



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 23rd January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Education Authority has decided to close all schools in Northern Ireland tomorrow due to Storm Éowyn.

Please stay safe and look after friends and family members during this unpredictable time.

School Council

This week, our Primary 7 School Council Representatives, Leah and Carter, met with Miss Peters and Mrs Shirlow to share ideas from their recent School Council Meeting. The children were very persuasive and convinced Miss Peters to have an Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Night and Dress Up Day over the coming months!

At Buick, Pupil Voice is so important, and we want our children to feel valued and have a say in school matters and special events. It was a very productive meeting, and new dates are into the school diary! Further details will follow!



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.

Primary 7 and The Galgorm - Hospitality and Tourism Pilot Project

We are delighted to share some very exciting news with you! Miss Peters has been working behind the scenes to confirm our participation in a new initiative.

Our Primary 7 pupils have been given an incredible opportunity to gain a valuable insight into the world of work, via our friends in Galgorm Resort.

As part of this pilot project in Northern Ireland, key personnel from Galgorm Resort visited Buick this week to share information about the 200 jobs which are currently in operation at the hotel. They talked about the apprenticeship programme, the salaries and the staff benefits as well as the diverse range of skills and abilities of their workforce.

Our pupils will be visiting Galgorm Resort over the incoming months to enrich their understanding of teamwork and how the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.

We would like to thank Colin Johnston, Director of The Galgorm Collection and Ciara Mulgrew from Business In The Community, for affording our children this exciting opportunity.



School dinners

On Monday 27th January, 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.

SEAG Transfer Results

Best wishes to our Primary 7 pupils who will be receiving their SEAG Transfer scores on Saturday morning. Parents will receive a Literacy and Numeracy score. These will be added together to give an overall score. Scores are then placed into bands.

It is important that parents are aware of this system and consider each post-primary school's Admission Criteria before submitting post-primary applications online.

Nursery and P1 Enrolment

Applications for Nursery and P1 in September 2025 closes tomorrow 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 by the closing of submissions.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 2A

*These dates and times are provisional and subject to change.	
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) 3pm - 4pm - Football Training
Tuesday 28 th January	3pm - 3:45pm - P6 & P7 Scripture Union (4/4) Jo Jingles in Nursery 3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training- Match sat Ballykeel Primary (2/2)
Wednesday 29 th January	Ballymena Academy visiting Buick P7s for Rugby and Netball Training 3/4 1pm - Football 7-aside Finals at Ballymena Showgrounds Ju Jitsu 2pm/3pm
Thursday 30 th January	Learn With Lauren in P1 (3/3) P7 Swimming (3/10) 3pm - 4pm - Boys' Football Training (2/5)
Friday 31 st January	Cullybackey Pipe Band in P7 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	

I hope you all have a peaceful weekend and please stay safe in these unpredictable weather conditions.

Kind regards,

R. Peters,
Principal