



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1B is now in full swing! The next 6 weeks will be extremely busy, but we know that our children will enjoy all of the exciting opportunities ahead.

Citizenship

This week we held a very special Citizenship which looked at kindness and consideration. We actively promote positive behaviour and encourage all children to give the best presentation of themselves. Two winners from each class were chosen for Excellent Conduct in October - well done boys and girls for being wonderful role models!



Three amazing achievements beyond Buick this month with Irish Dancing and Ballet awards! Congratulations to Nova on her Ballet success. Well done to Maisie and Esme who have accrued a vast amount of silverware for their meticulous dancing at the Seven Towers Festival and then at the Ulster Championships! Amazing results girls!



Mrs Kennedy's Amazing Architects

Well Done, Boys! We're thrilled to celebrate the completion of Buick's Amazing Architects by these three fantastic young learners! Throughout the programme, they've not only explored the world of architecture, but also built essential life skills, including:

- ◆ Turn-taking and patience
- ◆ Active listening and respectful communication
- ◆ Teamwork and collaboration
- ◆ Confidence in sharing ideas

It's been inspiring to see their social skills flourish as they worked together, supported one another, and grew in confidence. The future is bright for these budding architects!



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0808 8020 400

Staying **Safer** & **Smarter** Online

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Supporting children 11yrs & over to stay safer online

stay safe

Small group information session for parents

Thursday 20th November
10-11.30am on Zoom

To book your place call
0808 8020 400



Buick's Nursery

We are delighted to introduce Mrs McCrory who will be in Buick's Nursery. She will be covering Mrs Gault's maternity leave until the end of June. We know she is a wonderful addition to Team Buick and we look forward to welcoming her into the primary school from 2pm - 3pm in Term 2.



Parking

We have received a few complaints from members of the public about Buick parents parking on the zig zag lines outside the front gates. This has caused congestion on Main Street at peak collection times. Parents and carers are gently reminded to adhere to all highway code legislation and to ensure children are safe entering and leaving their school.

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 Budget

Monday 10th 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. You may have seen on the news this week, that the Education Authority will be increasing primary school meals to £3.10 per day and Nursery meals to £3 per day from January 2026. We recognise this is a significant increase but unfortunately, we have no control over this price rise. Children who avail of Free School Meals will continue to do so.

Furthermore, in relation to school budgets. Every school has been instructed to carefully consider their allocated budget and spending in moving forward. Currently, we have structured our classes in accordance with our school budget and to meet the diverse needs of our children. In moving forward, it is likely that changes will need to be made for the 2026/27 academic session. The Board of Governors will carefully consider all feasible options and keep you informed accordingly on developments. Your support is greatly appreciated as these difficult decisions are made.

NSPCC

This week, Miss Peters spoke to KS1 and then KS2 about the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe Programme. The short clip, hosted by Ant and Dec, was pitched at the correct level for our children.

We have a duty of care to educate children on staying safe and we believe that our children received the message well, displaying a good level of understanding regarding acceptable and unacceptable behaviours. NSPCC personnel will be visiting Buick next Tuesday to conduct Workshops in P3HM, P3S, P6QC, P7B and P7M. These workshops are wonderful opportunities for children to learn more about managing any worries/concerns or fears which they may have.

Parents who have opted out from the workshop and questionnaire have already notified the school via ParentMail. These specific children will be placed in alternative classes whilst these workshops take place.

Vacancies

This week, we sent a ParentMail about 2 SEN Classroom Assistant vacancies in Buick. Expressions of interest, alongside CVs can be emailed to info@buickmemorial.co.uk. Thank you.

Term 1B

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 (6/7)
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 Cullybackey College
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 (7/7)
Wednesday 19 th November	9.30am Netball Blitz at Seven Towers
	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 NO PM BUSES
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 NO PM BUSES
Monday 15 th December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with P2
	Carol Service Rehearsal - details to follow
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 NO PM BUSES

***Please check this newsletter weekly as times/dates may change as we navigate the busyness of this time of year.**

Kindness Week gives all children an opportunity to show care and consideration for others. We have a few creative activities planned throughout the school. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about their behaviours and displaying kindness to others in school, at home and online.

Kind regards,



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**11 December
23.59pm**

