



## Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we welcomed back our friends from Coaching For Christ. We are delighted that they are continuing to visit Buick to share their skills and religious message.



## Primary 1 Parents' Information Evening

On Thursday evening, we welcomed parents and carers of our Primary 1 pupils to Buick to meet with Miss Peters, Miss Stirling, Mrs Shirlow and Miss Greer to discuss learning, routines and plans for the upcoming academic session. This was an extremely successful partnership event, and we aim to continue to further enrich parental engagement events throughout the children's learning journey to Primary 7.



### Afterschool Eco-Club

Eco Club is open to pupils from **P4-7** once again this year. Children will take part in a variety of tasks such as gardening, recycling, building resources and improving areas within our school e.g. the pond area. As some of these activities may involve soil and dirt, the children will be required to bring some 'old clothes' to change into.

Eco Club will run for three short blocks from **3-4pm** throughout the year. Provisional dates are as follows, if any changes should occur they will be communicated at the time.:

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
2nd October 2025	5th March 2026	7th May 2026
9th October 2025	12th March 2026	14th May 2026
	19th March 2026	21st May 2026

There are **12 places available**. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis by return of the reply slip.

If your child has outgrown their welly boots, Eco Club would also welcome any kids-sized, bright, coloured welly boot donations for use as planters! Thank you!



### Sponsorship

We were delighted to welcome William and Nicole Ross from Ross Companies to Buick. They have been liaising with one of our governors, Mr Timothy Gaston, and have kindly donated money for paint. This gift is greatly appreciated as we continue our building improvements. Thank you.

As you are already aware, we have now painted the corridors and we aim to start work in the classrooms during the October half term holidays. This costly exercise is only feasible due to support from local businesses as the school budget cannot afford such luxuries.



### 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. Our Child Protection Governor is Rev. Philip Moffett.

If you have any concerns about a child or community activity out of school hours, you can talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 or PSNI on 101.

Like all primary schools, Buick links with PSNI Officers to engage in Operation Encompass. This is a legal requirement which ensures appropriate information is shared accordingly.

As professionals, we have a legal duty of care for children. As part of this, 'Notes of Concern' are completed inhouse if staff have any worries regarding a child's presentation. This presentation includes their attendance, personal hygiene, nutritional provision, growth and development, uncharacteristic behaviours and comments/worries they share about home life. If appropriate, these records may be shared with Social Services.

### Labelling Belongings

Please ensure your child's clothing, lunch bags and pencil cases are clearly labelled. Already, we have encountered missing uniform items! Please remember new uniforms all look the same at this time of the year and it is extremely difficult to trace missing items which aren't labelled. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Dining Centre and Lunches

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September is Week 4 of our new menu. School dinners remain at a cost of £2.60 per day for P1-P7. Nursery children availing of school dinners will cost £2.50 per day, with only one food option available from the EA.

Any pupil with a food allergy **must** complete the relevant form before availing of food from our Dining Centre.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will be having a very special lunch to welcome our Nursery and P1 pupils to the Dining Centre.

### Back to School Buffet

Ham sandwiches  
Cheese sandwiches  
Chicken goujons  
Cocktail sausages  
Fish bites  
Coleslaw  
Potato salad  
Chocolate brownie  
Orange wedges  
Apple or Orange juice.

\*Please see the updated menu for w/c29th September attached.

Nutrition is essential for growth and brain development so please carefully consider the content of your child's packed lunch and please provide a healthy snack for break time. Our Dining Centre provision complies with all Education Authority Guidelines.

### Free School Meals

We have a number of children enrolled within the school who would be entitled to free school meals but are not registered as such. If your child is not currently on the 'Free Meals Register' and you feel that they could/should be, please visit [www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals](http://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals) to make an application. It is in the school's best interest to have all children who are eligible registered as such, as this impacts on the budget allocated for this academic year.

Parents who have applied should not presume their child will receive a free school meal immediately. Only parents who have completed the registration process and who have received written confirmation will be on our list. The Education Authority has stated that pupils who are awaiting processing should pay £2.60 per day, if availing of a school meal, until the registration process has been completed.

### School Development Plan

This year, we will be offering questionnaires to all stakeholders (staff, pupils and parents) to glean information/perceptions and to determine specific targets to secure continuous improvement for our school.

These Questionnaires will be completed electronically, and all data will be analysed and shared with the Board of Governors. The link for this exercise will be sent to you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September via ParentMail. Responses will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12 noon.

Please take time to complete the questionnaires with relevant information to help us engage in a robust evaluation exercise and to plan ahead effectively for staff, pupils and parents of Buick Memorial.

## Term 1A

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Primary 1 pupils staying until 2pm
	Some Nursery pupils staying until 1:30pm
	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (1/4)
	6:30pm - Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (1/10)
	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	3pm - 4pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	P7 Parent SEAG Transfer Interviews
	<b>NO CHOIR - due to P7 Interviews</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (2/4)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (2/10)
	3pm - 4pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
	3pm - 4pm - Eco Club
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Citizenship
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (3/4)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (3/10)
	3pm - 4pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
	3pm - 4pm - Eco Club
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (4/4)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service
	Dining Centre - Harvest Special
	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (4/10)
	3pm - 4pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (5/10)
	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October = Half-Term Holidays	

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

R. Peters,  
Principal



# EAT SMART WEEK

September 29 - October 3



with the Lunch Bunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b> Roasted Garlic & Pesto Chicken Pasta	<b>Main Course</b> Baked Breaded Whiting & Tartare Mayo	<b>Main Course</b> Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	<b>Main Course</b> Cook's Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy	<b>Main Course</b> Oven Baked Chicken Goujons with choice of Dip
<b>Main Course</b> Rainbow Rice with Steamed Chicken & Soy Sauce	<b>Main Course</b> Beef Bolognese	<b>Main Course</b> Baked Jacket Potato with Giant Butter Beans in Tomato Sauce & Cheese	<b>Main Course</b> Homemade Tomato & Mozzarella Pizza	<b>Main Course</b> Freshly Baked Frittata with Garden Salad & Balsamic Dressing
<b>Sides</b> Green Beans & Diced Carrots Penne Pasta or Baby Potatoes with Herbs	<b>Sides</b> Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato	<b>Sides</b> Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash Steamed Fluffy Rice or Oven-Baked Herb Wedges	<b>Sides</b> Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	<b>Sides</b> Baked Beans & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato
<b>Dessert</b> Iced Lemon Sponge Finger	<b>Dessert</b> Forest Fruits Flavoured Jelly with Mandarin Oranges	<b>Dessert</b> Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce	<b>Dessert</b> Belgian Waffle with Fruit Salad & Chocolate Sauce	<b>Dessert</b> Artic Roll with Summer Berry Sauce

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

MENU MAY CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERY CHANGES

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL