

Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023



Parents and Carers,

Today, we sent a text message to the first/emergency contact for each child. If you did not receive this tester text, please contact the school office on Monday to update your telephone number. It is essential that we have the correct details on our SIMs system, in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

Primary 7 Trip to Jungle NI

Our Primary 7 pupils participated in a Shared Communities initiative which won a prestigious award. To celebrate, Radius Housing invited our children to spend the day at Jungle NI. Our children had an amazing time, and we are incredibly thankful for the opportunity. Please see our Facebook page for more photographs.



Dining Centre and Lunches

Monday, 25th September is Week 1 of our new Lunch Bunch Menu. School dinners remain at a cost of £2.60 per day. Any pupil with a food allergy **must** complete the relevant form before availing of food from our Dining Centre.

Covid

Unfortunately, Covid is still present within our community, and its spread is likely to increase over the coming winter months. We have already had a number of cases at Buick! We will be following the Public Health / NI Direct Guidance which states:

If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, you should follow the advice: stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (or three days for children and young people under 18 years of age) after the day of the test, or from the day symptoms started (whichever was earlier)

- avoid contact with people you know [to be at higher risk from COVID-19](#) for 10 days especially those with a weakened immune system
- do not visit others in a health or social care setting for 10 days
- continue to take precautions, such as regularly washing your hands and wearing a face mask, particularly in crowded indoor places
- let everyone in your household and anyone with whom you have had close contact, know that you have Covid.

Class of The Week - Nursery

Starting Nursery is a huge step for every child (and parent) and we are absolutely delighted with the progress our children have made already. Our littlest people have enjoyed learning all about the rules and routines of Nursery and we know they will continue to thrive under the care of Mrs Gault and Miss Morgan.

Parents are actively encouraged to review the Pre-school Curriculum too, to ensure their child is meeting milestones appropriately. <https://ccea.org.uk/pre-school/curricular-guidance-pre-school-education>



**** Reminder ** School Office Opening Hours**

The school office is open from 8.45am to 3.30pm and closed between 1pm-1.30pm for lunch. Please bear this in mind when ringing the school. Additionally, please be considerate of school life if you don't get through and, if necessary, leave a short voicemail.

Primary 6 Swimming

Primary 6 Swimming will recommence on 28th September. We anticipate that all pupils will participate in this portion of the PE Curriculum. Details of times and payment have been sent through via ParentMail. Our children gain so much from the whole swimming experience: the organisational skills in preparing their swimming kit, the social interaction on the bus journey there and back, and the showering and changing independently are all life skills. We know they will thoroughly enjoy it!

Choir

Auditions have been held and we look forward to rehearsals commencing on Monday afternoon from 3pm - 3:45pm. Thank you for your support in this initiative. We look forward to hearing the choir perform at our events throughout the year.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Mrs Shirlow, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors.

If you have any concerns, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

Social Media

We would like to remind parents that primary school children should not have access to social media platforms independently. If you allow your child to have these apps, you must monitor their engagement very closely. It is not a school responsibility to deal with Whatsapp, Snapchat or Tik Tok comments made outside school. Please do not contact your child's class teacher to address these issues - that management is a parental responsibility!

Ice Packs

If your child has had an injury at school and we have sent them home with an ice pack, would you please kindly return them? We have already lost a number of ice packs this academic session! Thank you.

WE NEED YOU!

We need your help to transform our Outdoor Learning Area! We have received the topsoil and flags but we now need help to lay the 40 flags properly! If any parents work in this area and would be able to help us out, please give Miss Peters a call! 😊

We envisage taking a Saturday morning to push this development on.....all hands make light work! Thank you in advance of your support.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 25 th September	P1 pupils staying to 2pm
	P3 After School Club (2/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 26 th September	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training
Wednesday 27 th September	Tempest Photographer in School to take individual and family photographs. We will also be taking class pictures of Nursery, P1 and P7.
	P7 Transfer Parent Interviews with Mrs Kyle (1/3) - Details to follow
	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 28 th September	P6 Swimming (1/10)
	P7 Transfer Parent Interviews with Mrs Kyle (2/3)
Friday 29 th September	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (2/5)
	P7 Transfer Parent Interviews with Mrs Kyle (3/3)
Monday 2 nd October	P3 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 3 rd October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training after school
Wednesday 4 th October	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 5 th October	P6 Swimming (2/10)
Friday 6 th October	Owen Daly Football Tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds
	Arc Project in Buick
	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (3/5)
Monday 9 th October	P3 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 10 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training
Wednesday 11 th October	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 12 th October	Disney Movie Night - details to follow via ParentMail
Friday 13 th October	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (4/5)
Monday 16 th October	School Nurses in Buick to complete Flu Vaccination Programme
	P2 After School Club (1/4) - Booking Details will follow on ParentMail
Tuesday 17 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training after school
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Service
	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 19 th October	
Friday 20 th October	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (5/5)
Monday 23 rd October	P2 After School Club (2/4)
Wednesday 25 th October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Thursday 26 th October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Friday 27 th October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Buick's Half-Term Holidays - Monday 30 th October - Friday 3 rd November (inclusive).	

*Please use this calendar to plan ahead for your family.

**New Events will be added in bold each week!

Today, we have shared a link for free National Trust passes on our Facebook page. Please take the opportunity to have a seasonal walk with your child and note the Autumnal changes.

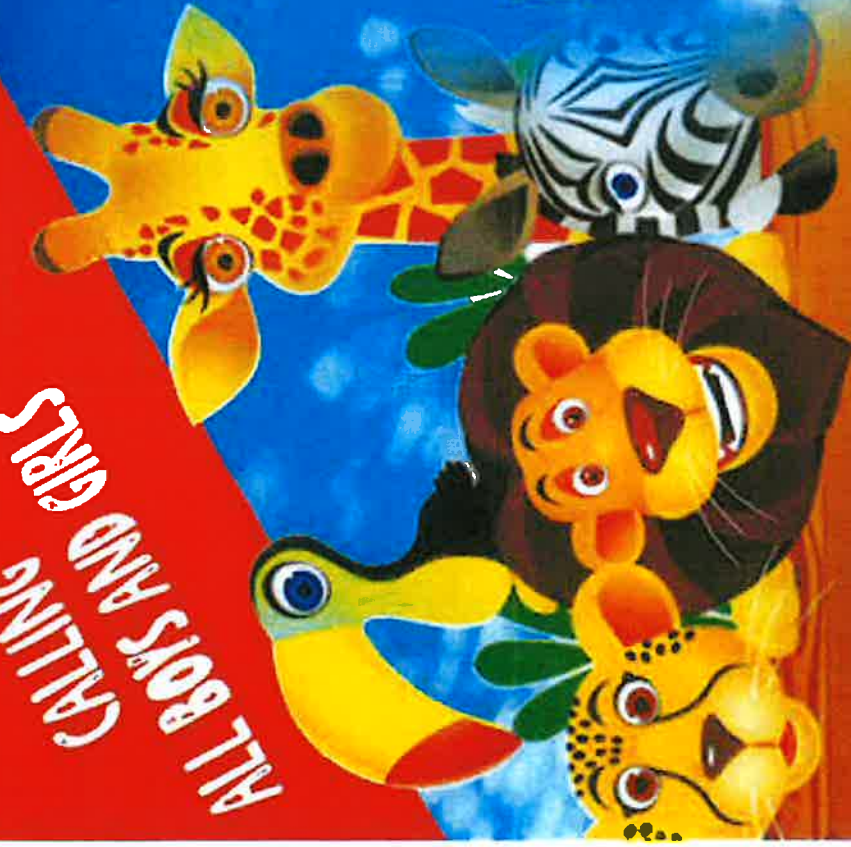
Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

R. Peters

(Acting Principal)

ALL BOYS AND
GIRLS
CALLING



FRIDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

BALLYWATERMOY GOSPEL HALL

starts again

**Fri 13th October 2023
@ 7.15 pm - 8pm**

continuing every Friday night until end of January 2024 (DV)

**"BELIEVE ON THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
and thou shalt be saved."**

ACTS 16:31

**Bible Stories • Choruses • Memory Verses • Prizes
Come along and bring your friends!**

ALL TEACHERS ARE COMPLAINT
WITH CURRENT CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION.
*Parents who would like to stay with their children
will be made very welcome.*

For further information please telephone:

028 2568 5620 or 07740 173801

We look forward to seeing you!

Before our Friday nights start (see over) **we're having**

A Special Week for All Boys and Girls

WHERE:

**Ballywatermoy Gospel Hall
Glarryford**

WHEN?

**Monday 2nd October
to Friday 6th October 2023
7.15 pm - 8.00 pm**

WHO?

Guest Speaker

Mr Robert Plant

Bible Stories • Choruses • Memory Verses • Prizes

Come along and bring your friends!



**Jesus said,
"I am the way, the
truth, and the life."**

JOHN 14:6