

# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Parents and Carers,

Another exciting week at Buick with lots of Assessments being conducted in Primaries 4-7. Please continue to support your child's homework completion and provide additional learning opportunities for them beyond the school learning environment.

With Monday being a school closure, you could use this time to go for a family walk, engage in board games or teach your child a new skill! We would encourage you to put the technology away for one day and utilise this opportunity for high-quality family time.

### Community Involvement

On Wednesday, our pupils (Maisie, Katie, Esme and Maisie) entertained the members of Age NI at the Cullybackey Hub. A wonderful morning was had by all during this inter-generational event. Thank you to Mrs Gage, from the Seven Towers School of Irish Dancing for organising the music and performances.



### Primary 7 Leavers' Hoodies

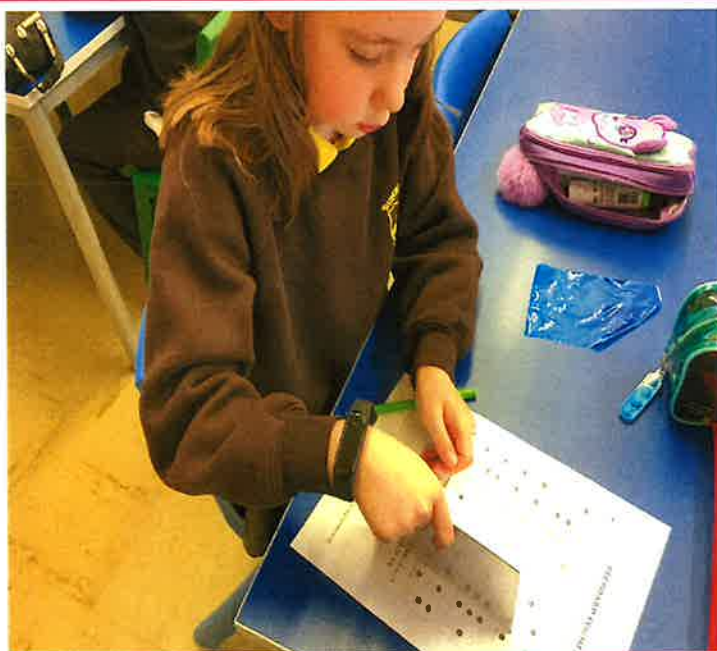
SEWPRO has opened an online shop for parents to purchase a Leavers' Hoodie. This week, the children have tried on various sizes at school and know what they would like to order. The online shop will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

<https://www.sewprodirect.co.uk/Buick-PS-Leavers-Hoodies-2024-c165061763>



### Primary 4/3

In P4/3GM they have been learning about symmetry. Primary 3 pupils had fun exploring symmetrical pictures and patterns and recreating them using multi-link cubes. Primary 4 children were using mirrors placed on the line of symmetry to help them recreate patterns. Everybody enjoyed this practical element of Numeracy.





We are continuing to participate in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

### What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

### Why we are taking part?

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. Children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Plus there will be a prize for the class with the most recorded active travel journeys.

### Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

[Download your free family guide](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/) using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk) . Enjoy the challenge!

### Dates for Your Diary - Term 2B

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	BUICK CLOSED - NON OPERATIONAL DAY
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
	Eco Club 3pm-4pm
	Learn with Lauren - Sensory Stories with Nursery pupils
	3pm - 4pm - Girls' Football Training
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team
	P5 - Visit from Fire Authority
	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Primary 1 Health Checks with School Nursing Team
	Choir 3pm-3.45pm
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

Primary 6 parents - please note the following key dates!



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SEAG is pleased to announce the following Key Dates in relation to the 2024 Entrance Assessment for pupils who will be transferring to post primary schools in September 2025:

Monday 20th May 2024 (8.00am) The Registration Period opens on a portal within the SEAG website ([www.seagni.co.uk](http://www.seagni.co.uk))

Friday 20th September 2024 (11.59pm) The Registration Period closes.

Saturday 16th November 2024 (AM) Entrance Assessment Paper 1.

Saturday 23rd November 2024 (AM) Entrance Assessment Paper 2.

Saturday 25th January 2025 Entrance Assessment outcomes are published.

Please note:

Only pupils who have been registered will be able to sit the SEAG Entrance Assessment

It is the responsibility of Parents / Guardians to register their children to sit the Assessment.

The Entrance Assessment consists of both Paper 1 and Paper 2 and pupils sit both Papers

The Specification for the SEAG 2024 Entrance Assessment is the same as for the 2023 Entrance Assessment and is published on the SEAG Website.

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Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

Kind regards,

R. Peters

(Acting Principal)