

Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

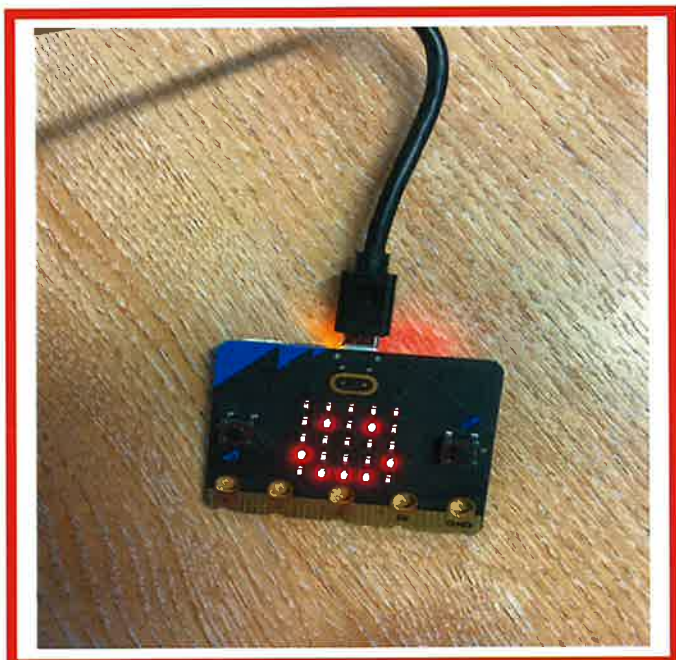


Dear Parents and Carers,

Another productive week here at Buick with many visitors to our school! We welcomed: Edwin Brown from EA Music Service; Learn with Lauren; Mr. Hunter from Slemish College; Eve from Scripture Union; Rev. Mulholland; Derek Harkness from the Controlled Schools Council; Mr Nicholl and pupils from Ballymena Academy; Mr Marsh from Cambridge House; The Dojo Senseis for Buick Ju-Jitsu; Coaching For Christ; Mr McCubbin and Miss Bell for Music lessons; Cullybackey Pipe Band and we sent our P7s swimming and P6s to Dunclug College's Robotics Event! Wow!

ICT in P4

P4G have been learning how to use a BBC micro:bit. It is a small, wearable piece of tech that can be programmed to do a number of nifty things. Much like a tiny, pocket-sized computer, the BBC micro:bit encourages the children to learn basic coding and programming skills to prepare them for today's tech-savvy world. We are enjoying programming the micro:bit, using code, to do a number of different things, such as making name badges, display a beating heart, play music and create a picture in LED lights.



Ju-Jitsu

Buick Ju-Jitsu has started back and the Senseis are on a roll! Our P3 pupils have now moved to the later class from 3pm - 4pm, due to their increased hours. This has created spaces in the 2pm - 3pm class for our younger P1 pupils to join. If your P1 child would like to participate in the free After School Buick Ju-Jitsu Class next Wednesday, please complete the form on ParentMail. In moving forward, parents will then book classes and pay directly to The Dojo.

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 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.

School Information

If you received a new telephone at Christmas, please ensure we have the correct details on file for emergency purposes. Additionally, if there have been any changes to your family dynamics or circumstances, please update the school accordingly to ensure that we are aware of factors which may impact on a child's engagement in school life.

Like all schools, we have a legal duty to note concerns and share these with external support mechanisms. Equally, we are regularly contacted by other professionals to inform us of events/incidents that have occurred out with school hours.

Buick's Child Protection Team is fully trained and we are compliant in all Operation Encompass matters.

Nursery and P1 Enrolment

Applications for Nursery and P1 in September 2025 are now open on EA Connect! More information on this enrolment process can be found at:

www.eani.org.uk/admissions

*Parents must upload all supporting documents to their application.

The advertisement is a blue square with a white border. At the top left, there is a white search bar containing the URL www.eani.org.uk/admissions. At the top right, a yellow starburst graphic contains the text "APPLICATIONS OPEN 12 NOON 10 JAN 2025". In the center, a white speech bubble with a yellow megaphone icon on the left contains the text "Pre-School & Primary 1 admissions criteria are now live at www.eani.org.uk". To the right of the speech bubble is the EA Education Authority logo. At the bottom left, the "eacconnect" logo is displayed. At the bottom right, there are two email addresses: preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk and primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk, with a small envelope icon next to the second one.

School dinners

On Monday 20th January, we will be offering the 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.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 2A

*These dates and times are provisional and subject to change.	
Monday 20 th January	Mr Brown - EA Music Service in School Learn With Lauren in Nursery (2/3)
Tuesday 21 st January	3pm - 3:45pm - P6 & P7 Scripture Union (3/4) 3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training (1/2)
Wednesday 22 nd January	Galgorm personnel Visiting P7 Library Van Ju Jitsu 2pm/3pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Learn With Lauren in P1 (2/3) Coaching For Christ in Buick P7 Swimming (2/10) 3pm - 4pm - Boys' Football Training (P4-P7)
Friday 24 th January	Matilda's Laboratory Challenge Visiting P7B 3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 boys and girls
Saturday 25 th January	SEAG Transfer Results Day
Monday 27 th January	Mr Brown - EA Music Service in School Learn With Lauren in Nursery (3/3)
Tuesday 28 th January	3pm - 3:45pm - P6 & P7 Scripture Union (4/4) 3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training (2/2)
Wednesday 29 th January	Ballymena Academy visiting Buick P7s for Rugby and Netball Training 3/4 Ju Jitsu 2pm/3pm
Thursday 30 th January	Learn With Lauren in P1 (3/3) P7 Swimming (3/10) 3pm - 4pm - Boys' Football Training
Friday 31 st January	3pm - 4pm - Rugby Training for P5-P7 boys and girls
School will finish at 1pm each day this week to facilitate Parent Interviews	
Monday 3 rd February	Mr Brown - EA Music Service in School
Tuesday 4 th February	Citizenship
Wednesday 5 th February	Ballymena Academy visiting Buick P7s for Rugby and Netball Training 6/6
Thursday 6 th February	P7 Swimming (4/10)
Monday 10th February - Friday 14 February = Buick Closed for Half-Term Holidays	

A gentle reminder about parking at the back of the school - please leave the bus lanes free! It is essential that this request is shared with grandparents or childminders of children in the school who may be present at collection times. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

R. Peters,
Principal

