



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an incredibly busy half term, and we are all ready for our holidays! Thank you to all parents and carers who took time to participate in Parent Interviews. This opportunity to communicate with your child's class teacher is invaluable and it certainly strengthens partnership working.

Buick Nursery's Pumpkin Party

Our littlest children had an exciting Pumpkin Party at Nursery today! It was lovely to see them dressed as various characters and enjoying the occasion with their friends.



Dining Centre

On Monday 4th November we will be offering the New Week 1 Menu. School dinners remain at £2.60. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, our Dining Centre must be informed, and a Special Diet Form completed and discussed with Janet Smyth, Head of Buick Dining Centre.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Mrs Shirlow, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors. If you have any concerns about a child out of school hours, you can talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

Breakfast Club

Have you availed of our Breakfast Club this term? This additional facility is designed to help with childcare arrangements for parents. Our gates at the back of the school open at 8am and staff are present until 8:10am. Pupils are then escorted to the Dining Centre where they can purchase a range of breakfast foods and participate in a number of activities before school starts. This service costs £1 and we would like to see more pupils attending to ultimately secure the provision.



Building Works at Buick

As you already aware, our Outdoor Learning Area at the Nursery, is slowly nearing completion! Likewise, the Assembly Hall has been redecorated and we are excited about the new screen and projector being installed in December. Photographs of all these school improvements will follow upon completion.

Additionally, we are delighted that over the half-term holidays our Primary 6 corridor will be re-painted. This paint has kindly been donated by Homestyle Blinds and Interiors in Harryville. Thank you to Philip and David for your kind donation and a huge thanks to Mr Timothy Gaston MLA, and Buick Governor, for his role in securing this development. We plan to tackle the P7 corridor over the Christmas holidays and keep the momentum for Buick's Building Works programme to continue, despite a challenging Education Authority budget!



Classes of the Week - P6QB & P6M

The two Primary 6 classes have chosen Roald Dahl as their author of the term. We have been enjoying reading from his range of novels and learning about the unusual characters and the exploits they get up to! We even spent a day dressed as our favourite character!

In addition to our Numeracy and Literacy, we were very fortunate to welcome Miss Orr, our former Vice-Principal, into our classrooms to oversee our Artwork, which is linked to our WAU topic of "Victorians". We visited the Cuninghame Church and Rev. Mulholland expertly drew our attention to the Victorian artefacts around the church building. We learned about the history of one of the most beautiful landmarks in our area. Following this visit, and under the watchful guidance of Miss Orr, we spent a sunny afternoon in the park producing pencil drawings of the church. We certainly have some budding artists in our midst! The walk back to school offered many opportunities to identify existing Victoriana in the village and inspire us in our aim to reproduce examples of doors which we formed in clay. These will be attached to boxes or "houses" and each corridor will have its own street of Victorian houses. A busy but very productive first half term!



Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

*These dates and times are provisional and subject to change.

Monday 4 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 5 th November	Citizenship P6 - The Addams Family at Ballymena Academy 3pm -3.45pm Netball Practice 5/8
Wednesday 6 th November	1pm Carniny v Buick Football Match 2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 7 th November	Coaching For Christ in Buick P6 Swimming 7/10 1pm Fourtowns' Football Tournament
Friday 8 th November	Ulster Scots - Pipe Band 1/10
Monday 11 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 th November	3pm -3.45pm Netball Practice 6/8
Wednesday 13 th November	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 14 th November	P6 Swimming 8/10 Buick Football Tournament
Saturday 16 th November 2024	SEAG Paper 1
Monday 18 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 19 th November	3pm -3.45pm Netball Practice 7/8
Wednesday 20 th November	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 21 st November	P6 to Ballymena North for Ulster Orchestra Schools performance
Saturday 23 rd November	SEAG Paper 2
Monday 25 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 26 th November	3pm -3.45pm Netball Practice 8/8
Wednesday 27 th November	9am - 1.30pm Netball Tournament at Seven Towers leisure Centre 2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 28 th November	P6 Swimming 9/10 Fourtowns' Football Tournament
Friday 29 th November	Nursery to The Ark Christmas Experience
Monday 2 nd December	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 3 rd December	Citizenship
Wednesday 4 th December	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 5 th December	Cuningham Church Event P6 Swimming 10/10
Friday 6 th December	Foundation and Key Stage 1 Performances- Buick's Little Christmas 12 noon finish
Saturday 7 th December	Cullybackey Light Switch on
Monday 9 th December	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways NO after school choir
Tuesday 10 th December	10am Carol Service at Cuningham
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 12 th December	Buick Choir to Cuningham Church
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch

Monday 16 th December	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways
	Choir to Radio Cracker
	Crazy Critters visiting P3/2
Wednesday 18 th December	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 19 th December	No Dining Centre or Buses
Friday 20 th December	No Dining Centre or Buses
	Buick closing at 12 noon

Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024- 3rd January 2025
Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025

I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing half-term break.




Please take the opportunity to engage in community events and make wonderful seasonal memories.

Kind regards,
R. Peters
(Acting Principal)

FREE
EVENT

CARNFUNNOCK COUNTRY PARK

NATURE + NUMBERS

-  Autumnal Arts and Crafts
-  Building and Planting
-  Adventure Walks

@MEAOutdoors 
on Facebook and Instagram

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
SENSORY KIDS NI
MR HULLABALLOO





2 - 4 Year olds

@West Church Ballymena
28th October - 1st November
10.30am - 11.30am

Monday

MMD Mini Movers - Movement, Games and Sport Programme

Tuesday

Learning through Play - Arts and Crafts

Wednesday

MMD Baby Ballers - Toddler Football Programme

Thursday

Energy to Burn- Fun themed dance and movement session with props.



Energy To Burn

Friday

MMD Mini Movers and Baby Ballers

Book via the Qr code or link below:

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



Full Week
£30
Day Passes
£7



HALF TERM

Activity Camp

5 - 12 Year Olds

@West Church Ballymena
28th October - 1st November
12pm - 3pm

£50
DAY PASS **£15**

Monday

DODGEBALL
TAG - RUGBY
ARCHERY



Tuesday

FOOTBALL
LEGO
TRI - GOLF



Wednesday

BASKETBALL
DANCE
MOVIE



Thursday

NERF WAR
UNI - HOC
CRAFT



Friday

FUN GAMES
DJ WORKSHOP - Media Skills NI
DISCO - Media Skills NI



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