



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

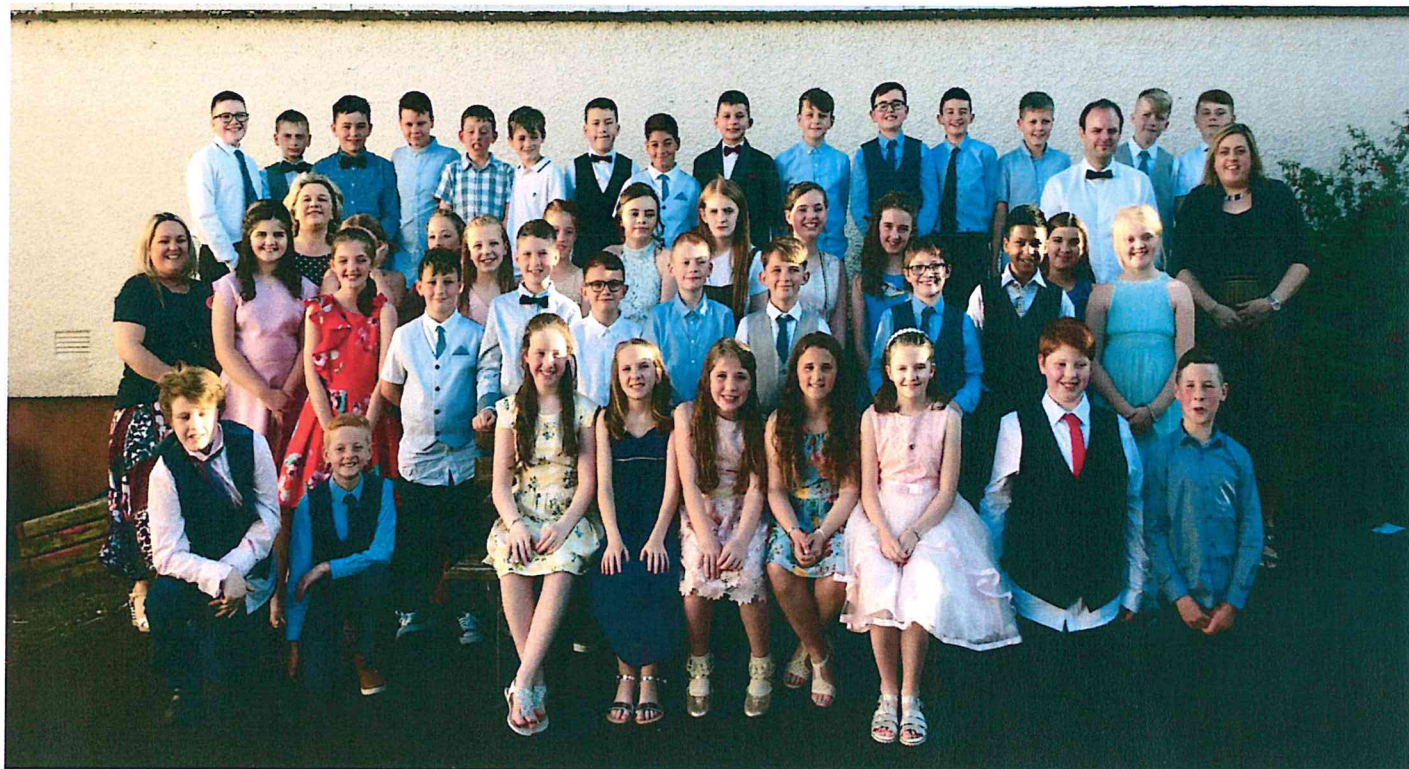
On Wednesday we held our Prize Day. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all our pupils. Below are our P7 Prize-winners, Sports Day, Music and Class Award-winners.



P7 Prom

Our Primary 7 pupils looked amazing at their Prom on Wednesday evening. This was a lovely social event to finish off their seven (or eight) years with us here at Buick.

The children have been an incredible year group who have matured and grown into wonderful young people. They leave us with confidence and ability to meet the challenges of Year 8 in whatever school they will be attending. We are all so proud of you and look forward to the updates from our post-primary colleagues.



School Holidays

This week we were informed about a government change to the first Bank Holiday in May. This has been moved from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to commemorate VE Day. As a result, we must adapt our planned holidays accordingly. Buick pupils will now be in school on Monday 4th May but off on Friday 8th May for the Bank Holiday and Monday 11th May for a School Development Day. A new updated list is attached to the newsletter. Please update your home calendars accordingly.

Summer Postcards

As we approach the summer break, the children are talking about their holiday plans. If you are travelling abroad this year, could you please assist your child in writing a postcard to the school? Upon return in September, the postcards from various locations will enhance our Citizenship programme. Thank you in advance.

AQE Registration

Primary 6 parents are reminded that AQE Registration is now open. Please ensure you have registered your child for the AQE Transfer in November / December. Please visit www.aqe.org.uk for further registration information. The closing date for applications is Friday 6th September, 2019.

Free School Meals

We have a number of children enrolled within the school who would be entitled to free school meals but are not registered as such.

If your child is not currently on the 'Free Meals Register' and you feel that they could/should be please visit www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals to make an application. For uniform allowances, please apply at the following link:

www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/school-uniform-allowance

Please ensure all applications for Uniform Allowance and Free School Meals are submitted now, in preparation for the new school year.

School Developments

As we embark upon a new School Development Plan in 2019-20, your views will be assessed alongside those of pupils and staff to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our children. In September, an online questionnaire link will be distributed to help inform our planning.

We look forward to developing our partnership further in order to benefit the children of Buick Memorial Primary School.

Buick Parents' Fundraising Group

Thanks must be given to Buick Parents' Fundraising Group for their unwavering support throughout the year in organising events and raising funds for our school. They also served tea and coffee at Sports Day and after our Summer Concert- thank you.

Please visit our Facebook page website, www.buickmemorial.org to see further pictures and information about our wonderful school.

End of Year

Well that brings us to the end of another productive year at Buick Memorial Primary School and Nursery Unit. What an exciting and rewarding year it has been!

The building now has its new roof and we look forward to Primary 7 returning to the front classroom in September.

Shared Education continues to go from strength to strength. Primaries 1-3 will continue with this initiative next session.

Achievement levels continue to rise and our Transfer results are testament to the high quality teaching and learning opportunities being offered here at Buick.

Thank you to all parents, carers and supporters of all things Buick. We are in very difficult financial times within the Education Authority and your continued support of change is greatly appreciated as we deliver a high standard of education.

I believe it is a privilege to work with such incredible young people and I'd like to thank them for all their efforts in class and through homework during another amazing year. It is wonderful to see them blossom in their learning and develop their little personalities.

Our Primary 7 pupils are ready to take on the challenges of Year 8 and are now well equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to be the best that they can be. Good luck!

Finally, thanks must be given to all Buick Staff. Each individual plays their role within the school superbly. Together we work as a dynamic team to keep driving Buick forward.

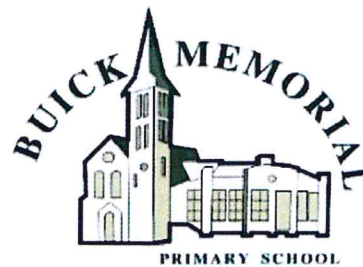
I hope you all have a happy and relaxing summer break. The children and adults in Buick are ready for some quality time with family and friends. Parents and carers, I hope you too enjoy this precious time with your children.

Children only have 18 summers until they become adults.... make this one special!

Kind regards,

R. Peters

(Acting Principal)



Term 1 begins:

Tuesday 27th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Wednesday 28th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Thursday 29th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Friday 30th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Monday 2nd September - normal finishing times
School bus service (Ulsterbus & Causeway) commences

Staff development

Friday 20th September and Monday 23rd September - school closed

Autumn half term

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Last day of Term 1

Friday 20th December 12 noon finish NO BUSES

Christmas

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2020

Term 2 begins :

Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of term 2

Friday 3rd April 12 noon finish NO BUSES

Easter

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

Term 3 begins:

Monday 20th April

May Bank holiday

Friday 8th May to Monday 11th May

Late May holiday

Friday 22nd May - Monday 25th May

Last day of term 3

Tuesday 30th June 12 noon finish NO BUSES