



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, hasn't January been an incredibly long month? It will be nice to see the lighter evenings approaching!

### Football

On Wednesday, our football team travelled to Ballymena Academy to compete in the district 7 aside finals tournament. Two draws against Moorfields and Ballykeel were enough to see the team through to the semi-final, where they edged a close encounter with Gracehill, winning 2-0 on penalties. In the final, Buick met Carniny, and after a hard fought and highly competitive final, we were narrowly defeated 2-0, finishing runners up on the day. Playing with real panache all afternoon, everyone involved should be very proud of their achievements.





### Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are taking place next week and school will finish at 1pm each day. Please ensure your child knows their collection arrangements and that you've booked your slot via ParentMail.

We look forward to sharing information with you about your child's learning journey during our discussions. Please ensure you are ready to receive your call, as scheduled. Parents are reminded to adhere to their allocated time slots.

This leads us into the half term holidays from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to seeing all pupils back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 for Term 2B.

### Netball

On Tuesday, our Netball team travelled to Ballykeel Primary School to play a friendly match. The girls had great fun and scored some super goals!



### 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 dinners

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 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.

### P7 Post-Primary Admissions

The online portal has opened for P7 Parents to choose their child's post-primary placement. We strongly encourage parents to read the Admission Criteria for each school before confirming their preferences.

[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) 🔍

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
20 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Post Primary  
Online Applications  
are now open via  
eacconnect**

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent>

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## Class Of The Week - P4/3S

Mrs Shirlow's class has been working on area this week. Well done boys and girls!



### Dates for Your Diary - Term 2A

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

**School will finish at 1pm each day this week to facilitate Parent Interviews**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mr Brown - EA Music Service in School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Citizenship
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Scripture Union in P5 - Amazing Jesus
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Ballymena Academy visiting Buick P7s for Rugby & Netball Training (4/4)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Library Van
	P7 Swimming (4/10)
	Nursery Valentine's Ball
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 14 February = Buick Closed for Half-Term Holidays</b>	

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
R. Peters,  
Principal