



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The snow has brought some challenges this week but also some great learning opportunities! It's lovely to see the children wrapped up warm on their travels to and from school and embracing seasonal changes.

Primary 5 & 6s Visit to see The Ulster Orchestra

On Thursday, our pupils ventured to Ballymena North to watch the talented musicians play a range of musical pieces based around the theme of "Caring for our planet". The children learned about various musical instruments, terms and genres. More photos on facebook.



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 on 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 all children finish 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 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 during 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.

Please note there will be no buses on the last two days -Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December. Friday is also 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.

Dining Centre

On Monday 25th November we will be offering the New Week 4 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 on Friday 29th November. **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.

Partnership with Parents



PARENT WORKSHOP

PAPYRUS & PARENTLINE NI



**BUILDING PARENT CONFIDENCE TO TALK TO
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT MENTAL
HEALTH & SELF-HARM**

**JOIN OUR ONLINE WORKSHOP
BY ZOOM ON DEC 4TH**

7PM-8.30 PM

**FREE FOR PARENTS & CARERS IN NI
CALL EARLY TO BOOK YOUR PLACE**



ON 0808 8020 400



Charity Work at Buick

Thank you for all the food donations so far! We will still be collecting next week! 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

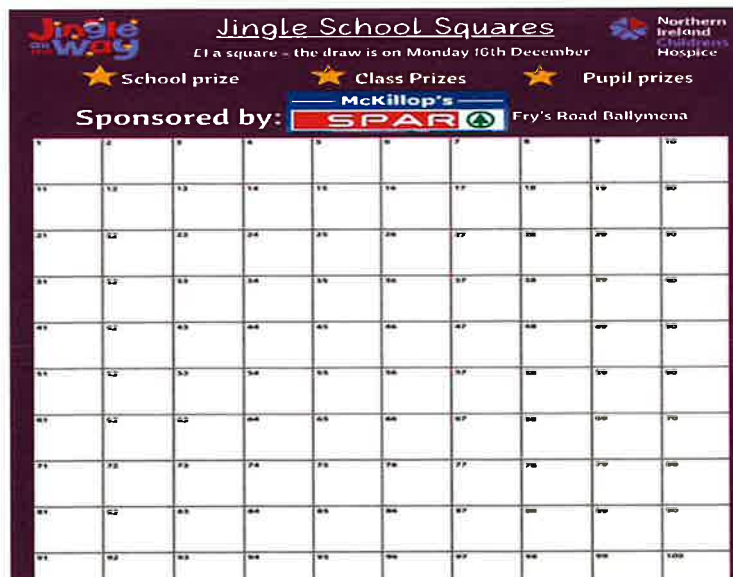
On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ballymena, and those who receive the parcels, please accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Bell

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!



Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

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

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 8/10 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	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	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways NO after school choir
Tuesday 10 th December	10am Carol Service at Cuningham Church
Wednesday 11 th December	Buick choir to Cullybackey Hub 2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Thursday 12 th December	P6 Swimming 10/10 Buick Choir to Cuningham Church
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
Thursday 19 th December	No Dining Centre or Buses
Friday 20 th December	Buick closing at 12 noon - No Dining Centre nor Buses
Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025	

Best wishes to our Primary 7 pupils who will be sitting SEAG Paper 2 tomorrow. The many months of diligent preparations have finally come to fruition, and we are proud of the teaching and learning opportunities provided by Buick for this Assessment.

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal