



# MACOSQUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



December 2019 Monthly News

## ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FOR P1 PUPILS SEPT'20

Please follow the link below for information regarding Admissions Procedure for new P1 pupils in September 2020. You will also find guidance on how to make an online application via the Admissions Portal which will open to parents on 7<sup>th</sup> January and will close 12 noon on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

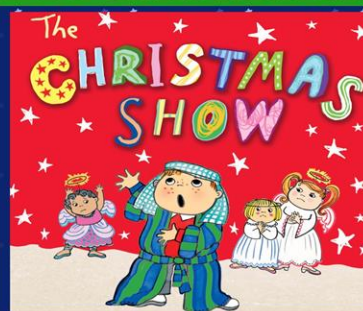
If you need any assistance contact the school on 02870 344317. For further assistance, contact EA Admission Helpdesk on 02895 985595.

## JINGLE BELL BALL



Tickets are available to purchase via Sims Agora for our Jingle Bell Ball. Please join us for a fun filled night. Tickets cost £5.00 per child or £12.00 per family of 3 or more.

## ★ P1-P3 Christmas Show ★



Mon 16th and Tues 17th December  
at 10am! 🎄

Christmas show tickets will go on  
sale the beginning of December

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Tickets are available to purchase on Agora for our Junior School Show until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## CHILDREN IN NEED



Well done to our Senior Choir!

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the senior choir travelled to W5 in Belfast to perform the song 'True Colours' with other schools across Northern Ireland. The purpose of this was to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

This was an amazing experience for all the children. They performed live on BBC1 and on an extended programme the following Sunday.

The children in school helped raise an amazing £230 for The Children in Need Charity which was presented to them during the night at W5.

This will be a memorable experience forever for the children. We are all so proud of you!

## Walking Bus



There will be no 'Walking Bus' during December.  
Remember our 'Journey to Santa' challenge is  
running until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Get involved!

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## SUSTRANS SILVER DAY



We were delighted to have Johnny from Sustrans with us in school in November to present our Silver School Mark Award. We even dressed in silver to celebrate this special occasion. A big 'well done' to our entire school family who have been so enthusiastic about 'Active Travel' and as a result, have increased our walking/scooting/cycling to school rate from 26% to 52% in just one year. Next stop...gold! 🌟🚴

## COLERAINE FESTIVAL

If you would like your child to be entered for Verse Speaking at Coleraine Festival, please complete and return the consent form sent home this week and pay the corresponding fee on Sims Agora by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## Extra-Curricular Notice

**Term 1 Clubs have now finished.**

**Information about Term 2 clubs will be available on the Parents Area of the school website from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Thank you for all of your support with clubs this term.**



**SCHOOL CLUBS** PIC•COLLAGE

Term 2 Clubs will be available to book on Sims Agora from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 12noon** and will close on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1pm**. Clubs will commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and run for 8 weeks, full dates will be available on the school website from the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Road Safety Week 18th-22nd November 2019

Pupils enjoyed a special talk about Road Safety from the PSNI and every class completed a range of activities to promote road safety.



P1 performed a rap song



Super Cat's Road Safety Story



Year 6 pupils used ICT to create Road Safety videos



Year 2 sequencing how to safely cross the road.

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## GRANDPARENTS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We have a few tickets left for our Grandparents' Lunch on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm** during which our school choir will sing Christmas Carols. Bookings can be made through Sims Agora (under Events) from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** until **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at a cost of **£8.00** per person.

The menu is a 4 course turkey dinner:

**Starter - Fresh Seasonal Soup**

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**Mains - Roast Turkey, Gammon, Cocktail Sausages, Stuffing & Gravy, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Roast & Creamed Potatoes.**

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**Choice of desserts**

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(Strawberry Pavlova or Christmas Pudding & Custard)

Tea/Coffee

**Note:** Due to our Grandparents' Lunch this day, dinner for the children will be as follows:

**Picnic in a Bag Lunch - Chicken Goujons with chips, Ice-lolly with Orange Squash**





## ECO CLUB



### Meet the Eco Committee!

This hard working bunch have been busy helping to ensure our school is environmentally friendly and sustainable.

They have started to monitor the weight of rubbish in the classroom bins in an effort to reduce waste. During the first 'bin spot check', P1, P4 and P5 came out on top with just 30g of rubbish in their bin. P3 had a huge 800g! Hopefully there will be less rubbish in some of the bins next time there is a 'spot check'!

## SHOEBOX APPEAL



The School Council were proud to hand over 40 beautifully wrapped shoeboxes for the 'Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Appeal'. Thank you to all families who donated shoeboxes to this very worthwhile cause.



Come along also to our Coffee Morning and Craft Sale on Saturday 7th December 10am-12noon. All welcome.

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



All pupils in P 1-7 completed a range of activities to promote Anti-Bullying Week in our school. This included 'Odd Socks Day' where pupils wore mismatched socks to highlight how we are all different and unique. Pupils also attended a whole-school assembly on anti-bullying to identify what bullying is, how it can affect people and how we can deal with bullying. All pupils also had opportunities to explore this further with anti-bullying activities in their class.

## MACOSQUIN DANCEATHON



The children of Macosquin certainly got their dancing shoes at the ready when they took part in a whole-school Dance-a-thon for a full HOUR! Some impressive moves were shown!

You helped us raise an incredible **£2815.00**

Thank you to everybody who supported this fundraiser and a massive thanks to our dancer Emma Graham who spurred the children on and encouraged them as they danced!

