



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Parents and Carers,

This morning, our Nursery children performed their Christmas Songs for their families. It was lovely to see them all blossoming and growing in confidence. The children certainly started December in true style! Well done to Mrs Gault, Miss Morgan and Miss Johnston for preparing the children and putting on a great performance with our youngest superstars!



Christmas Dinner in the Dining Centre

Today, we held our annual Christmas Dinner at Buick. It was lovely to see our children wearing their Christmas jumpers and party clothes to school for this special event. Thank you to the ladies in the Dining Centre for this lovely treat!



P7 Trip to Ballymena Cinema

At Buick, we are incredibly proud of all children. On Monday, our Primary 7 pupils visited Ballymena Cinema to celebrate a great first term of work and the end of SEAG Transfer Assessments. This little treat was gifted from school funds.



Buick Netball Team

Buick Netball Team competed in a tournament this week in the Seven Towers Leisure Centre. They played 4 matches - drew 1, lost 2 and won 1! 😊 The girls really enjoyed the experience - well done!



Mid and East Antrim Competition Prize Winner

Luna Marks in Primary 7 at Buick recently won the Mid and East Antrim Cosmic Classroom Competition. The panel absolutely loved the excellent drawing and the idea behind the superpower and story of best friends Melody and Mandy.

The prize will see the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium bring the wonders of the solar system direct to our school with their brand-new virtual 'Cosmic Classroom' offering an out of this world adventure! Students will learn how to navigate the night sky and travel to their favourite planets all from the comfort of the classroom. They will test their knowledge with a quick-thinking quiz and get the chance to ask the experts what they have always wanted to know about space! What a fantastic prize for the class - well done Luna!



Buick Open Day

We are delighted to be holding our Open Day for prospective Nursery and Primary 1 parents on Friday 15th December. Please telephone the school office to book your place on 028 2588 0368.

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Key Events/Dates/Arrangements

We will be showcasing the talents of our wonderful P1-P3 pupils in their Nativities; Our First Nativity (10am start) and Fireside Nativity (10:45am start) on Friday 8th December.

Our pupils have been practising their words and songs in school and at home. Thank you for supporting this initiative and providing clothes/costumes, as required.

We would like to invite parents and family members to attend these performances. In order to comply with Health and Safety requirements, we can accommodate a maximum of 3 family members per pupil. All attendees will pay £4 entry fee at the door. The proceeds from the two performances will go towards School Funds, which facilitates additional opportunities for our children. We respectfully ask that our pupils are given optimum conditions to perform and that younger babies/toddlers are not brought along to the performances. We cannot accommodate buggies or prams due to Health and Safety requirements. Thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

It has been a long standing tradition at Buick, that all children finish early on this day (12:15pm). Parents will be able to take their child (P1-P3) following their performance. If parents wish to take other siblings at the same time, please telephone the office in advance and we will prepare family members and their class teachers accordingly. All pupils P4-P7 will finish at 12:15pm. Please note, there will be no buses in the afternoon.

Our Annual Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 12th December in Cuningham Memorial Church. Families and friends are welcome to join us in the church at 10am. Our P2-P7 children will be attending this service. An offering will be taken during the service for 'Ballymena's 'Jingle All the Way' charity.

On Friday 15th December, the school will finish early at 1pm to allow our Nursery and P1 Open Afternoon to take place for prospective Nursery and P1 pupils and parents. Places for this event can be booked via the school office.

If you know of any new families to the village, please direct them to our Open Day. **Please note there will be no PM buses on Friday 15th December for our early finish.**

On Monday 18th December our choir will be travelling to Ballymena to perform on Radio Cracker. Please tune in to hear our beautiful singers!

Please note there will be no buses on the last day - Friday 22nd December. This is also a non-uniform day! As per tradition, we will have a fortnight break. This means that we will return on Monday 8th January 2024.

I'm sure our children (and staff) will be well rested and ready to tackle Term 2!

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

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 NO PM BUSES
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 - NO PM BUSES 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 Non Uniform Day!

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

Please ensure you respond to all ParentMail requests in the given time frame. We cannot accept late responses.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
R. Peters
(Acting Principal)