



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, our Primary 1 pupils performed Our First Nativity and they were incredible! This event is always a highlight of the school calendar, and we are so proud of the talent and confidence which our children have shown.





Buick's Little Christmas

Primaries 2-4 performed a selection of Christmas songs and it was wonderful to see them altogether on the stage at the finale!



Primary 7 Tearfund Fundraiser

Primary 7 pupils are studying Fair Trade this term and, as part of the programme, they organised a fundraiser offering 'Hot Chocolate' to children throughout the school. We are delighted to confirm that £610 was raised. SPAR is supporting Tear Fund by kindly matching every pound raised by Buick. We are grateful that this initiative has been so well supported by parents and children.

Dining Centre

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

Football Tournament

On Thursday 28th November, the football team travelled to compete in a tournament held at Fourtowns Primary School. Playing 4 matches, Buick scored 7 goals and conceded only 1. After finishing 2nd in a strong group, the team's efforts mean that we can now look forward to taking part in the 'Finals Day' held after Christmas. Well done to all involved!



Citizenship

This week we held our December Citizenship. Excellent Conduct Certificates were awarded.



Citizenship Assembly

Following on from last week when we reported on the netball's team success at the recent Netball Tournament in the Seven Towers Leisure Centre, the girls were presented with their certificates. Well done again!



Our pupils brought in prizes which they won for football, piano, archery and Girls' Brigade. Well done!

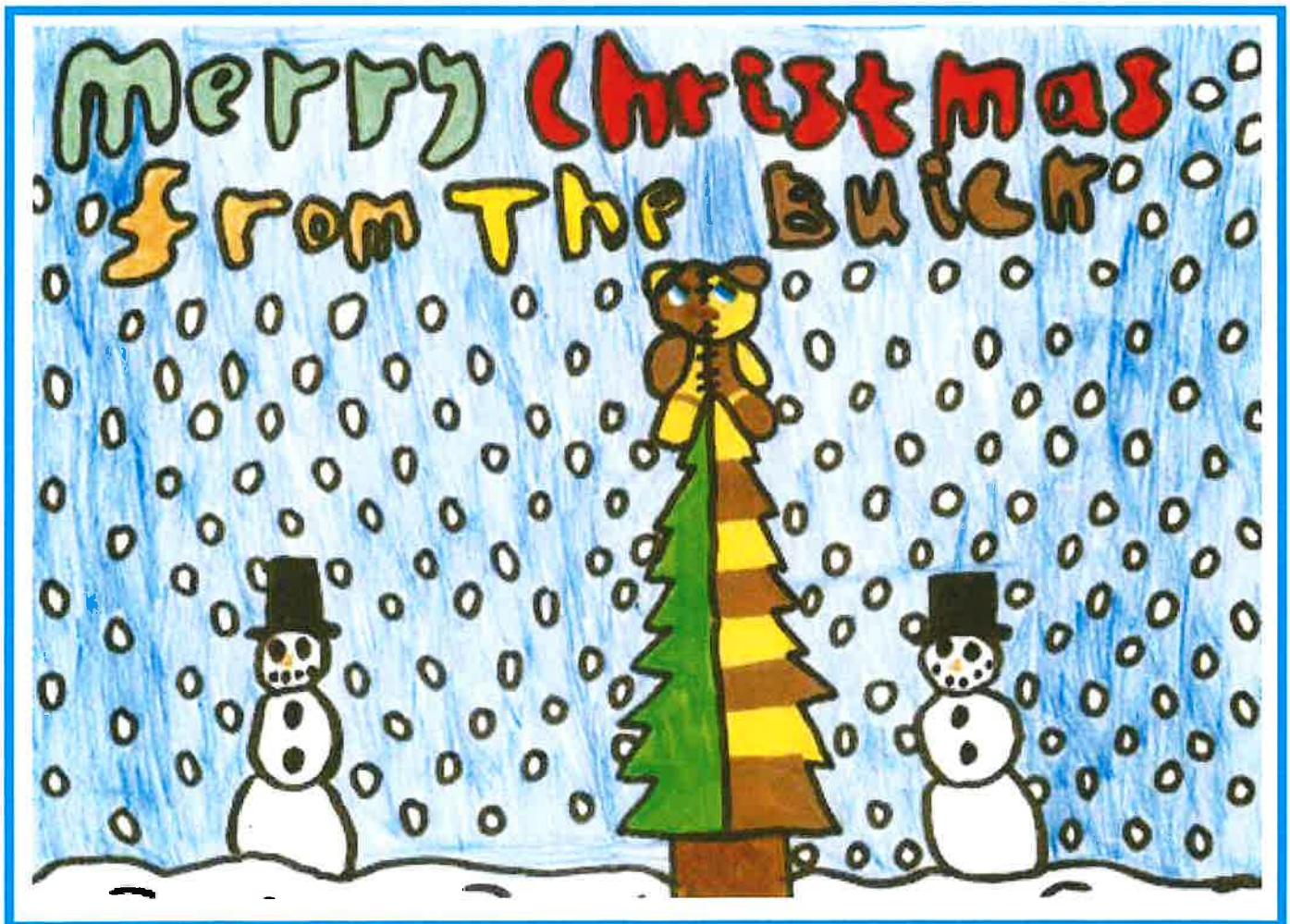


Buick Art Competition

One pupil from each class (P4-P7) was invited to design a Christmas Card for Buick. These budding artists all did a fantastic job!



This year's winning design was by Isobella Ross in P6! We have never seen a Christmas tree looking so Buick! This will be made into cards and distributed by the school to local businesses.



Key Events/Dates/Arrangements

Thank you to everybody who attended Buick's Little Christmas today! It was lovely to see all children in Primaries 1-4 performing at our celebration.

Our Annual Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 10th December in Cuningham Memorial Church. Families and friends are encouraged 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 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.

In the Community

Joanne Brown-Kerr from the Rotary Club, Ballymena collected all food donations from Buick. The car was full to the brim! These donations will be used to fill up hampers that will be distributed to the elderly and less fortunate people in the Ballymena area. Thank you to all parents who supported this initiative!



Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

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

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 PM 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 NO CANTEEN NO BUSES
	Merry Christmas!
Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025	

Thank you for all your continued support over these festivities.

The Board of Governors will be reconstituted in 2025. As part of this, we require two representatives from the Buick Memorial parent body. Details of how to apply has been shared via ParentMail this morning. I look forward to seeing the nominations over the coming week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal