

Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter Friday 15th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Board of Governors is delighted to confirm that Miss Peters has now been appointed as Principal of Buick Memorial Primary School.

We recognise her endeavours over the past eight years and look forward to future developments under her experienced leadership.

Buick's Board of Governors

New Bibles

This term we were delighted to receive new Bibles for each of our classes as the previous Bibles were starting to fall apart and there weren't enough to go round each pupil. The new Bibles have been kindly gifted to the school by our local churches through the "Bibles for Children Scheme" and Re-vive, an online Christian book supplier.

Our P1-4 classes now have Children's Bibles and the P5-7 classes have received NIV Bibles. We very much look forward to seeing these used over the years ahead.

Again, our appreciation goes to the local congregations of Cullybackey Elim Church, Cuningham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Craig's Parish Church, Methodist Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in being so willing to gift these Bibles to our school. Thank you.



Kindness Week

Although our children and staff are kind at all times, this week we promoted 'Kindness Week'. The children participated in a number of activities in school with many children "caught being kind!" We hope that the children have also continued their kindness at home!









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Primary 2

This week P2 read 'Kindness Grows' which is a story all about how acts of kindness can have a positive effect on ourselves and those around us. In our P2 area we have created a Kindness Tree. We will add hearts to this as blooms to reflect all the little acts of kindness the children display throughout the year. Look at our lovely tree, it is already starting to bloom!



<u>Dining Centre</u>

On Monday 18th November we will be offering the New Week 3 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.

P4G- Kindness Week



Football

This week, Mr Maybin held a tournament at Buick for local primary schools. We entered two teams and both teams remain undefeated. Well done everyone!



Nursery

The Nursery children were delighted to take home book packs on Monday. The book packs aim to promote the importance of reading as part of a healthy bedtime routine. Books were purchased through funding received from the Big Bedtime Read. Happy reading boys and girls!



Citizenship

During our Citizenship, we awarded Excellent Conduct Certificates to 4 pupils in each class. Well done boys and girls!



We also celebrated the wider achievements of Maisie, Esme and Leah. Please encourage your child to share their progress out of school at our next Citizenship on Tuesday 3^{rd} December.



Charity Work at Buick

Over the next few weeks we will be participating in charity work. Firstly, we kindly request donations for the Rotary Club appeal. Each class will be making a hamper!



Season's Greetings from the Rotary Club of Ballymena

Each year local schools collect groceries and members of Ballymena Rotary Club make up hampers that we distribute to elderly and less fortunate people in the Ballymena area. We need your help again this year. Please ask your parents or guardians if you can bring along some groceries, etc to school.

Please check that the 'best by' or 'use by' date is after Christmas and, remember, we would appreciate everything from teabags and sugar to some 'luxury items' - the more variety the better! We have included below a list of suggested items which would be greatly appreciated by those receiving the hampers. As many elderly live alone, smaller tins/packets of food are very useful.

Perhaps you could make a Christmas card to put in a hamper? Sign it with your first name and school – it may be the only card some people receive.

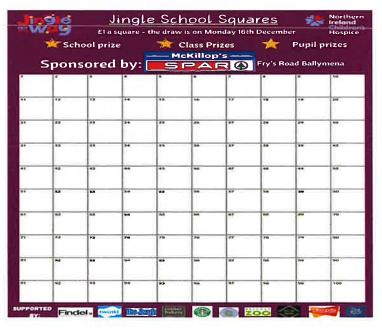
Pasta	Tea Bags	Baby wipes/nappies	
Pot Noodles	Coffee	Tissues and Towels	
Rice	Tinned Fruit	Toothbrushes	
Pasta Sauce	Sugar	Toothpaste	
Tinned Vegetables	Custard	Shower gel	
Baked Beans	Jelly/Jam	Face cloths	
Tinned Soup	Children's selection boxes	Shampoo	
Biscuits	Few 'luxuries', eg, mince pies	Combs/brushes	
Fruit Juice/Drinks	Chocolates/Sweets	Soap	
Porridge/Cereals	Tinned Meats	Deodorant	

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ballymena, and those who receive the parcels, please accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Bell

Secondly, we will be offering squares for the Ballymena Jingle All the Way initiative. Squares cost £1 each. When a pupil buys a square, they automatically nominate their class for a class prize. If they name their teacher they automatically nominate their teacher for a teacher prize, so please include your pupil name and teacher's name in their box - what a lovely treat for our school! It's win win for everyone! School Prize - £300 cash Plus ... Classmates kit - 100 40g glue sticks, 288 Colouring pencils, 100 sharpeners, 150 HB pencils, 50 Bullet markers assorted, 100 clear 15cm rulers, 20 rubbers, 50 red, 50 blue and 50 black ballpoint pens!



<u>Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B</u>

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

Monday 18 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways	
Menaly 10 Treveniber	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 21st November	P5 & P6 to Ballymena North for Ulster Orchestra Schools performance	
Saturday 23 rd November	SEAG Paper 2	
Saturday 25 November	SCHO Tapelle	
Monday 25 th November	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways	
Monday 25 November	3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice	
Tuesday 26th Navamban	3pm -3.45pm Netball Practice 8/8	
Tuesday 26th November	9am - 1.30pm Netball Tournament at Seven Towers Leisure Centre	
Wednesday 27 th November	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu	
Thursday 20th Navembers	P6 Swimming 8/10	
Thursday 28 th November		
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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	P7 to Ballymena Academy Christmas Concert	
	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu	
Thursday 5 th December	P7 to Les Misérables at Dunclug College	
	P6 Swimming 9/10	
Friday 6 th December	Foundation and Key Stage 1 Performances- Buick's Little Christmas	
	12 noon finish - NO CANTEEN NOR BUSES	
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	Buick choir to Cullybackey Hub	
	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu	
Thursday 12 th December	P6 Swimming 10/10	
<u> </u>	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	
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Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025

Kind regards, R. Peters, Principal