



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Parents and Carers,

Well, that's the first month of the academic calendar completed! We've all settled into new routines, adapted to new ways of working, introduced several new staff members and assessed all pupils in P3-P7! We are looking forward to seeing where their learning journey takes our children this year at Buick. Your role is instrumental in achieving success - please keep up the great support with homework and support for school rules/initiatives!

### School Council

We are delighted to share with you the Buick Memorial School Council for 2023/24: Luna, Jakub, Jude, Alfie, Rosie & Evie! They will work closely with Mrs Shirlow to plan some exciting events and set achievable fundraising targets for this session..... watch this space!



### 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 - P4/3GM

All the children in P4/3 have settled in well to their new class rules and routines. This week, they have been focusing on Active Learning during Numeracy lessons. Our aim is to make Maths more engaging!

The pupils used a variety of Numeracy resources such as STILE, Numicon and 'Make 4' board games to consolidate their written classwork. The children have found this approach fun and it has strengthened their understanding of mathematical concepts.



### 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.

### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	P3 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training after school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 Swimming (2/10)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Owen Daly Football Tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds
	Arc Project in Buick
	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (3/5)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	P3 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Disney Movie Night - details to follow via ParentMail
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (4/5)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	School Nurses in Buick to complete Flu Vaccination Programme
	P2 After School Club (1/4) - Booking Details will follow on ParentMail
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training after school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service
	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 4pm = Rugby Training (5/5)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	P2 After School Club (2/4)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	PUPILS FINISH AT 1PM - Parent Interviews
Buick's Half-Term Holidays - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (inclusive).	

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

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

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,


R. Peters

(Acting Principal)



# Applying for \_\_\_\_\_ Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

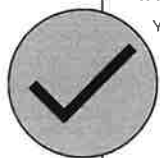
## If you require help...

 [www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants](http://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants)

 028 9041 8044

 [mealsanduniform@eant.org.uk](mailto:mealsanduniform@eant.org.uk)

### 1. Are you eligible?



You must be:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit OR
- be an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

#### Qualifying Benefits:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable household income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

### 2. What documentation do you need?

You will be asked to upload proof that you are receiving a qualifying benefit:

- Tax Credits Award Notice
- Universal Credit Payments breakdown or
- Proof of Benefit letter (if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit).



### 3. What else do you need?



- National Insurance Number
- Childrens' names
- Dates of Birth
- Schools they will be attending
- Address
- E-mail and telephone number
- Bank or building society account and sort code details.

### 4. Where do you apply?

Visit the EA's Free School Meals and Uniforms page to start an application. As well as new applicants, parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance will need to apply again for this year. You will need to register with an e-mail address and create an account to apply. You will then be able to log back in to check your application



### 5. What happens next?



Your application will be processed within 3 weeks. Please do not contact EA for an update on your application within the 3 weeks of submitting your application. If you have provided incorrect or insufficient supporting documentation, you will receive a tailored email advising you to resubmit your application with details of the correct documentation you need to provide.

You will receive an email from EA once your application has been approved and processed.

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**CULLYBACKEY  
& DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*Invite you to a*  
**HALLOWEEN HOKE  
BOOKSALE**

*in* The Royal British Legion Hall,  
Main Street, Cullybackey

*on* Friday 13th October 2023 from 2-8pm  
*and* Saturday 14th October 2023  
from 11am-4pm

*with something for the Children*

Books range from new to antiquarian

*There is something for everyone*

**THE READER,  
THE DEALER AND  
THE COLLECTOR**

**ADMISSION FREE**  
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