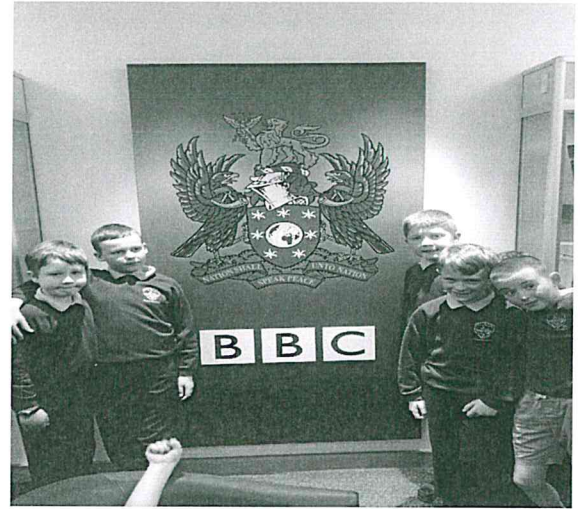




Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a few school trips this week. On Tuesday, pupils in P5B visited the BBC and the Ulster Museum. They had a fantastic time consolidating classroom learning and they even had the opportunity to present the weather!



On Wednesday, our P4T pupils visited the Giant's Causeway. They had an amazing time at this wondrous location, learning all about Finn McCool.



### Music Lesson Fees

Thank you to everybody who has paid their tuition fees. This payment is essential in order for us to retain the peripatetic service of strings, brass, woodwind and percussion at Buick for all pupils. Please return notes for next year's lessons to Mrs McCleery.

### Buick After School Programme w/c 23/04/2018

Numbers for our After School Clubs have declined greatly this term. If we want to retain these specialists at Buick, we must increase attendance numbers or we could lose the fantastic opportunities for our pupils. **Buick Ju-Jitsu Club will be holding an 'Open Day' on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May to allow new pupils to try a free class! There will also be games and fun activities on offer. If interested, children should come along at 2pm, or 3pm, on 15<sup>th</sup> May to see what the club entails.**

Monday - Miniversity & Little Gladiators

Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu

Thursday - Rugby

Friday - Hockey

### Whole School Photograph

If you would like a copy of the whole school photograph which was taken in September, you can still order one from Mrs Hunter in the office.

### The Big Pedal

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April we are asking all pupils to get involved in The Big Pedal at Buick! The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The theme for this day will be 'Pyjamas'! So pop on your PJs and make a more active journey to school. As with all of our active travel events, Cuningham Memorial and the Reformed Presbyterian will be allowing parents to access their car parks. So, if it's not possible for the whole journey to be by bicycle or scooter, at least part of it can be!

### Coffee Information Morning

One of our parents, Janina Gurney, has proved a blood donor match for a child in England. She will be going to London soon to donate stem cells for a sick child. This wonderful, lifesaving opportunity came from registering with DKMS. Janina is holding a Coffee Information Morning in the Cullybackey Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 10am - 1pm to raise awareness. If you would like to find out more information about how to register as a donor, please go along to the Coffee Information Morning.

### NSPCC

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the NSPCC will be visiting Buick to meet with pupils from P1-P7. This visit will be held to promote their work of 'Keeping Children Safe in Northern Ireland'.

The highly skilled and trained presenters will be meeting with P1-P4 pupils in a group in our Assembly Hall and then with P5-P7 pupils in another group afterwards. This is to ensure that age appropriate material is shared. They will then meet with all P6 pupils in their classroom and P7 pupils in their classroom to share relevant material.

The NSPCC have already delivered these 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' sessions in 392 schools in Northern Ireland last year. We would recommend that all parents read the statistical information accompanying today's newsletter. These figures for Northern Ireland may be surprising to many and this is the reason why schools are promoting the work of the NSPCC.

You may have seen recent advertising campaigns on television regarding the work of the NSPCC. If not, we would strongly encourage all parents to visit their website at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) to familiarise yourselves with their message. This website will also allow you to see topics which may arise through discussion.

Schools have a Duty of Care to keep children safe and to educate them about Staying Safe beyond the school environment. All Buick Staff (Teachers, Classroom Assistants, Lunch Time Supervisors, Dining Centre Staff, Clerical Staff, Ancillary and Auxillary Staff) participate in Child Protection Training each year. Relevant information is shared accordingly with appropriate personnel in school to comply with Child Protection procedures.

We anticipate that all pupils will engage in this programme. However, should you wish to discuss any concerns you may have, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Beattie who is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Mrs McCluggage who is the Deputy Designated Teacher. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated as we continue to keep our children safe in an ever-changing world.

### Uniform

Following on from last week, uniform continues to be a focus at Buick with brightly coloured shoes and trainers still being worn to school. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear for school. We still have ten weeks left in Term 3. Thank you.

### Ulster Farmers Union Competition

We are delighted to inform you that **Ella Nicholl in P5B** recently won a poetry writing competition. Her friends in P5B were all delighted too as the prize was a daytrip to the farm for the whole class! Well done Ella!

### Eurospar Winners!

This week, Jonathan and Sharon from Eurospar, Cullybackey, presented the winners of their Easter Colouring Competition with their prizes. Well done to Kaci-Leigh Shiels, Charlie Henry, Harris Park, Cara Ross, Callum Wright and Klara Peacock! Thank you to everybody at Eurospar for their continued support at Buick.



### Dining Centre

Next Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) will be Week 2 menu.

### Independence

Now that we have commenced Term 3, we believe that pupils should be able to get themselves organised in school each morning. All pupils are familiar with the daily routines and should be actively encouraged to follow these independently.

Parents should drop children off at the gates in the morning and promote personal organisation skills from Primary 1. Staff are in the playgrounds each morning from 8:45am and, should you have any queries, you can speak to them. Parents should not be entering the school building. Your co-operation in this matter is essential in developing independent children in our school.

Furthermore, home time collection routines should be clear and confirmed with children each morning. We are increasingly receiving a number of calls to pass messages to pupils as home time approaches. We recognise that emergencies do occur; however, this passing on of personal messages removes Mrs Hunter from the office and this detracts from the school's core business matters.

### Sickness

It is imperative that you inform the school if your child has a condition such as chicken pox or slap cheek disease. This is essential when we have a duty of care to consider the health implications for other pupils and indeed staff members. For medical conditions, there are exclusions in place and we follow the Public Health Agency advice. You can check the recommended exclusions from school at:

[www.publichealth.hscni.net](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net)

### Parking

Parking at the back of the school, particularly at 2pm, is becoming problematic for bus drivers.

**Please DO NOT park on the bus lanes! Please share this request with grandparents and childminders who may be collecting children from school. Thank you in advance.**

### Yew Tree Feis 2018

This year the feis will run from 17<sup>th</sup> May until 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Acorn Centre in Ahoghill. For more information on how to enter your child please telephone 02825 871588 or visit their website at [www.crda-online.com](http://www.crda-online.com)

### April -June Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Shared Education - P2 pupils to Braidside Integrated for Gathering Drums
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	The Big Pedal - in your pyjamas!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Shared Education - P1 pupils in Buick with Mr Hallabuloo
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	P7 Residential trip to York
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	P6 Bryson House (recycling)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Shared Education - P1 pupils to Braidside for Gathering Drums
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ballymena Academy Transfer Information Evening at 7:30pm for P6 Parents
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day - School closed
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	NSPCC in school to meet with P1-P7
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Shared Education - P2 pupils in Buick for Music and Movement
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 trip to the Wind Farm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 'Ditch the Stabilisers'
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Shared Education - P2 Trip to Belfast Zoo
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Shared Education - P1 pupils to Braidside for Sports
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Buick Choir / dancers to Castle Tower School to perform
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Post Primary Schools confirmed
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development Day - Pupils off
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development Day -Pupils Off
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Sports Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Shared Education - P1 trip to the farm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Induction Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Shared Education - P1 Celebration Day at Braidside for pupils and parents
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Shared Education - P2 Celebration Day at Buick for pupils and parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7 Equaliteas Event 1:30pm - 3pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Induction Evening at 7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Graduation at 9:30am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	P6 pupils to Ballymena Academy Taster Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Trip to Drumramer Farm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballymena Academy Year 8 Induction Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Love for Life for P7 pupils with Fourtowns Primary and The Diamond Primary
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Activ 8 for P6 Pupils at Cullybackey College
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 pupils finish
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Prom in the Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	'Bump Up Day' to new classes
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term at 12:15pm (No buses or Breakfast Club / Dining Centre)

**\*Please note that some dates have changed since last week!**

#### Additional Information

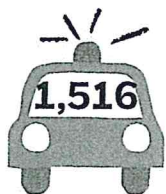
\*NSPCC - Keeping Children in Northern Ireland Safe

I recognise this is a lengthy newsletter this week. However, it is essential to share all of this information with you. Our successful partnership working is underpinned by regular communication. Please ensure you read the weekly newsletter carefully and keep up to date with what is happening in school. Thank you in advance.

R. Peters,  
(Acting Principal)

# NSPCC

## Keeping children safe in Northern Ireland



1,516 sexual offences against children recorded by the Police Service of Northern Ireland last year.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

2,146 children were on the child protection register in Northern Ireland.



For every child identified as needing protection from abuse in the UK, we estimate another eight are suffering abuse.



One in three children in the UK have been a victim of online bullying.

### WHAT WE'RE DOING TO HELP

In 2015/16, our *Speak out. Stay safe.* volunteers in Northern Ireland visited **392 schools** and talked to around **28,309 children.**

Helping children speak out and stay safe

With your help we can visit the remaining **104 schools** in Northern Ireland.

On average, a child somewhere in the UK contacts Childline every **25 seconds.**

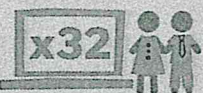
Giving children a voice

In 2015/16, our Childline volunteers delivered over **300,000** counselling sessions to children and young people. We estimate around **9,500** of those children lived in Northern Ireland.

In 2016, we ran **32** online safety workshops in Northern Ireland to help parents keep their children safe online.

Supporting the community to change childhoods

Sports clubs, community groups, coaches, and schools supported to keep children safe with our guidance through Sport Northern Ireland. We keep Northern Ireland community and agencies updated on all our resources, like **PANTS** to keep children safe.



**688** calls and emails to our helpline about children in need of help in Northern Ireland last year.

Taking action to protect children



**547** of those were serious enough to be referred for further help from services such as the police and social services.

Helping children from abuse and working with families to prevent abuse.

In 2015/16 we worked with **8,449** children and families at our service centres in Belfast, Craigavon and Foyle.

Face-to-face support

Every time we work with a child or family, we're learning how to give them the best support and gathering evidence to help us tackle child abuse in communities like yours.

We can only keep doing all this with your support. Find out how you can help at [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

NSPCC data relates to 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016. Northern Ireland data relates to the local authorities of Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Belfast, Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry City and Strabane, Fermanagh and Omagh, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Mid and East Antrim, Mid Ulster, Newry, Mourne and Down. Published 14 March 2017. ©NSPCC 2017. Registered charity England and Wales 216401, Scotland SC037717, J20161371.