



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we promoted Northern Ireland's Anti-Bullying Week theme of 'Respect' during Citizenship. As a whole school, we discussed what the word respect means and demonstrated how we must show one another respect. Please follow up these conversations with your child. For further information on this initiative, please visit [www.endbullying.org.uk/anti-bullying-week](http://www.endbullying.org.uk/anti-bullying-week).

### Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer visited Buick this week to discuss Buick's Attendance Statistics. Parents are reminded that a minimum attendance of 85% is required at school. The vast majority of our pupils (95%) have superseded this figure so far this session - well done! However, there remains a small number of pupils whose attendance has fallen below expectation due to family holidays being taken during term time. These absences have a direct impact on children's learning and progress.

### Parents' Fund-Raising Group

This week, you will have received a text message regarding the rescheduling of our Parents' Fund Raising Group. Our new date is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. Please come along to help us raise funds for our school and ultimately provide additional experiences for your children. As a school of 305 pupils, we are expecting a great turn out! Thank you in anticipation of your support for this new initiative.

### Dining Centre

Next week, we will be providing the Week 3 menu with some adaptations on Thursday and Friday (Christmas Jumper Day). School dinners remain at a cost of £2.60.

Thursday = Chicken Burger, beans and chips or chicken curry and rice

Friday = Christmas Buffet - chicken bites, pizza, selection of sandwiches, salad, coleslaw, orange juice and fruit.

### Buick Memorial Clubs w/c 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Netball (at 12:30pm) Orchestra (3pm - 3:45pm) P3 & 4 Code Club (3pm - 3:45pm) Zumba (2/3pm - 3/4pm)	Buick Ju-Jitsu 2pm -3pm or 3pm - 4pm Choir 3pm - 3:45pm		No Football Training Buick v Carniny	Speech and Drama Club 3pm - 4pm

\*Please ensure your child is aware of their personal arrangements each day.

### Rotary Hampers

At Christmas time we promote sharing and caring. As part of our charity fund raising, we will be collecting items of food for hampers. Children are requested to bring in items for the hampers. Each class has an empty box.....let's fill them up for people who need help over the festive period!

### Dogs in Playground

Parents are reminded that dogs should not be brought into the school playground at any time. This is a Health and Safety matter for our pupils and your co-operation is essential.

## Digital Admissions for Nursery and Primary 1

The way in which parents apply for Nursery and Primary 1 places is changing. Online applications are being introduced for admission to Nursery and Primary 1 in the 2019/2020 school year. Prospective parents should check the Education Authority's website from the end of November onwards for updates on how to apply, key dates and the admissions procedure alongside the Schools' Admission Criteria for September 2019/2020 school year. [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions)

## At Buick we will be holding our Open Afternoon for prospective parents on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30pm.

### A message from Buick's Eco Committee

The Eco Committee requests clean plastic bottles for upcoming gardening projects. If you have any spare bottles or if you are going to throw any out, please hand them into your child's class teacher and they will pass them on to Miss Stirling. Thank you.

### Dates for Your Diary - Term 1

#### November

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Cash for Clobber Week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Christmas Jumper Day for Ballymena's 'Jingle All the Way' Charity
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Primary 6 & 7 families to watch the Friendship Four Ice Hockey Tournament at SSE at 7pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Fund-Raising Group Meeting at 6.30pm in Assembly Hall
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary 7 pupils to watch the musical 'Oliver' at Dunclug College
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Sponsored Event - Pyjamas and Movie Day
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	AQE Paper 2

#### December

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	AQE Paper 3
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Primary 7 Treat - Trip to Ballymena Cinema
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Primaries 6 &amp; 7 to Ballymena Academy Carol Service</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery, P1 & P2 Christmas Performances.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Football Match - Carniny v Buick
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Mary Poppins Pantomime at Green Pastures with a 12 noon finish
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Football Match-Cullybackey College V Buick (Girls' and Boys' Teams)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir and musicians performing at Cuninghame Church's 'Young at Heart'
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at Cuninghame Church at 10am - all welcome!
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Open Day for Nursery and P1 Enrolment in September 2019 - Acting Principal's Welcome at 1:30pm in Assembly Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Choir to Radio Cracker at 10am
	Buick Choir to Creative Gardens, Galgorm at 11am
	P1-P3 Christmas Parties
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-P5 Christmas Parties
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	P6 & P7 Christmas Parties
	Non-Uniform Day and 12 noon finish for all pupils

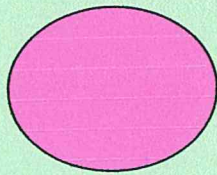
\*Dates are provisional and subject to change. \*\*Amendments and new additions are in bold

In the approach to Christmas, please ensure that you keep a note of all events, clubs and activities which your children will be involved in. Thank you.

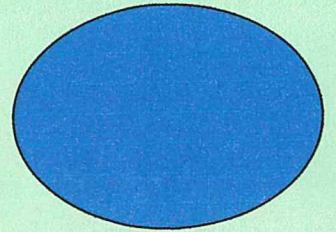
Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)

# Show Us



# Your Shot



# Best

# Shot

Photographic

competition

Have you a photograph of the village that you took during the year?  
Is there a scene that you particularly like? Can you capture an  
Autumn scene?

If so either send to [cullybackey@nacn.org](mailto:cullybackey@nacn.org) by 23rd November  
or leave at the Maine Business Centre or leave in  
school office and we will collect.

**Make sure you include your name, school, class  
and home telephone number**

**Prizes to be won**

**Get your entry in as soon as possible**