



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



Parents and Carers,

On Friday, Primary 2GC took part in the Big Schools Bird Watch. They made binoculars and recorded the various garden birds they spotted around the school grounds.

Please continue to heighten your child's awareness of nature through discussions on family walks and in their local environment.



### Book Fair

Traditionally, Buick has hosted a Scholastic Book Fair in the lead up to World Book Day. This year, the Book Fair will be open from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Classes will visit the Book Fair during the school day. Parents may wish to visit the Book Fair to purchase a book with their child at 2pm/3pm when collecting them from school on these days.

In previous years we distributed the tokens but unfortunately, these often ended up lost or misplaced. This year, we will retain the token and deduct the £1 off each book purchased at checkout. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to encourage the love of reading for enjoyment.

### Parent Interviews

As we enter February, we look forward to sharing information with you about your child's learning journey during our upcoming Parent Interviews. Please note Buick will close at 1pm each day next week (Monday - Thursday) to facilitate these important discussions. Please ensure you are ready to receive your call, as scheduled. Parents are reminded to adhere to their allocated time slots. Buick teachers have, in some cases, 30+ calls to make and your co-operation is essential for operations to run smoothly. Friday is a Staff Development Day and the school will be closed to pupils. This leads into the half term holidays from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to seeing all pupils back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for Term 2b.

### Breakfast Club and 2-3 Club

At Buick, we offer a Breakfast Club to allow children to be dropped off from 8am at the back gate. Pupils then engage in a variety of activities and have breakfast in the Dining Centre, until the school bell rings at 8:45am.

Additionally, pupils who normally finish at 2pm can stay until 3pm, for a small fee of £3 to cover staffing costs. This facility allows families to have one collection time and also encourages your child's social interactions with other children beyond their class environment. Places are booked in advance via ParentMail.

Please utilise these supplementary clubs before and after school. They are dependent upon your support to continue to flourish and remain in operation in 2024/25.

### Post Primary Applications

All Primary 7 parents should be applying online for their child's post primary places at the following link:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

It is essential that parents read the Admissions Criteria for each school and put choices in the correct order. We await the outcomes on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### Citizenship

During the month of February, we will be focussing on kindness at Buick. We will be encouraging all pupils to think about the words they are saying to their peers and the impact that this can have. Friendships are important and we will be looking at what constitutes being a good friend in the classroom, playground and beyond the school gates.

Please support this initiative at home by talking to your child about their conduct. The mental health of our children is paramount, and all stakeholders must have a valuable input into this, to shape the behaviours of teenagers and ultimately adults within our society. Thank you in advance of your support.

### Dining Centre

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a special Valentine's Menu in the Dining Centre. Parents do not need to book in for this special event. Numbers will be collated on Thursday morning and food prepared accordingly.

### Menu

Buffet = Chicken Goujons, cocktail sausages, ham, cheese, chicken or tuna sandwiches

Chocolate cupcakes with love hearts



## In the Community



# HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

February 13th - 15th  
Ages 4 - 12

2 Camps

**10am - 12pm**  
**MULTI SPORT and  
ACTIVITY**

- Enter the Warzone and play NERF WARS
- Multi Sport and Activity on the indoor 3G pitch.
- Basketball, Dodgeball, Golf, Bowling, Uni - Hoc, Archery, Tag Rugby, Olympic Handball, Fun games

Book via this link:  
<https://app.teamfeepay.com/s/dll3BbETD7>

**12.30pm - 2.30pm**  
**FOOTBALL and  
NERF**

- ⚙ Technique and skill development
- ⚙ 1v1s, 2v2s
- ⚙ Small sided games
- ⚙ LAST DAY - 3v3 AIR PITCH TOURNAMENT
- Enter the Warzone and play NERF WARS

Book via this link:  
<https://app.teamfeepay.com/s/js73hhy1BW>

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<https://app.teamfeepay.com/s/asnJMLKffo>



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Or do both Camps  
**£55**

## Dates for Your Diary - Term 2

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Citizenship Assembly
	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Library Van
	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Swimming (5/10)
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Shirlow
	Valentines Menu in Dining Centre - £2.60
	Parent Interviews - Pupils will finish at 1pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Development Day - BUICK CLOSED TO PUPILS

**Buick Memorial will be on Half-Term Holidays from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, inclusive.**

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)