



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

That's the first month of this academic session completed and everybody is back in full swing. Homework completion has seen a marked improvement, and we want to sustain this level of effort until June!

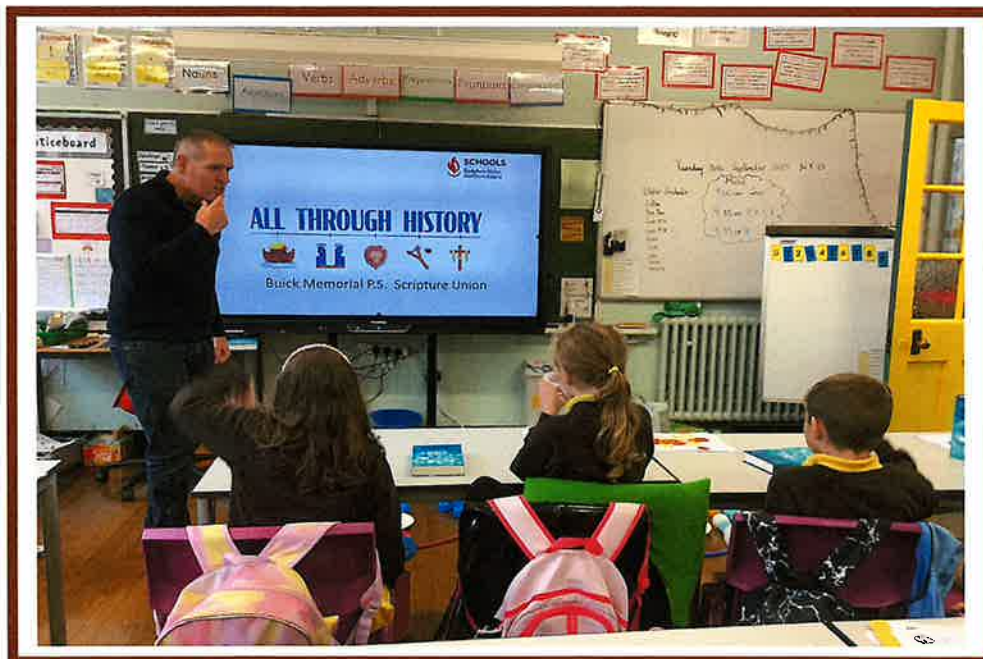
Assembly

Buick Memorial has a Christian ethos, and we welcome a village minister each Wednesday to lead Assembly. This week, our minister was Rev. Adrian. He shared information about Moses and he was skilfully assisted by our very enthusiastic volunteers Natalie, Elijah and Ardanna!



Scripture Union

Children from P5 are attending SU this term after school. There have been games, crafts and stories from the Bible. The children have been discovering promises made by God. So far, they have learnt more about Noah and Moses. Our pupils have enjoyed reading more about the stories using our new school Bibles. Next term it will be P6's turn. Many thanks to Rev Moffett and Eve McMullan whose energy and enthusiasm help to make SU lots of fun!



P3 Village Walk

Our P3 pupils ventured on an observational walk around Cullybackey. They were looking at house types, shapes and architecture in our wonderful village.





Primary 2 - Healthy Me Topic

This term, P2 children are thoroughly enjoying learning about nutrition through their 'Healthy Me' topic! One of the highlights was a fun hand-washing experiment, where they learned about the importance of keeping their hands clean to stay healthy.

The excitement didn't stop there! They had the opportunity to visit the local greengrocer, Dayfresh, where they got to see a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables up close. The children were thrilled to explore the different colours, textures and smells of the produce. A special thanks to the staff at Dayfresh for making us feel so welcome and for providing each child in P2 with their very own nutritious giftbag.

Back in the classroom, the children had a hands-on experience of making fruit salad. They eagerly chopped, mixed and tasted the different fruits, learning about the importance of healthy eating and nutrition. Please continue to promote healthy eating with an abundance of vitamins and minerals at home as the cold, cough and flu season approaches.





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Child Protection

* This weekly section is a legal requirement for your reference in an emergency situation. *

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.

Dining Centre and Lunches

Next week, commencing Monday 6th October, sees the introduction of a new seasonal menu. Please ensure you check this menu to inform your child correctly.

School dinners remain at a cost of £2.60 per day for P1-P7. Nursery children can avail of school dinners which will cost £2.50 per day, with only one food option available from the EA.

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.

Transfer Interviews

Thank you to all P7 parents/carers who participated in their Parent Interview with their child's Class Teacher. It is always beneficial for those children sitting the SEAG Transfer Assessment to have these conversations early on in Term 1. Only 6 weeks until Paper 1!

Parent Interview times for Nursery - P6 and the remaining P7 pupils will be released via ParentMail on Monday 6th October at 7pm. As in previous years, these interviews will be conducted by telephone. We look forward to speaking with parents/carers to share details of your child's educational development and to discuss ways in which you can support your child's progress at home.

As a school, we recognise that we need effective partnership working to meet the needs of all children. Please ensure you are ready to receive the telephone call at your chosen time and converse succinctly within your time allocation. This readiness and diligence will ensure the afternoons run smoothly for all stakeholders.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation.

Term 1A

Monday 6 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 7 th October	Citizenship
	Ulster Orchestra visiting Buick - all pupils participating
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (3/4)
Wednesday 8 th October	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 9 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	Jo Jingles in Nursery
	Rescheduled Owen Daly Tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (3/10)
	3pm - 4.15pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
	3pm - 4pm - Eco Club
Friday 10 th October	P2 Walk to Galgorm Woods
	P2 After School Club (1/4)
Monday 13 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 14 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (4/4)
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Service
	Dining Centre - Harvest Special
	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 16 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (4/10)
	3pm - 4.15pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
Monday 20 th October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Thursday 23 rd October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (5/10)
	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Friday 24 th October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October = Half-Term Holidays	

***New additions in bold**

The African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child", is clearly demonstrated this week throughout our Newsletter. We enjoy extending learning beyond the classroom and strive to give our children a rich breadth of educational experiences.

R. Peters,
Principal

