



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Parents and Carers,

Last night we held a Disney Movie night in school, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. These events are special and afford social opportunities for our children to mix beyond the classroom. Thank you to the 200 pupils that participated. The money raised will be utilised to pay for the flags at the Nursery to be concreted securely. Please see our Facebook page for additional images of Movie Night.



### Parent Interviews

Parent Interview times will be released on Monday via ParentMail. As in previous years, these interviews will be conducted by telephone.

We look forward to speaking with parents/carers to share details of your child's educational development and to discuss ways in which you can support your child's progress. As a school, we recognise that we need effective partnership working to meet the needs of all children.

Please ensure you are ready to receive the telephone call at your chosen time and converse succinctly within your time allocation. This readiness and diligence will ensure the afternoons run smoothly for all stakeholders. Thank you in advance of your co-operation.

### 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.



### Class of The Week - P3HM

Primary 3 has been working on learning spellings, using chalk boards, magnetic letters and using paint sticks. In Numeracy, they have been ordering numbers and revising Number bonds. The children listened to a piece of music by Leroy Anderson and added in some movement using scarves. They loved creating pieces of artwork in Art, experimenting with media such as oil pastels and paint.









# BOOK WEEK NI

16 – 22 October 2023

#bookweekni  
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## Book Week NI is back!

Book Week NI is an eagerly anticipated annual week-long celebration of books, reading and libraries, and the Education Authority wants your school to get involved.

This year, in addition to an exciting programme of events planned for the week, we are particularly thrilled to announce 'Our Big Read' as a central part of the celebrations. 'Our Big Read' is an opportunity for children, teachers, and parents/carers alike to immerse themselves in the joy of reading.

To join in, simply read a book of your choice and then share your reading journey with others. This can be done in various ways, such as engaging in lively discussions as a school class, older children delighting younger ones with captivating tales, or even reading as a family.

Taking just 15 minutes out of a busy schedule to read can make such a positive difference as there are many benefits to be gained from reading. That's why our goal this week is to encourage children and adults to read for fun. Once you discover the joy of a good book, you won't be able to put it down!

### Partnership with Parents – Parenting Week 16<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> October



Nurturing, inspiring,  
and helping parents  
grow.

Valuing parents,  
and encouraging  
them to  
value  
themselves.

Showing  
compassion, and  
holding parents  
through the tough  
times.

One caring conversation could make all the  
difference. Give us a call on 0808 80 20 400.

**Opening Hours:**  
**Mon–Thurs 9am–9pm/Fri 9am–5pm/Sat 9am–1pm**



### Owen Daly Tournament

Our football team thoroughly enjoyed the recent Owen Daly Tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds.



### Eco Club

Our Eco Club continues to meet after school to address areas throughout the school. We are thankful to the children and adults who look after our school grounds throughout the seasons.





### P3 After School Club

Our Primary 3 pupils had a fun 4 weeks at After School Club, playing games, making crafts and baking chocolate apples!



## P3 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



PIC•COLLAGE



### Parking

Parking at the front and back of the school is becoming increasingly problematic as more parents are driving their children to school in the colder weather.

**Parents, Grandparents and Childminders should not park in the bus lanes nor the Zig Zags at 9am, 2pm or 3pm!**

We would like to remind all stakeholders that various local car parks are available nearby. The 'park and stride' approach would promote healthy exercise and alleviate traffic in the village and in particular, Pottinger Street!

### Competition Winners!

We are delighted to share with you that Isobella Ross and Kai Smyth came first and second respectively in a recent Translink Rail Safety Competition. They won a gift voucher, personalised book, certificate, and other goodies. Well done! They are pictured below with their former Class Teacher, Miss Gibson, whose class entered the competition back in June.



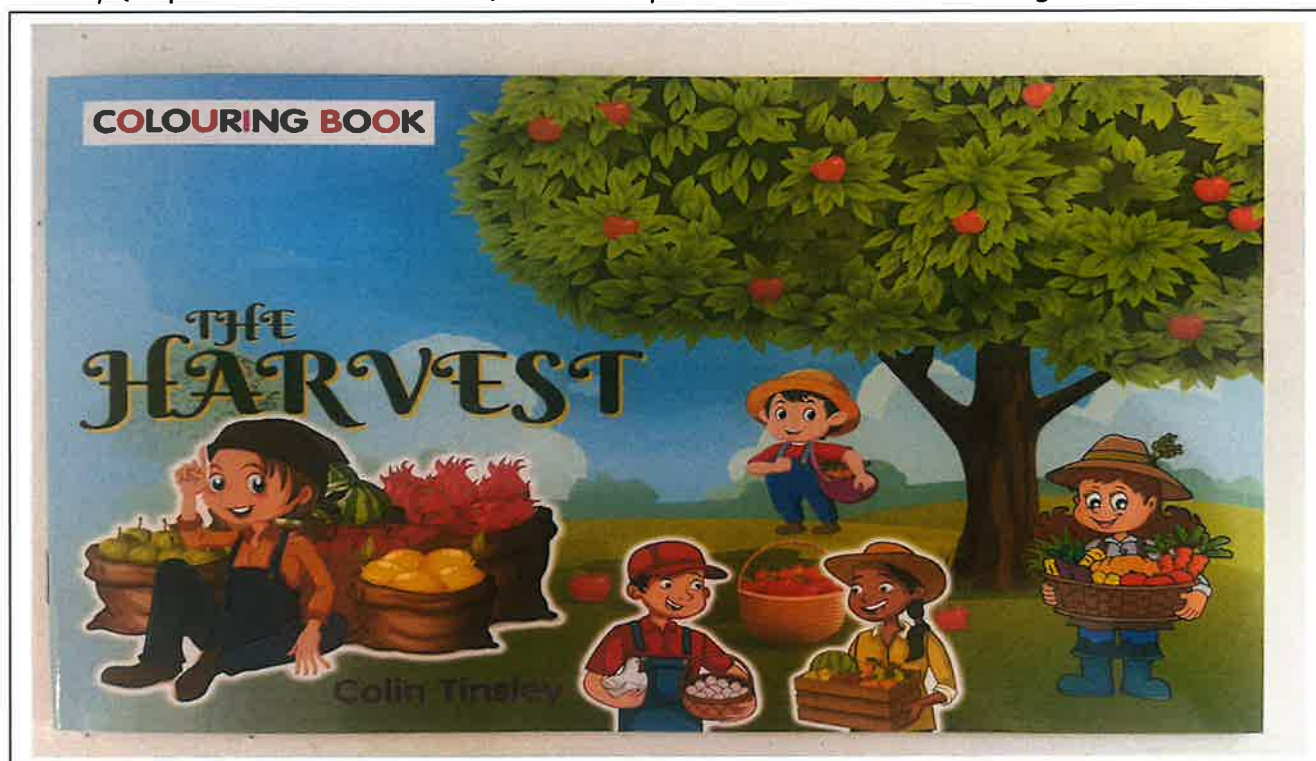
### Timekeeping

A gentle reminder of the importance of being on time for school. We have noticed a few repetitive late comers at the front door, and this cannot continue.

Equally, we have a few parents who are consistently late at 2pm or change their plans daily by telephoning the office. Please ensure your child is aware of their collection arrangements each day. Thank you in advance of your co-operation.

## Harvest

These Harvest colouring books will be distributed to P1-P4 pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks to Colin Tinsley (Hope for Youth Ministries) for the important reminder about being thankful.



### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	School Nurses in Buick to complete Flu Vaccination Programme
	P2 After School Club (1/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm = Hockey Training after school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service
	Nursery's Autumn Walk
	2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu Club
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 Swimming (4/10)
	3pm - 4pm - Football Training (P4-P7)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Lunch
	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).	

Mr McCubbin will be in school each Thursday for woodwind and brass lessons and Miss Bell will be in each Friday for strings. Please ensure your child has their instrument and music with them on the correct days. Thank you.

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

Kind regards,  
R. Peters  
(Acting Principal)



# Being in a **PIPE BAND** is more than just pipes & drums!



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# EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN EDUCATION



**THERE ARE A RANGE OF SERVICES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP SUPPORT THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN EDUCATION. CLICK ON THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### TEXT A NURSE

The confidential Text A Nurse service for post-primary pupils is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Contact numbers for your area can be found on the PHA website - [Text A Nurse - pupils](#).

### INDEPENDENT COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS (ICSS)

Available to post-primary age young people - ask your school / setting for more details.

### YOUTH WELLNESS WEB

Website by Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) providing a range of wellbeing resources - [Youth Wellness Web](#)

### OUR GENERATION APP

The Our Generation App (Peace IV funded project) - play games, collect stars and learn about mental health and resilience. Download from [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#)

## PARENTS/ CARERS

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### SOLIHULL ONLINE COURSES

Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens. Nurturing emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years. Help understand your child's feelings as well as your own - find out more at [Northern Ireland - inourplace](#)

### RISE NI

RISE NI Website provides information for parents from health professionals to help develop the foundational skills for learning. Visit [RISE NI](#) for more information.

## SCHOOLS

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### RISE NI

Contact your local Health Trust Coordinator for more information.

### REACH

Education Authority Youth Service led programme available in schools for children and young people aged 6-19. Visit [REACH](#) to submit a request for support.

### BEING WELL DOING WELL

The [Being Well Doing Well](#) programme aims to support schools (nursery, primary, post primary, special and EOTAS) to develop a Whole School Approach to Emotional Health and Wellbeing.

### EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAMS IN SCHOOLS

Health practitioner support for post-primary schools. Find out more at [Schools - EWTS](#).

### CCEA WELLBEING HUB

The hub provides a range of helpful and relevant learning activities that can support promoting mental health and wellbeing. Click [Schools - CCEA Hub](#) to find out more.

### EA HEALTH WELL HUB

Health and Wellbeing support for staff. Click [EA Health Well Hub](#) to find out more.

The Department of Education recognises the importance of emotional health and wellbeing and in collaboration with the Department of Health published the Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education Framework in 2021 where you can find out more - [EHW in Education Framework](#)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

Visit [NI Direct](#) for more information.

### DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

These directories list the organisations that offer services to help improve mental health and emotional wellbeing. Find out more at [Directory of Services](#).

### TAKE 5 STEPS TO WELLBEING

Most of us know when we are mentally and physically well, but sometimes we need a little extra help to keep well. Find out more at [Take 5 Steps](#).

### SUPPORTING LEARNING

Useful information on helping your child with their education. Find out more on [NI Direct](#).