



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! We are excited to embark on a new year, full of fresh opportunities and experiences for our children.

Citizenship

On Tuesday, we welcomed Rian and Rebecca from Cullybackey Pipe Band to Buick. They shared information about the band and the competitions and special events which they participate in.

The band rehearses every **Wednesday night at 7pm** in the **Craigs Church of Ireland Parish Hall** with bagpipe and drum (snare, tenor and bass drum) tuition provided - pupils wouldn't need to bring a drum pad or practice chanter in the first instance, just show up! Please see the flyer for contact details.



Community Groups or Clubs such as Guides, Brownies, Scouts or Youth Clubs who would like to speak with our children during Citizenship, should contact Miss Peters (028 2588 0368) to arrange a suitable date.

Term 2 Time changes/Ju-Jitsu times

Our Primary 3 pupils are now staying to 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will continue to finish at 2pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

This time change will impact on their Ju-Jitsu and the P3 pupils will now attend the 3pm - 4pm class each Wednesday.

Our Primary 1 pupils will now be offered Ju-Jitsu after school each Wednesday from 2pm - 3pm. They may attend a free taster session on Wednesday 17th January. At this, details will be shared regarding enrolment and payments.

Attendance

Attendance during Term 1 has been calculated and Miss Peters will be meeting with our Education Welfare Officer next week to discuss every child whose attendance falls below the minimum requirement of 85%. Letters will be sent to the parents of these children to ensure that attendance improves in Term 2.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

Please ensure that you telephone the school to explain your child's absence. This should be followed up with a written note. These notes are kept on file and used within Attendance discussions.

Enrolment for September 2024

Enrolment for Nursery and Primary 1 in September 2024 has now opened. Please complete your application by visiting www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

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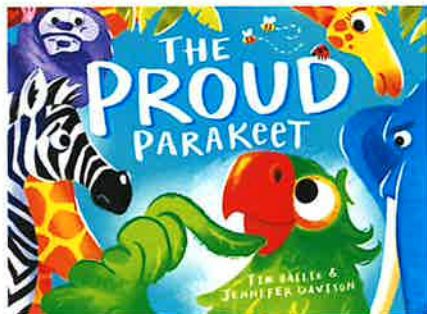
National Storytelling Week is approaching at the end of the month and we want to celebrate this by encouraging the love of books. Local author, Tim Bailie will be visiting Buick on Friday 2nd February to share his new book, The Proud Parakeet.

**"In a jungle deep the wild things sleep and creepy crawlies creep and crawl;
It's here we meet the Proud Parakeet, who thinks he's better than them all."**

**The Proud Parakeet is convinced he's the best-looking creature in the whole jungle...
and he isn't afraid to say so! All day long he does nothing but boast about how handsome he is
compared to everyone else.**

**To settle the matter once and for all, King Leo the Lion declares a Jungle Beauty Contest will be
held. But the Parakeet has a very nasty plan to get rid of the competition!**

**The Proud Parakeet' is an amusing and inspiring story about not judging others based on
appearance and why we should embrace the beauty that lies within us all.**



The books Retail at £6.99 but, as before, he is happy to sell them in schools for £5 - each copy will be signed and personally dedicated to the child and will come with an exclusive promotional bookmark. He will also bring copies of his other two books in case anyone wishes to buy those (also £5 each)!

In The Community

HAYLEE'S CEILIDH & PUDDING PARTY

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**3RD FEBRUARY 2024.
7PM - 9PM**

Cullybackey Community Centre

Entry by Donation

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING HOSTED BY



**THEN ENJOY A SWEET TREAT WITH A SELECTION OF
PUDDINGS**

**HAYLEE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS 1 OF 15 GIRLS IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO REPRESENT
GIRLGUIDING ULSTER AT THE INTERNATIONAL CAMP IN SWITZERLAND LATER THIS YEAR.
THIS IS AN AMAZING, ALBEIT COSTLY, OPPORTUNITY AND ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE
COST OF THE TRIP.**

Dates for Your Diary - Term 2

Monday 15 th January	
Tuesday 16 th January	
Wednesday 17 th January	Buick Ju-Jitsu 2pm - 3pm = P1& P2 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
	Cambridge House staff to visit P7s
Thursday 18 th January	BUICK CLOSED - STRIKE ACTION
Friday 19 th January	P6 pupils to Dunclug College - Robotics Day
	P6 Cosmic Classroom Event
	3pm - 4pm Rugby Training for P5-P7 (boys and girls)
Monday 22 nd January	
Tuesday 23 rd January	Citizenship
	Fighting Words NI Zoom workshop in P5
Wednesday 24 th January	Buick Ju-Jitsu 2pm - 3pm = P1& P2 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 25 th January	P7 Swimming (3/10)
	3pm - 4pm Football Training (P4-P7 boys only)
Friday 26 th January	P7 Cosmic Classroom Event
	3pm - 4pm Rugby Training for P5-P7 (boys and girls)
Saturday 27 th January	SEAG Transfer Results
Monday 29 th January	
Tuesday 30 th January	
Wednesday 31 st January	Buick Ju-Jitsu 2pm - 3pm = P1& P2 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 1 st February	P7 Swimming (4/10)
	3pm - 4pm Football Training (P4-P7 boys only)
Friday 2 nd February	P7 team to attend Road Safety Quiz
	Tim Bailie visiting Buick
	3pm - 4pm Rugby Training for P5-P7 (boys and girls)
Monday 5 th February	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Citizenship
	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Wednesday 7 th February	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
	Buick Ju-Jitsu 2pm - 3pm = P1& P2 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 8 th February	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
	P7 Swimming (5/10)
	3pm - 4pm Football Training (P4-P7 boys only)
Friday 9 th February	Staff Development Day - Buick closed to pupils
Buick Memorial will be on Half-Term Holidays from Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February, inclusive.	

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
R. Peters (Acting Principal)

There's more to a **PIPE BAND** than just pipes & drums!



- Meet young, local people and learn to play an instrument with friends!
- Join one of the World's top Pipe Bands, where you'll be taught by World Champions
- Take part in trips around Europe & compete against bands from around the world
- Develop personal skills for life

Get in touch today!



Cullybackey Pipe Band



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