

## Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Parents and Carers,

Well, that's us at the half term holidays and I know the children and staff are ready for a break, to rest and recharge! Our Nursery held their Pumpkin Party today and our kids had a wonderful time!











#### Parent Interviews

Thank you to everyone who engaged with the Parent Interview process. It is beneficial to share relevant information about your child's progress and areas for development across the curriculum.

However, this process is not designed for children to listen alongside on loud speaker. Sometimes, the class teacher (or parent) may want to share concerning information and 'little ears' should not be present. Please consider the appropriateness of your child's presence during adult conversations, in moving forward.

An effective home/school partnership is the key to success for your child. Parents are reminded that they should contact their child's class teacher to update us on changes to the home environment or on situations which may be impacting their child's wellbeing. Please do not wait until a Parental Interview to share such important news.



# Buick Memorial Primary School Ten Top Tips For Homework

- 1. Remember to pack your bag at school and take home everything that you will need.
- 2. Try to complete Homework straight after school to allow time for relaxation or clubs in the evening.
- 3. Find a quiet working area with no distractions such as a TV or iPad.
- 4. Try to work at a table and not on your knee as presentation is important! If possible, have a zone where you keep all supplies such as pencils, paper or glue.
- 5. Read over your Homework Diary and check what you have been asked to do.
- 6. Try your best to complete your work independently. This is not homework for Mum / Dad / Grandparent or Childminder to complete!
- 7. Keep focussed to finish the task and check over your work for any mistakes.
- 8. Show your work to Mum / Dad / Grandparent or Childminder and ask them to sign it. Talk about your learning.
- 9. Practise reading aloud every day and talk about your book with an adult. You should discuss the plot, characters, vocabulary and themes.
- 10. In the evening, remember to put all your work back into your school bag for the next day. Now get a good night's sleep!

#### In the Community



### Mid and Fast Antrim Council launches pre-loved toys scheme for fifth year!

From Monday 30th October, Christmas toy containers will be set up at our five Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) and the three leisure Centres across Mid and East Antrim, so pre-loved toys can be given a new home this festive season. For the fifth year running, Council is working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, East Belfast Mission (Restore) and local community groups including Larne Community Care Centre Group, Larne and Carrickfergus Locality Planning Group, Home Start, Horizon Sure Start to deliver the toy donation scheme.

Over 8.5 million toys are discarded each year in the UK which adds to the landfill tonnage we throw away in one year. In 2022 we diverted over 5.2 tonne of toys from landfill and gifted to local communities, this is over 50% more than the 2021 tonnage diverted and gifted. We are hoping to exceed this figure this Christmas, reducing landfill, protecting the environment, and helping others.

Residents from the borough are being invited to drop off pre-loved and unwanted toys into a specially designated container at each of the sites. Donated toys must be clean, complete and good quality i.e. what you'd provide to your own child.

The project will run between Monday 30th October and Friday 8th December.

Toy drop-off points will be at our five open Household Recycling Centres and our three leisure centres.

- Ballymena area:
- · Waveney Road HRC, Ballymena Monday Saturday 9am 5pm.
- · Seven Towers Leisure Centre Monday Friday 9am 9pm, Saturday 9am 5pm and Sunday 12pm 5pm.

We can't believe that we have reached half-term already! School life is extremely busy and we are all looking forward to some peaceful autumnal walks and quality family time. We hope that you enjoy the holidays with friends and family too!

Our pupils plan to sample all the treats and traditions that this time of year brings. We have encouraged them to stay safe around sparklers and fireworks and to wear bright clothing in the evenings, if playing outside.

We'll see you all back at Buick on Monday 6th November for Term 1B and the most wonderful time of the year!

Have a lovely holiday week! 🍪



Kind regards, R. Peters (Acting Principal) Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	P2 After School Club (3/4)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Wednesday 8th November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly with Anna Henry
Thui sudy 9 Thorember	3pm - 4pm Football Training
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	SEAG Transfer Paper 1
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Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Wee Critters visiting P3
Monday 13. November	P2 After School Club (4/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 14th Nevember	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Practice
Tuesday 14th November	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Fourtowns Football Tournament
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 After School Club (1/4)
Monday 20 November	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 21st Navamban	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Tuesday 21st November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Buick v Cullybackey College - Football Match
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	P5 Pupils to see Ulster Orchestra at Ballymena North Centre
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	SEAG Transfer Paper 2
	D1 A Charl Club (2/4)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 After School Club (2/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Netball Tournament - TBC
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Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 30th November	Fourtowns Football Tournament -
Friday 1st December	Christmas Lunch in Dining Centre - details to follow on ParentMail
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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	
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Tuesday 5th December	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 and P2 Nativity Performances
	P3 Christmas Performance
	All pupils finish at 12:15pm - no dining centre break or lunch
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Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 After School Club (4/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in Cuningham Memorial Church at 10am
	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Practice
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Eve from Scripture Union to work with P5 pupils-Amazing Journey to Bethlehem
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Open Day – all pupils finish at 1pm
	Prospective Nursery/P1 parents and children to visit Buick
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Choir performing on Radio Cracker
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu

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# **WEDNESDAY 8** NOVEMBER

12.30pm – 4pm & 5pm - 7.30pm

To book an appointment

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