



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 23rd February 2024



Parents and Carers,

Term 2B started with a bang and our Boogie at the Buick! This fun day was part of our wellbeing programme and allowed the children to see and participate in different forms of dance. We raised £460 on the day and this money will be added to school funds, which will ultimately be used to benefit the children. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to our very own Irish Dancers (Maisie, Katie, Esme and Maisie) from the Seven Towers School of Irish Dancing, who performed beautifully and to Mrs Nicholl who led the Zumba classes.





### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open 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 per child at checkout. Thank you for your support as we continue to encourage the love of reading for enjoyment.

### P3 Art with Miss Orr

To link with their Space topic, Primary 3 pupils have participated in some fantastic Art lessons with Miss Orr, who continues to visit Buick on Tuesdays. We are very thankful for her interest and support.



## SPACE ART WITH MISS ORR



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### Mobile Phones

Pupils should not be bringing mobile phones to school, under any circumstances. Please ensure your child does not bring their phone to school as it is a Child Protection concern.

Furthermore, we strongly discourage Smart Watches. Pupils do not need to be texting their family and friends during the school day. If we need to contact you, we will follow the appropriate procedures. Your support in this is essential in keeping all children safe whilst in the school environment.

### Communication with Buick Staff

Unfortunately, a number of Buick staff members have been contacted in the evening and weekends by Buick parents to ask about Spelling tests, water bottles / lunch bags, reporting absences and clothing for special events. This is not appropriate. Please do not contact staff on Messenger, Whatsapp or any other social media platform.

All information parents require will be on the Weekly Note each Friday. If you wish to make an enquiry, please telephone the school office. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment accordingly.

### Punctuality

Recently, we have noticed a steep decline in punctuality. This is both in the mornings and at 2pm/3pm collection times. Our gates open at 8:45am to allow all children to get ready for the day ahead. School starts at 9:05am sharp.

It is disappointing that a few parents consistently appear at the front office after 9:05am. Mrs Hunter then needs to leave her role to accompany these children to their classrooms. The registration on SIMS then needs to be amended by the Class Teacher and dinner numbers changed as well as instructions for the day needing to be reiterated. This disruption cannot continue.

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, any child/parent arriving after 9:05am should speak directly to Miss Peters regarding the late arrival.

Additionally, parents are reminded that they must be at the back gate for 2pm sharp. Our Foundation and KS1 teachers teach older pupils from 2pm - 3pm and the lateness of specific parents is impacting on school operations. Again, any parent arriving after 2pm, should speak directly to Miss Peters.

Your co-operation is essential as we endeavour to maximise school resources and personnel in very challenging times within the Education system.

### Partnership Working

## Autism and Fussy Eating

Join our session on fussy eating and autism, led by Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI. Discover practical strategies to help master fussy eating including mealtime challenges, sensory eating and food acceptance tips.

**When: Thursday 29th February, on Zoom**  
**Time: 10am-11.30am**

**To book a place call free**  
**0808 8020 400**



### Coaching For Christ

We were delighted to welcome Kyle and Matthew back to Buick on Thursday. Our pupils continue to avail of their wonderful football coaching and inspirational talks each week.



### School Calendar for 2024/2025

Please see the school holidays for the next academic session attached. This information will allow parents the opportunity to plan ahead for family holidays etc. We continue to dissuade holidays during term time as school attendance has a direct correlation to academic attainment.



## Dates for Your Diary - Term 2B

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February    | 2pm / 3pm - Book Fair for parents in Dining Centre  |
|                                     | 3-4pm Senior Cup training   |
|                                     | Football Match (P5 & P4 boys) vs Fourtowns at 1:30pm  |
|                                     | 3pm - 3:45pm = Choir Practice   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February   | 2pm / 3pm - Book Fair for parents in Dining Centre  |
|                                     | 3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Friendly match vs Ballykeel Primary  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February | Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February  | P7 Swimming (7/10)  |
|                                     | Football 5-aside tournament in Antrim   |
|                                     | 3pm- 4pm - Football Training for P4-P7 Boys (LAST SESSION for boys)   |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March        | Lyric Theatre vising Buick - Eco Musical = Wastebusters   |
|                                     | 3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls   |
|                                     |   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March       | Citizenship   |
|                                     | Netball Tournament at Seven Towers Leisure Centre   |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March     | Eve (Scripture Union) visiting P5 - Amazing Jesus   |
|                                     | Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March      | P7 Swimming (8/10)  |
|                                     | Learn with Lauren - Sensory Stories with Nursery pupils   |
|                                     | 3pm - 4pm Football Training for P5-P7 Girls   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March        | 3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls   |
|                                     |   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March    | Eve (Scripture Union) visiting P5 - Amazing Jesus   |
|                                     | Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March     | P7 Swimming (9/10)  |
|                                     | Girls' Football match at Fourtowns - NO training  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March       | 3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls   |
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| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March       | <b>BUICK CLOSED - NON OPERATIONAL DAY</b>   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March      | Citizenship   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March    | Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team  |
|                                     | Eve (Scripture Union) visiting P5 - Amazing Jesus   |
|                                     | Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March     | P7 Swimming (10/10)   |
|                                     | Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team  |
|                                     | Learn with Lauren - Sensory Stories with Nursery pupils   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March       | Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team  |
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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March       | Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March      | Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | Easter Service with Rev. Moffett  |
|                                     | <b>Term 2B concludes - Buick will close at 12 noon - NO JU-JITSU</b>  |
|                                     | Easter Holidays will operate from Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) |
|                                     | Term 3 begins on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024  |

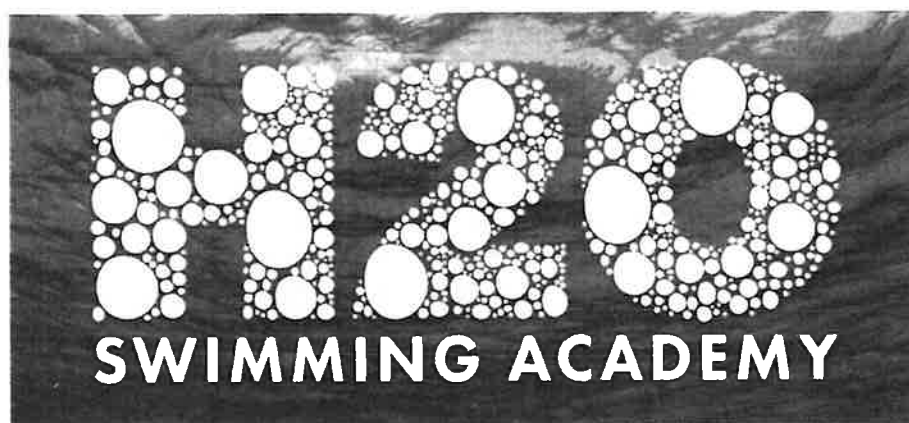
As this Weekly Note goes to print, the Buick Football Team is competing in the Senior Cup qualifiers at St. Louis Grammar School. We will keep you posted on the outcome!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

R. Peters

(Acting Principal)



## **Learn to Swim with H2o Swimming Academy!**

**Offering group lessons for children aged 3yrs+  
(Parent & Toddler classes, Private lessons, and Adult classes available at selected locations)**

Every student in our Swim Academy is taught in a safe, supported environment surrounded by caring, qualified teachers. Your child will have the confidence to learn the skills they need and you can feel rest assured.

Your child's progress is monitored and assessed at regular stages throughout the year to ensure they reach their potential. Our portal allows you to view their progress at any time.

Lessons are weekly and last for 30 minutes with small classes capped at 6 children.

To ensure your child starts their aquatic journey in the correct stage of the swim scheme you can book in for a free assessment!

### **H2o Swimming Academy Locations:**

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- **Ballymena, Antrim**
- **Bangor, County Down**
- **Crescent Link, Derry / Londonderry**
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For non-beginners book in for your free assessment so we can see  
which level is best for your child!**