



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023



Parents and Carers,

On Monday, Primary 3 pupils had a visit from Allan from 'Wee Critter's'. They met a hissing cockroach, a tarantula, a snake called William, Trevor the toad, an owl called Pepper and a skunk! Lots of the Primary 3 children were brave; getting very close to these creatures! Allan shared interesting facts and told us all about which animal groups they belonged to.

Our children really enjoyed this visit which complemented their class-based learning.

P3 VISIT WITH ALLAN FROM WEE CRITTERS





Nativities

This year, Primaries 1-3 will be putting on two Nativity performances. Miss Stirling and Mrs Shirlow's classes will work collegiately to perform 'Our First Nativity'.

Mrs Gamble/Mrs Carleton and Mrs Hunter/Mr Maybin plus Miss Gibson's P3s will all be performing 'Fireside Nativity'. We are sure both performances will be amazing! Times and ticket prices will follow on ParentMail in due course.

School Snacks and Healthy Lunches

This week, we have been reviewing the contents of break and lunches and have noted a substantial increase in the number of high sugar products being brought to school daily.

Children need nutrition for healthy growth and brain development. It is becoming increasingly difficult to manage a class of 30 young children, who have all consumed sugar products at break and lunch time.

We respectfully ask that you review your child's break and lunches in order for them to be focussed in school and fulfil their educational potential. Thank you in advance of your co-operation.

Please see the DE Guidance for parents attached. In moving forward, Buick Memorial will be creating a new Healthy Eating Policy in 2024. In the interim, Parentline are holding a workshop to assist parents of children who are fussy eaters.



The Formative Years Fussy Eating

Parentline is delighted to have Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI deliver this session for parents. Dr Kirsty will share expert advice, practical tips, and answer your fussy eating-related questions. Don't miss this opportunity to master mealtimes and get your kids to try new foods.

When: Friday 1st December, on Zoom

Time: 10 - 11.30am

To book a place call free

0808 8020 400



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Primary 2 Outdoor Play

Outdoor Play continues to be a focal point this year, with children embracing all-weather learning opportunities. This is beneficial for their mental health and wellbeing as well as the physical growth and academic development.



Fourtowns Football Tournament

On Thursday afternoon, our football team travelled over to our friends at Fourtowns to compete in a tournament. Our children played incredibly well and we are very proud of their efforts.



Travelling by Bus

We have a few buses which operate between home and school. These buses travel safely and pupils must take responsibility for putting on their seatbelt and sitting appropriately throughout their journey. Unfortunately, we have been informed that a small number of children have refused to wear their seatbelts. If this attitude continues, they will not be allowed to travel by bus and compromise the safety of others.

If your child travels to and from school by bus, we respectfully ask you to speak to your child and reiterate the importance of travelling safely. Thank you in advance.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

Monday 20 th November	P1 After School Club (1/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 21 st November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Wednesday 22 nd November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
	Buick v Cullybackey College - Football Match
Thursday 23 rd November	P5 Pupils to see Ulster Orchestra at Ballymena North Centre
	P6 Swimming (8/10)
	1pm - School Council Meeting
Saturday 25 th November	SEAG Transfer Paper 2
Monday 27 th November	P1 After School Club (2/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 28 th November	Netball Tournament - TBC
	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Practice
Wednesday 29 th November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
	Library van visiting Buick
Thursday 30 th November	Fourtowns Football Tournament -
Friday 1 st December	Nursery Christmas Performance
	Christmas Lunch in Dining Centre - details to follow on ParentMail
Monday 4 th December	P1 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 6 th December	P6 and P7 to Ballymena Academy for Primary School's Christmas Concert
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 7 th December	P7 To Dunclug College for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Friday 8 th December	P1/ P2 & P3 Nativity Performances
	All pupils finish at 12:15pm - no dining centre break or lunch
Monday 11 th December	P1 After School Club (4/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service in Cuningham Memorial Church at 10am
Wednesday 13 th December	Eve from Scripture Union to work with P5 pupils-Amazing Journey to Bethlehem
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 15 th December	Buick Open Day - all pupils finish at 1pm
	Prospective Nursery/P1 parents and children to visit Buick
Monday 18 th December	Buick Choir performing on Radio Cracker
Wednesday 20 th December	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 22 nd December	End of Term - 12 noon finish for all pupils

*Please use the calendar above to plan ahead for special events!

We hope you have a relaxing weekend!

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)