6 classes. A message has been sent out to parents on the school messaging app with full details. Payment should be made on ParentPay for all trips.

Primary 1 and Primary 2 will be going to Honeybees Playtown on Wednesday 4th June.

Primary 3 and Primary 4 will be going to W5 on Friday 23rd May.

Primary 5 and Primary 6 will be going to W5 on Wednesday 21st May.

Primary 7 will be going to the SSE Arena on Thursday 12th June for mini golf, lunch and bowling.



The Eco Council are collecting batteries to take part in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt.

Batteries should be given to Miss Cuning in Primary 5.

There are some great prizes to be won for schools!

Mid Morning Snack

After the Easter holidays we will be trialing the purchase of a mid-morning snack break from the school kitchen. This will be on a Wednesday to begin with in conjunction with our Waste Free Wednesdays and our Healthy Snack Policy.

Parents will be able to make payment on ParentPay for the snack available that week.

Week 1 – Crackers and Cheese £1.00

Week 2 – Fruit Pot £70p

Week 3 – Yoghurt Pot 80p

Week 4 – Homemade Buttered Pancake 50p

If this proves to be popular, we will then make it available on other days of the week. We will send out another reminder before this begins.

SEAG Information Evening

Parents of pupils in Primary 6 are invited to a SEAG Information Evening at Larne Grammar School on Tuesday 6th May at 6pm. Information will be given on the SEAG process for those pupils sitting the assessment in Autumn 2025.

SCHOOL KITCHENS EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Main Course

**Chicken Goujons with a choice of dips
or**

**Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with
Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread
served with**

**Broccoli & Honey Roasted Carrots
Steamed Fluffy Rice & Oven Baked Herb Wedges**

Dessert

**Belgian Waffles & Hot Chocolate Sauce
Dusted With Some Easter Bunny Treats
& Some Delicious Fresh Fruit Kebabs**

Prize Draw for Easter Eggs for those attending school meals on the day

Dates for your Diary

April 2025

Wednesday 16th April – PTA Virtual Duck Race ends at 12 noon

Wednesday 16th April – School Kitchens Easter Eggstravaganza - see special dinner menu

Thursday 17th April – School finishes at 11am for the Easter holidays

Monday 28th April to Friday 9th May – PTE/PTM Test Weeks

May 2025

Thursday 1st May – Primary 5 – Swimming lessons begin for 7 weeks

Friday 2nd May – Primary 2 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall

Monday 5th May – School closed for the bank holiday

Tuesday 6th May – Cbeebies Live Show – Yukee in school for Primary 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday 6th May – Primary 6 – SEAG Information Evening at Larne Grammar School at 6pm

Wednesday 7th May – Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Love for Life Workshop

Wednesday 7th May - Primary 3 Shared Education Celebration Day at Larne Leisure Centre

Saturday 10th May – Primary 4 – First Holy Communion at 11am in St MacNissi's Church

Tuesday 13th May – Primary 1 Stay & Play at 1.15pm

Friday 16th May – PTA School Colour Run – more details to follow

Tuesday 20th May – Primary 2 Stay & Play at 1.15pm

Wednesday 21st May – P7 Shared Education Celebration Day at Larne Leisure Centre

Wednesday 21st May – Primary 5 and Primary 6 – End of Year Trip to W5

Thursday 22nd May – Boys Outdoor Football Tournament

Friday 23rd May – Primary 1 Special Assembly at 1.15pm in the school assembly hall

Friday 23rd May – Primary 3 and Primary 4 – End of Year Trip to W5

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – School closed all week

June 2025

Wednesday 4th June – Primary 1 and Primary 2 – End of Year Trip to Honeybees Playtown

Thursday 5th June – Primary 1 New Admissions Induction (Current P1 and P2 will finish school at 12.30pm this day)

Friday 6th June – PTA Summer Fair 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th June – Primary 6 – STEAM Event at Larne High School 9.30am to 2.30pm

Thursday 12th June – Primary 7 – End of Year Trip to SSE Arena

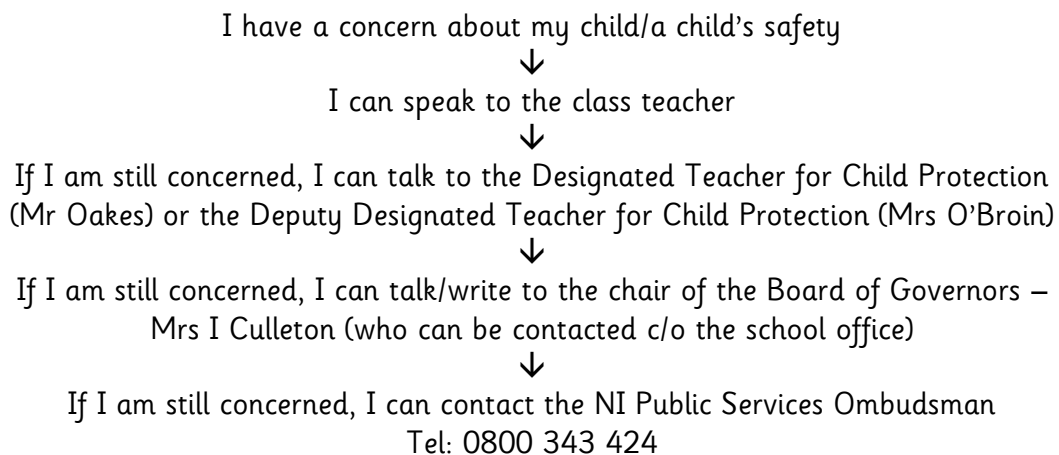
Friday 13th June – Sports Day – more details to follow

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.



Please see our school website - <https://www.stmacnissisps.com> for our range of school policies, including our safeguarding suite of policies.

School Child Protection and Safeguarding Team



Mr C Oakes
Designated Teacher for Child Protection



Mrs A O'Broin
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection



Mrs J Baxter
Principal



Mrs I Culleton
Chairperson, Board of Governors



Ms M McErlain
Designated Governor

We are here to listen and help

Is something making you unhappy?

Do you want to talk to someone who can help?

Are you feeling worried about yourself or someone else?



Online Safety

We understand that much of our pupil's use of the internet will occur at home, away from our school filters. We regularly update the Online Safety section of our school website with posters and guidance which you may find helpful when navigating the issue of online safety with your child, and we would encourage you to have a look at these on a regular basis.

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.



