



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Rehearsals for our upcoming festivities are in full swing and school is extremely busy! Please ensure you keep up to date with trips, dates, times and tickets via ParentMail and through this Newsletter over the next 3 weeks!

Primary 7 are studying Fair Trade this term and, as part of the programme, they organised a fundraiser offering 'Hot Chocolate' to children in KS2. SPAR is supporting Tear Fund by matching every pound raised. We are grateful that this initiative has been so well supported by parents and children. In light of the success, P1-P4 pupils will also be able to purchase 'Hot Chocolate' on Monday 2nd December. This costs £3 and includes marshmallows and a Fair Trade chocolate treat! Our entrepreneurial Primary 7s will have a grand total for you soon!



Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, our Netball Team participated in a tournament at the Seven Towers Leisure Centre. It was great to put training moves into practice in a competitive field. The girls played exceptionally well, winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 1 match! 😊



Dining Centre

On Monday 2nd December, we will be offering the 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.

Christmas Lunch Arrangements have been communicated via ParentMail. Please ensure you respond accordingly for catering purposes by 3pm today. Late additions will not be accepted!

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.

Parking

A gentle reminder about parking in the bus lanes. Please do not block the buses from entering their designated areas at 2pm and 3pm. The safety of our children to enter and exit their buses is of paramount importance. Thank you.

Jo Jingles in Nursery

We were delighted to welcome Gillian back to Buick Nursery for some fun songs and rhymes!



Key Events/Dates/Arrangements

On Friday 6th December, we will be putting on 'Buick's Little Christmas' in our Assembly Hall. Please enter via the side door near the Assembly Hall. We will be showcasing the talents of our wonderful P1 pupils in their Nativity: Our First Nativity 2 from 10am - 10:30am. Tickets are priced at £5 each (maximum of 2 per child) and can be purchased in advance via the ParentMail app, section "Payments/Shop". The tickets will be sent home with your child on receipt of payment. All monies raised will go towards school funds and used to benefit the school.

Primaries 2, 3/2, P4/3 and P4 will be performing some entertaining Christmas songs from 10.40am. If you have children in Primary 1 and those other year groups, you are invited to stay to watch at no extra charge. Your P1 child/children will be looked after by Buick staff and can be collected afterwards from the back playground.

Parents and carers from P2-P4 should arrive at 10:30am and the performance will commence at 10:40am. The programme will run in order from P2 through to P4. Tickets for this cost £3 and can be purchased via ParentMail too. The tickets will be sent home on receipt of payment. Due to the size restrictions of the Assembly Hall, this is limited to 2 tickets per child. We anticipate that parents will stay seated for all 4 classes to perform seamlessly.

Our pupils have been practising their words and songs in school and at home. Thank you for supporting this initiative and providing clothes/costumes, as required.

We respectfully ask that our pupils are given optimum conditions to perform and that younger babies/toddlers are not brought along to the performances. We cannot accommodate buggies or prams due to Health and Safety requirements. Thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

It has been a long standing tradition at Buick that **the whole school finishes early** on this day (12 noon). Parents will be able to take their child (P1-P4) following their performance. If parents wish to take older siblings at the same time, please telephone the office in advance and we will prepare family members and their class teachers accordingly. **All pupils P4-P7 will finish at 12 noon. There will be no afternoon Buses nor Canteen on that day.**

Our Annual Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 10th December in Cuningham Memorial Church. Families and friends are welcome to join us in the church at 9:45am for a 10am start. Our P2-P7 children will be taking part in this service. An offering will be taken following the service for school funds.

On Friday 13th December, the school will finish early at 1pm to allow our P1 Open Afternoon to take place for prospective P1 pupils and parents. **Please note there will be no PM buses on Friday 13th December.**

On Monday 16th December, our choir will be travelling to Ballymena to perform on Radio Cracker. Please tune in to hear our beautiful singers at shortly after 10am or come and hear us in The Tower Centre.

Friday 20th December is a non-uniform day! Pupils are encouraged to dress in a Christmas theme.

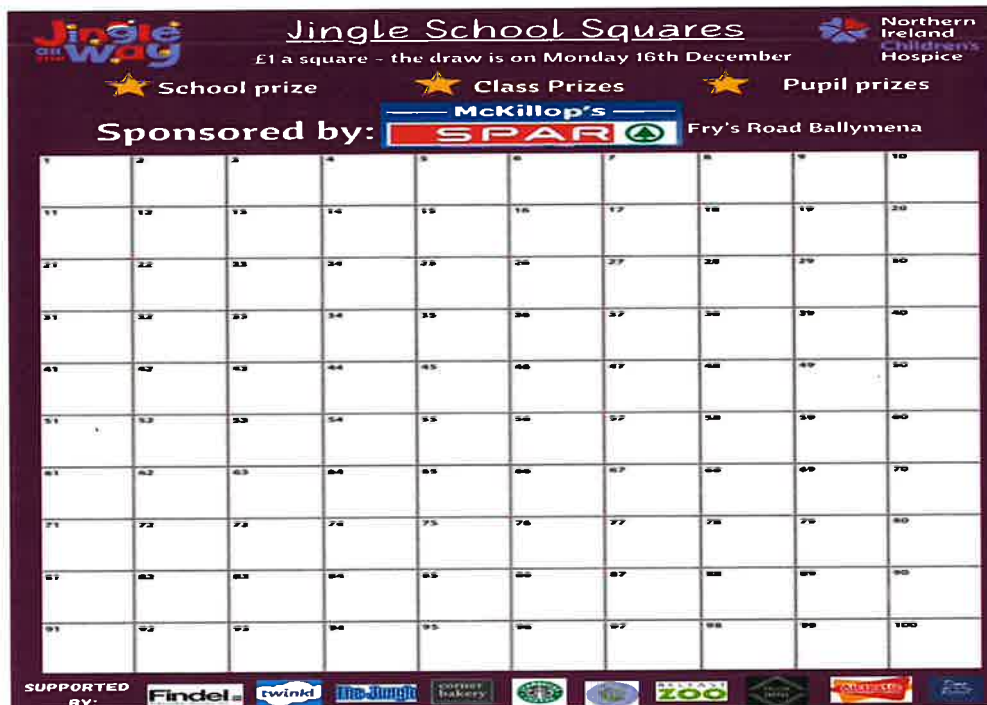
As per tradition, we will have a fortnight break. **This means that we will return on Monday 6th January 2025.**

Our Nursery Open Day will take place on Friday 10th January 2025. If you know of any new families to the village, please direct them to our Open Day.

Ballymena's Jingle All The Way

Squares are selling well at a cost of £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!*



Jingle School Squares
£1 a square - the draw is on Monday 16th December

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice

School prize Class Prizes Pupil prizes

Sponsored by: **McKillop's SPAR** Fry's Road Ballymena

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SUPPORTED BY: Findel, twinkl, The Jingles, Coffee Bakery, Zoo, etc.

In the Community



Cambridge House Grammar School

OPEN MORNING 2025

Join us for our Open Morning on Saturday 18 January

The Principal will address parents and P6 & P7 pupils at 9.30am and 11.00am.

Please be seated 10 minutes prior to address.

#togetherwecreatefutures cambridgehouse.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

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

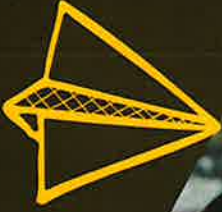
Monday 2 nd December	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm -3.45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 3 rd December	Citizenship
Wednesday 4 th December	P7 to Ballymena Academy Christmas Concert 2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 5 th December	P7 to Les Misérables at Dunclug College P6 Swimming 9/10
Friday 6 th December	Foundation & Key Stage 1 Performances Our First Nativity 2 at 10am & Buick's Little Christmas at 10.40am 12 noon finish - NO CANTEEN NOR BUSES
Saturday 7 th December	Cullybackey Light Switch On
Monday 9 th December	Rehearsal for Carol Service Mr Brown's Musical Pathways NO after school choir
Tuesday 10 th December	10am Carol Service at Cuningham Church
Wednesday 11 th December	Buick instrumentalists & choir to Cullybackey Hub 2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 12 th December	P6 Swimming 10/10 Buick Choir, Instrumentalists, Readers and Speakers to Cuningham Church event
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch 1pm finish - Buick's P1 Open Afternoon NO BUSES
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
Friday 20 th December	Buick closing at 12 noon
Merry Christmas!	
Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025	

It is an extremely busy time for schools as we try to teach lessons, put on Christmas Performances, participate in community events and give all children the best opportunities at this magical time of year.

Your support over the next few weeks is greatly appreciated as we manoeuvre Buick staff to allow our Nursery, Football Team, Netball Team, Class Trips, Musical Performances and exciting initiatives to take place.

The countdown is now on! Only 26 sleeps till Santa! 😊

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal



BUICK MEMORIAL P1 OPEN DAY

Friday 13th December

Principal's Welcome in the
Assembly Hall at 1.30pm



Contact info@buickmemorial.org or
phone 02825880368 for further details

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www.buickmemorial.org

 Buick Memorial Primary School

BUICK MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Christmas in Cullybackey 2024

Saturday 7th December

3pm - 7pm

Cunningham Church Hall Car Park

Live music

Children's entertainment

Santa and Friends

**Free family event
Everyone Welcome**

Lights switch on at 5.30pm