



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 8th February 2024



Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been focussing on 'being kind' to one another. Citizenship focussed on a children's book and how kindness can translate into many different forms. Miss Peters has distributed numerous awards to pupils who have been "caught being kind" in school. The children have been set a task over the half term holidays - to be kind to the big people at home! We hope this promotion of kindness permeates our school community and continues in Term 2B!

Nursery

Our Nursery children are thoroughly enjoying learning about People Who Help Us this term.

Today, they had their Valentine's Ball. It is lovely to see our youngest children growing in confidence and enjoying the social aspect of their learning journey.





Tim Bailie's Visit

Tim Bailie, a local author, visited Buick last Friday to share his new book, *The Proud Parakeet*. Thank you to everybody who purchased a copy. At Buick, we want to instil a love of reading for enjoyment. It is essential that children continue to read beyond the school environment and their set homework 'Reading Tasks'. Tim commented on the attentiveness and courteous nature of Buick pupils.



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 22nd February until Tuesday 27th 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.

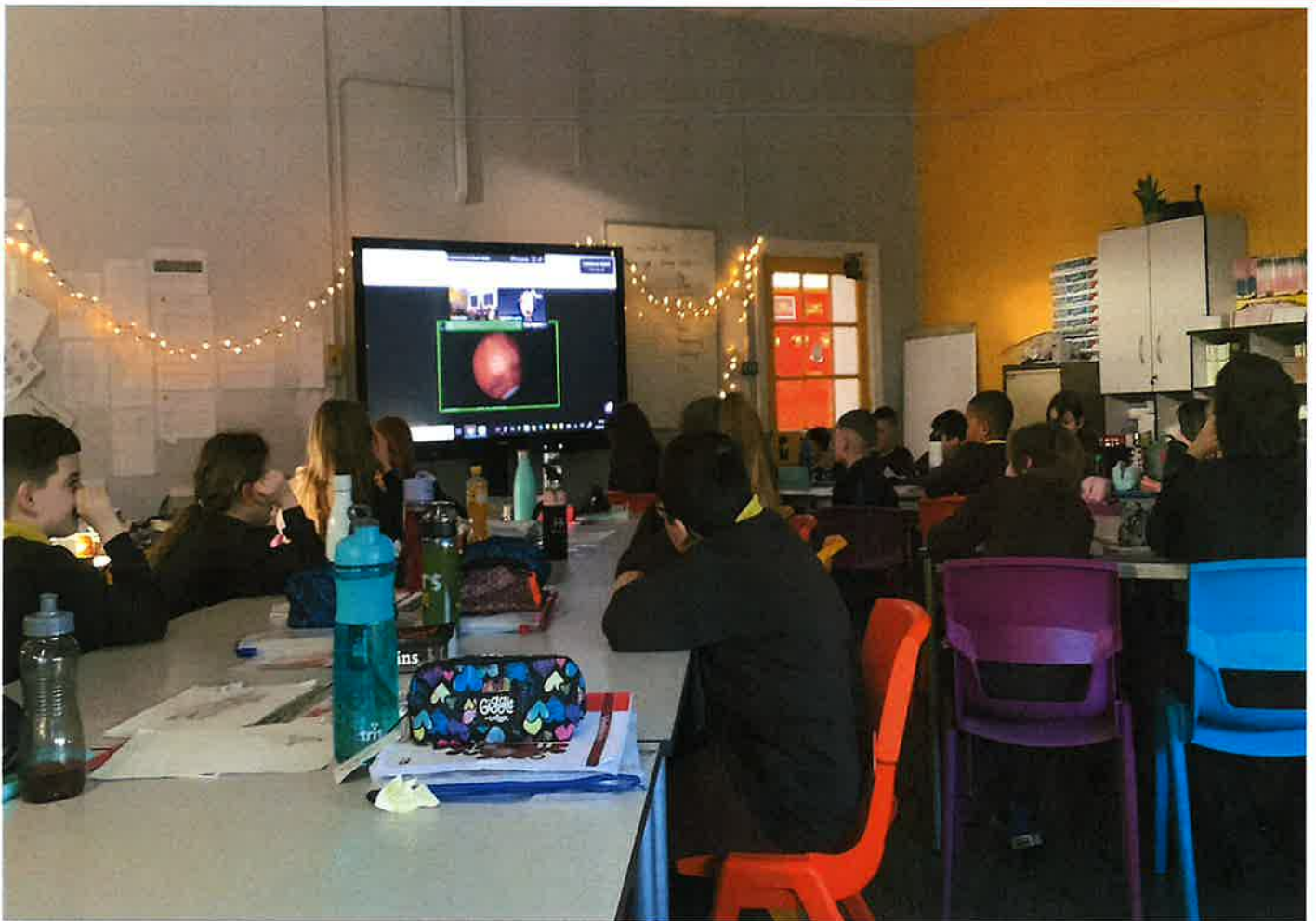
In previous years we distributed the tokens but unfortunately, these often ended up lost or misplaced. This year, we will retain the token and deduct the £1 off per child at checkout. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to encourage the love of reading for enjoyment.

Parent Interviews

Thank you to everybody who participated in Parent Interviews. It is always lovely for us to share information about your child's learning and to determine points for development together. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Armagh Planetarium

Our Primary 7 pupils recently participated in A Cosmic Classroom activity with the Armagh Planetarium. This was a wonderful insight into astronomy and the interactive engagement was enjoyed by all.



Post Primary Applications

All Primary 7 parents are reminded that they should apply online for their child's post primary places at the following link: The portal will close at 12 noon on Thursday 22nd February.

<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 18th May 2024.

Safer internet Day

Tuesday 6th February was 'Safer Internet Day.' Each class took part in activities and discussions to make them more aware of the dangers on the internet and how best they can keep themselves safe. Here are some guidelines of how you can keep your children safer online.

Basic guidelines to share with your Children for safe online use:

- Follow the family rules, and those set by the Internet service provider.
- Never post or trade personal pictures.
- Never reveal personal information, such as address, phone number, or school name or location.
- Use only a screen name and don't share passwords (other than with parents).
- Never agree to get together in person with anyone met online without parent approval and/or supervision.
- Never respond to a threatening email, message, post, or text.
- Always tell a parent or other trusted adult about any communication or conversation that was scary or hurtful.

Basic guidelines for parental supervision:

- Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behaviour.
- Keep the computer in a common area where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms. Monitor any time spent on smartphones or tablets.
- Bookmark kids' favourite sites for easy access.
- Check your credit card and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges.
- Find out what, if any, online protection is offered by your child's school, after-school centre, friends' homes, or any place where kids could use a computer without your supervision.
- Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.

New Dining Centre Menu

When we return on 19th February, our Dining Centre will be serving their new menu! Please see the 4-week cycle attached to this Newsletter. A paper copy has already been sent home with the eldest child and it is also shown on our website in the "Weekly note" section.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 2B

Monday 19 th February	Welcome Back to Term 2B!
	3-4pm Senior Cup training
Tuesday 20 th February	Citizenship & Boogie at the Buick - £2 per pupil - Children should wear their own sporty / comfy clothes to school as they will be dancing and moving energetically - please wear trainers!
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training
Wednesday 21 st February	Library Van
	Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 22 nd February	P7 Swimming (6/10)
	2pm / 3pm - Book Fair for parents in Dining Centre
	3pm- 4pm - Football Training for P4-P7 Boys
Friday 23 rd February	Senior Cup at St. Louis
	2pm / 3pm - Book Fair for parents in Dining Centre
	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls
Monday 26 th 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
Tuesday 27 th February	Netball Friendly match vs Ballykeel Primary
	2pm / 3pm - Book Fair for parents in Dining Centre
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training
Wednesday 28 th February	Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 29 th 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 st March	Lyric Theatre visting Buick - Eco Musical = Wastebusters
	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls
Tuesday 5 th March	Citizenship
	Netball Tournament at Seven Towers Leisure Centre
Wednesday 6 th March	Eve (Scripture Union) visiting P5 - Amazing Jesus
	Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 7 th March	P7 Swimming (8/10)
	Learn with Lauren - Sensory Stories with Nursery pupils
	3pm - 4pm Football Training for P5-P7 Girls
Friday 8 th March	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls
Wednesday 13 th March	Eve (Scripture Union) visiting P5 - Amazing Jesus
	Buick Ju-Jitsu - 2pm - 3pm = P1 & P2 & 3pm - 4pm = P3-P7
Thursday 14 th March	P7 Swimming (9/10)
	Girls' Football match at Fourtowns - NO training
Friday 15 th March	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 Boys & Girls
Monday 18 th March	BUICK CLOSED - NON OPERATIONAL DAY
Tuesday 19 th March	Citizenship
Wednesday 20 th 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 st March	P7 Swimming (10/10)
	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team
	Learn with Lauren - Sensory Stories with Nursery pupils
Friday 22 nd March	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team

Monday 25 th March	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team
Tuesday 26 th March	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Service with Rev. Moffett
	Term 2B concludes - Buick will close at 12 noon - NO JU-JITSU
	Easter Holidays will operate from Thursday 28 th March - Tuesday 9 th April (inclusive)
	Term 3 begins on Wednesday 10 th April 2024

We hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing half term break.

Kind regards,

R. Peters

(Acting Principal)



EAT SMART WITH

THE LUNCH BUNCH

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WEEK ONE

Served weeks commencing:
19 February, 18 March,
15 April, 13 May, 10 June,
2 September, 30 September

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Beef Bolognaise

Or

Chicken Goujon Wrap with
choice of dip

SIDES

Sweetcorn / Broccoli

And

Pasta Spirals / Mashed
Potato

DESSERT

Chocolate & Orange Cookie

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Breaded Fish & Lemon
Mayo

Or

Homemade Margherita
Pizza

SIDES

Mushy or Garden Peas /
Baked Beans

And

Chipped / Baked Potato

DESSERT

Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Chinese-style Beef &
Vegetables

SIDES

Diced Carrots & Green Beans

And

Noodles / Rice

DESSERT

Fruit Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Gammon, Stuffing &
Gravy

SIDES

Fresh Vegetables in Season

And

Mashed / Oven Roast Potato

DESSERT

Pineapple Delight

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with
Tomato Ketchup

Or

Chicken & Summer Veg Pie

SIDES

Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on
the Cob

And

Chipped / Mashed
Potatoes

DESSERT

Ice-Cream & Mandarin
Oranges



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WEEK TWO

Served weeks commencing:
26 February, 25 March,
22 April, 20 May, 17 June
9 September

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers

Or

Freshly Baked Ham & Cheese
Panini

SIDES

Baked Beans & Garden Peas

And

Chipped/Baked Potato

DESSERT

Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Beef Ragu Italia

Or

Homemade Margherita
Pizza

SIDES

Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots /
Coleslaw

And

Oven Roasted Potato
Wedges / Rice / Salad

DESSERT

Mandarin Orange Sponge &
Custard

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy

SIDES

Garden Peas & Baton Carrots

And

Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato

DESSERT

Arctic Roll and Peaches

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken , Stuffing &
Gravy

SIDES

Fresh Vegetables in Season

And

Mashed / Oven Roast Potato

DESSERT

Homemade Brownie &
Orange Wedges

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Goujons & Sweet
Chilli Dip

Or

Roast Mediterranean
Vegetable Pasta Bake

SIDES

Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on
the Cob

And

Chipped / Baby New
Potatoes

DESSERT

Fruit Muffin with Pure
Apple / Orange Juice



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WEEK THREE

Served weeks commencing:
4 March, 1 April, 29 April,
27 May, 24 June
16 September

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers

Or

Creamy Chicken & Broccoli
Pasta with Garlic Bread

SIDES

Sweetcorn & Roasted
Peppers

And

Chipped / Baked Potato /
Coleslaw

DESSERT

Ice-Cream with Pears &
Chocolate Sauce

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Homemade Cottage Pie

Or

Homemade Margherita Pizza

SIDES

Spring Greens / Roasted
Butternut Squash

And

Oven Baked Potato
Wedges/Baked Potato

DESSERT

Summer Fruit Cheesecake

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Beef Meatballs with Tomato &
Basil Sauce

SIDES

Green Beans / Baton Carrots

And

Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals

DESSERT

Sticky Date Pudding & Custard

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Beef, Stuffing & Gravy

SIDES

Fresh Vegetables in Season

And

Mashed / Oven Roast Potato

DESSERT

Golden Krispie Square

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

School "Chippy Day" Fish or
Chicken Goujons / Sausages

Or

Baked Potato with Tuna &
Sweetcorn / Salad

SIDES

Baked Beans / Mushy Peas

And

Chipped / Baby New
Potatoes

DESSERT

Frozen Fruit Yoghurt



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Served weeks commencing:
11 March, 8 April,
6 May, 3 June
26 August, 23 September

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Baked Pork Sausages &
Gravy

Or

Jerk Chicken & Caribbean
Rice with Flatbread

SIDES

Baked Beans / Garden Peas

And

Chipped / Baked Potato

DESSERT

Ice-Cream & Two Fruits

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread

Or

BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap

SIDES

Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots

And

Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted
Garlic & Paprika Wedges

DESSERT

Jaffa Cake Pots

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo

Or

Beef Lasagne / Garlic Bread /
Coleslaw

SIDES

Garden Peas / Diced Carrots

And

Mashed / Baby Potato

DESSERT

Fruit Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken, Stuffing &
Gravy

SIDES

Fresh Vegetables in Season

And

Mashed / Oven Roast Potato

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Beef Burger / Bean Burger
in Bap with Onions

Or

Salt & Chilli Chicken

SIDES

Corn on the Cob / Pasta
Salad

And

Chipped Potato / Steamed
Rice

DESSERT

Lemon Shortbread &
Melon Wedge