



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today brings us to the end of Term 1A. These have been 8 incredibly busy weeks and things will continue to escalate as we approach the festivities of Term 1B!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Parent Interviews this week. It has been extremely beneficial for us to share developmental information with you. Likewise, it is always enlightening to hear about home life, and we will continue to work in partnership to ensure your child fulfils their academic potential.

Nursery's Pumpkin Party

On Wednesday, our Nursery children had a pumpkin party! They enjoyed carving out pumpkins and exploring the "slimy seeds."





Primary 4G

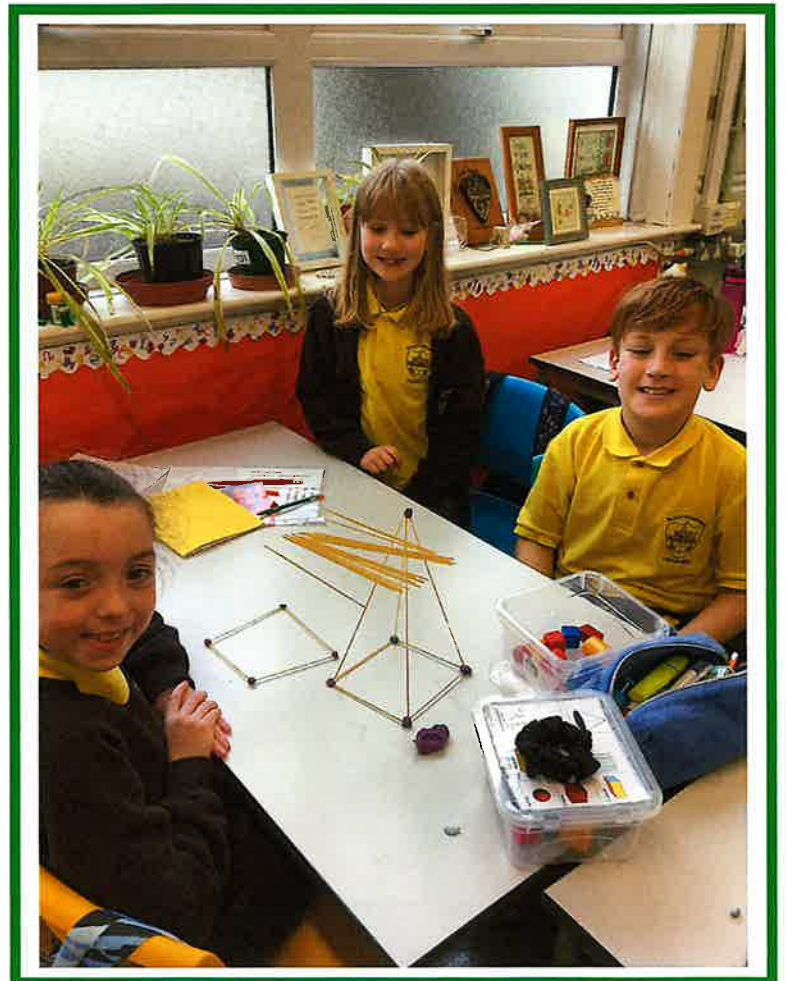
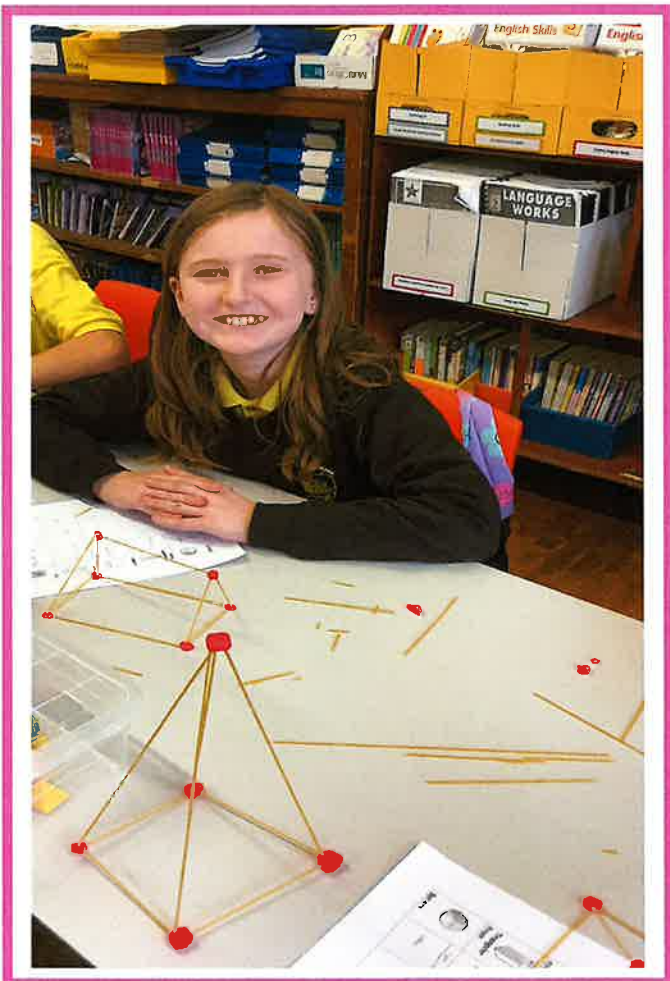
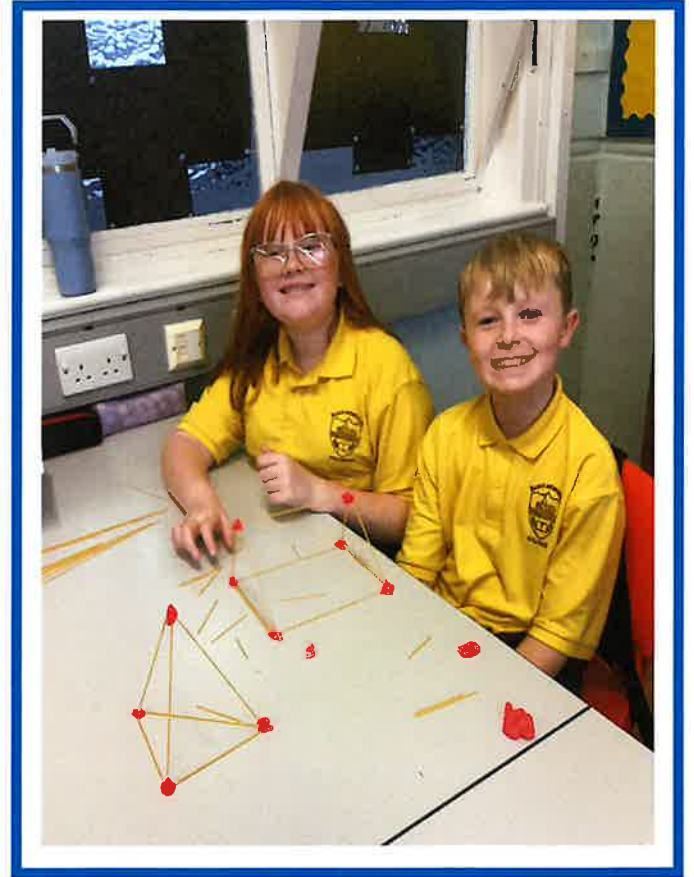
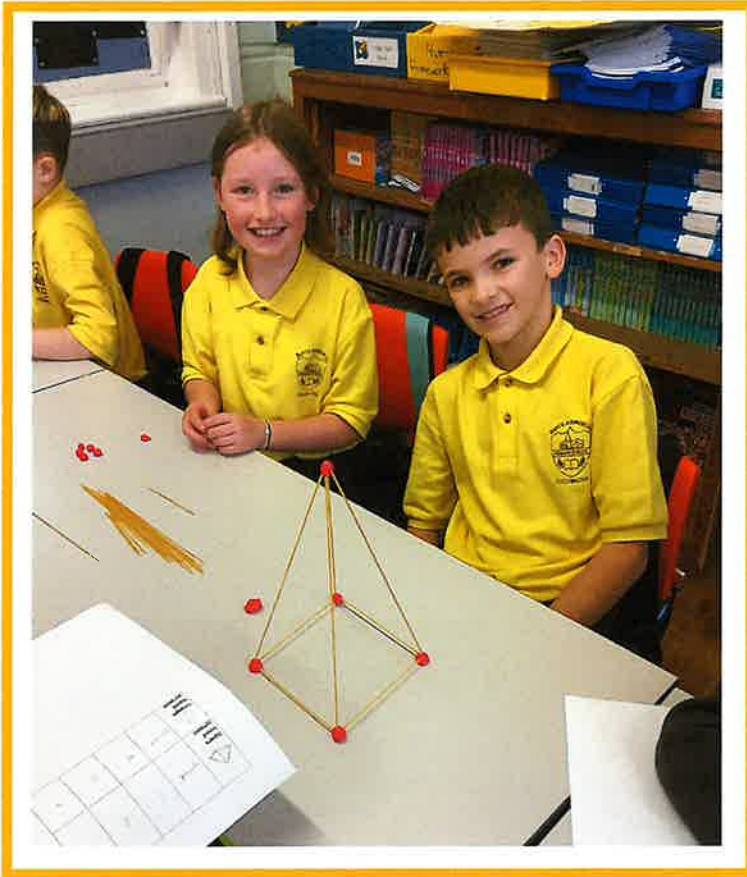
Miss Gibson's P4 class have been making butter! As part of their 'Down to Earth' topic, they have been learning all about dairy farming and dairy products.

They used double cream and shook it in a jar until the butter and the butter milk separated. They all enjoyed spreading it on crackers and biscuits and having a little taste! Watch out Dromona! 😊



Primary 6QC

This week in Numeracy, Primary 6 explored the fascinating world of 3D shapes and their properties. Pupils investigated different prisms and pyramids, learning about faces, edges, and vertices in a fun, hands-on way. Using pasta and playdough, they worked together to build their own 3D models bringing maths to life through creativity and teamwork!



Neon Disco

It was great to see our kids having such fun with their friends at our evening disco event. This social event allowed our children the opportunity to sing, dance and chat with their friends in a less formal learning environment.

At Buick, we recognise the importance of these social events, and we are delighted to confirm that £417 was raised for school funds.





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.

Please be extra vigilant over half term with sparklers and fireworks. We have already spoken to our pupils about remaining safe.



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.

-  Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.
-  Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark
-  Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"
-  Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources

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Dining Centre and Lunches

Monday 3rd November sees the continuation of 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.

Assessment

In Term 1B we will be conducting the new CCEA assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. This trial will allow us to measure attainment alongside professional judgement.

Term 1B

Monday 3 rd November	CS Moments Photography in school to take individual and family pictures
	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 4 th November	Citizenship & NSPCC Talks
Wednesday 5 th November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 6 th November	P6 Swimming (6/10)
	Football Match at Cullybackey College
Friday 7 th November	P2 After School Club (3/4)
Monday 10 th November	Kindness Week
	10am - Special remembrance Assembly with Veteran's Commissioner
	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 11 th November	NSPCC Visiting Buick to complete Workshops in P3, P6 & P7 classes
	3pm - 3.45pm - Netball (5/7)
Wednesday 12 th November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 13 th November	No Swimming - P6s Visiting Ballymena North for Ulster Orchestra Event
	Football Match at Fourtowns
Friday 14 th November	P2 After School Club (4/4)
Saturday 15 th November	SEAG Transfer Paper 1
Monday 17 th November	Choir 3pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday 18 th November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball (6/7)
Wednesday 19 th November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 20 th November	P6 Swimming (7/10)
	Jo Jingles Visiting Nursery
Friday 21 st November	P1 After School Club (1/2)
Saturday 22 nd November	SEAG Ransfer Paper 2
Monday 24 th November	Choir 3pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday 25 th November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball (7/7)
Wednesday 26 th November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 27 th November	P6 Swimming (8/10)
	Football Match at Fourtowns
Friday 28 th November	P1 After School Club (2/2)
Monday 1 st December	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Citizenship
Wednesday 3 rd December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 4 th December	P6 Swimming (9/10)
Friday 5 th December	Buick's Little Christmas
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm
Monday 8 th December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with Nursery & P1
	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 11 th December	P6 Swimming (10/10)
Friday 12 th December	Buick's Open Day
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm
Monday 15 th December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with P2
Tuesday 16 th December	10am - Buick's Carol Service in Cuningham Church
	1pm - Buick Choir performing at Tobar Fold
Wednesday 17 th December	Buick's Choir to Radio Cracker
	Jo Jingles in Nursery
	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Friday 19 th December	End of Term 1B - Buick Finishing at 12:15pm
*Please check this newsletter weekly as times/dates may change as we navigate the busyness of this time of year.	

Today, we have two staff members leaving for their maternity leave. Baby Gault and Baby Francey are both due in November and we cannot wait to meet them! We would like send our best wishes to Mrs Francey and Mrs Gault for this exciting new chapter!

We hope you all have a lovely half-term break! See you all back in Buick on Monday 3rd November! 😊

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal