



## Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Storm Amy Emergency Closure last Friday highlighted a small number of parents who are not registered with ParentMail nor had they given us the correct telephone number on SIMS for the text message service! Please ensure you have shared all relevant emergency contact information with us as we anticipate further disruption over the winter months, and we ultimately want things to run smoothly for all children.

Thank you to everyone who responded accordingly to the Education Authority's late directive. A gentle reminder to all parents that Buick's Office Staff will not tolerate unacceptable language nor abuse.

#### After School Netball

Netball training has started for Primary 6 and 7 pupils on Tuesday afternoons. The girls are enjoying developing their skills such as passing, shooting and defending through a variety of drills. During each session they are growing in confidence and building on their teamwork.





### The Ulster Orchestra

Music plays a pivotal part of school life at Buick. We were delighted to welcome Nigel, Emily and Katrina from the Ulster Orchestra to Buick. They shared lots of information about the families within the orchestra and played some familiar songs from Shrek and Frozen! Our kids really appreciated this inspiring entertainment during the school day! The photographs only give a snapshot, please have a listen to them playing on our school Facebook Page! 😊





### Owen Daly Football Tournament

As a school, we have been focussing on fostering a positive attitude, and there has been no better example this week regarding the school's football team's temperament. After a difficult start, the boys rallied and managed to put a string of winning performances together to finish runner up in the group, therefore qualifying for the Semi Final. A tight game against Gracehill Primary led to a 1-1 finish at full time.

Unfortunately, an extra time "Golden Goal" saw Gracehill into the final. Our team played with adept skill and showed themselves to be a team with grit and determination.

They are also a team that displays outstanding sportsmanship, on and off the pitch. During one game, the senior players led the team over to a player who received an injury during the game to check he was Ok and tell him he had a great game. What a team of real class!

Well done boys! You have set a high standard. Your sportsmanship and technical football was also noticed by other schools.



### 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.



### Citizenship

The Excellent Conduct Awards for September were distributed on Tuesday. Well done to all the pupils below who have been the first to receive this recognition in their new classes.



Wow! What an array of talent in this month's Citizenship! We have a Catechism Winner, Amazing Drum Majors, GB Trophy, Swimming Certificate, High Skilled Rugby Player Award, Football Awards and Gymnastics Achievements!

It was lovely to hear all about their hard work and practice which have led to success in things beyond school! What clubs/societies or personal interests does your child have? Could these be shared in our next Citizenship?



### Dining Centre and Lunches

Next week, commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, sees the continuation our 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.

### Harvest Lunch Menu - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### Term 1A

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 - 4.15pm - <b>NO Football Training</b>
	<b>PM = NEON DISCO - See ParentMail for times and payment</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations by School Nursing Team
	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils <b>NO PM BUSES</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils <b>NO PM BUSES</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils <b>NO PM BUSES</b>
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 <b>NO PM BUSES</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils <b>NO PM BUSES</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October = Half-Term Holidays	

**\*New additions in bold**

As the winter evenings approach, please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school each day. It is also highly beneficial for their clothing to be bright and reflective at this time of year when travelling to and from school. Thank you.

This week, our Senior Leadership Team has been reading, discussing and analysing the feedback from the pQuestionnaires sent to all stakeholders. These valuable responses will feed into our School Development Plan.

Further details on the constructive comments and the impactful changes ahead will be shared with you in the coming weeks. Thank you to everybody who engaged in this process to ensure Buick continues to drive forward positive change and provide excellent outcomes for all learners.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

R. Peters,  
Principal