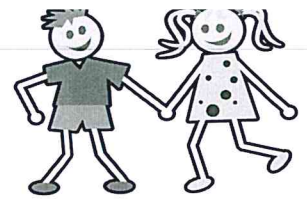




Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018



Welcome to our first online newsletter!

We anticipate that this will be an effective means of communication between school and home. It is your parental responsibility to keep up to date with school news and to support your child's education. We will continue to promote partnership working with parents and we truly appreciate your support in this innovative cost-cutting development. Parents who do not have internet access can still collect a paper copy from outside the school office each Friday at 2pm or 3pm when collecting their child.

Citizenship

This week, Sensei Ryan visited Buick to discuss the Buick Ju-Jitsu Club. Classes will recommence each Tuesday from 18th September at 2pm (P1 & P2) and 3pm (P3-P7). Primary 1 pupils will have the opportunity to engage in these classes when they commence full days. Thank you to those who have already sent back their forms to secure a place.

P7 AQE Transfer Registration

Registration for the Primary 7 AQE transfer ends on **Friday 7th September 2018**. **Primary 7 parents must register their child for this.** For further information and an application form, please visit www.aqe.org.uk

Dining Centre

Last week, we sent home the Dining Centre Lunch Menu; this week we are sharing our Breakfast Club and Healthy Break Menu. Pupils (P2-P7) can attend the Breakfast Club from 8:30am each morning until 8:45am. Food on offer each day includes cereal, toast, fresh fruit, fruit juice and tea.

At break time, children in P3-P7 can buy healthy snacks from the Dining Centre. Please see the menu below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Toast - 30p	Toast - 30p	Toast - 30p	Toast - 30p	Toast - 30p
Yoghurts - 30p	Yoghurts - 30p	Yoghurts - 30p	Yoghurts - 30p	Yoghurts - 30p
Cereal - 40p	Cereal - 40p	Cereal - 40p	Cereal - 40p	Cereal - 40p
Fresh Fruit - 15p	Fresh Fruit - 15p	Fresh Fruit - 15p	Fresh Fruit - 15p	Fresh Fruit - 15p
Apple Juice - 30p	Apple Juice - 30p	Apple Juice - 30p	Apple Juice - 30p	Apple Juice - 30p
Cheesy Baps - 30p	Pizza - 35p	Toasted Bagel - 20p for $\frac{1}{2}$	Boiled Egg - 30p	Cheesy Bagel - 30p

Free School Meals

Schools receive most of their budget funding on the basis of numbers of pupils enrolled; however, **substantial additional funding** is available according to the number of children entitled to free school meals. It is therefore in the school's best interest to have all children who are entitled to free school meals registered as such. Children do not need to go to the Dining Centre if they don't wish to, but they can still be on the register. **If your child is not currently on the 'Free Meals Register' and you feel that they could or should be, please visit www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/howtoapply/ to make an application.**

Lost Property

Last week we shared all the items in our Lost Property Box with the children. **Many items were claimed by pupils but a larger number of unnamed polo shirts, jumpers, coats, hats and scarves still remain!** We will be opening the Assembly Hall doors on Monday 10th September at 1:45pm and 2:45pm for parents to view/claim lost property. Any items not uplifted on Monday will be taken to a local charity shop. Thank you in advance.

Clubs and Groups in the Community

Physical and social development is extremely important and we actively encourage children to attend groups out of school. Over the past few weeks we have received information from several clubs who are keen to welcome new children. Please talk to your child about perhaps trying out a new club or hobby at the start of this new school year. If you are involved with a club and would like us to share information, please contact the school office on 02825 880368. Thank you in advance.

151st Cullybackey Girls' Brigade
Cullybackey Methodist
Youth Hall
Starts back 10th September

Explorers (3-7 years) 6:00-7:30pm
Juniors (8-10years) 7:00 - 9:00pm
Seniors (11-13 years) 7:00-9:00pm
Brigaders (14+) 7:00 - 9:00pm

All girls are welcome to come along!

Killymurriss Presbyterian Church
Girls' Brigade
Starts 7th September

Tinies and Explorers 6:30pm-8:15pm
Pre-school - P4

Company Section 6:30pm-8:15pm
P5 - Year 13

Miniversity After School Club

Miniversity Computer Club will recommence at Buick Memorial in Term 1 2018. The Clubs will run after school in the computer suite on September 17th for 2 blocks. The Junior Club will run 2-3pm (P1-P3). The Senior Club will run 3-4pm (P3-P7). Each session touches on a new '*careers theme topic*' and the children are given tasks using a variety of different programs such as Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, SCRATCH Coding or Windows Movie Maker.

The cost for the full term is £60 per child payable in 2 instalments of £30 and £30. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please email causeway@miniversity.com or text miniversity on 07966 913682.

Buick Memorial PS on MONDAYS
Junior Club 2-3pm P1-P3
Senior Club 3-4pm P4-P7
BLOCK 1 £30 per child Sept 10,17,24 Oct 1,8,15, Halloween Monday 29 Oct - Friday 2 nd Nov
BLOCK 2 £30 per child Nov 5,12,19,26 Dec 3,10 Christmas Friday 21 st Dec - 4 th Jan

****The 'Additional Items' will still be sent home each Friday. Please check your child's school bag for letters and leaflets and return reply slips on time! Thank you in advance. ****

Additional Information

* Top Tips for parents (1 per family)

*P1 Guardian Photographs

*P7 Belfast Telegraph Letter

*Radio Cracker Competition (all pupils)

*Scate Club

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1

September 2018

Monday 10 th September	P1 Guardian Photographs
Monday 10 th September	P6 Swimming commences
Thursday 13 th September	P6 Victorians Day
Monday 17 th September	P3 pupils in till 3pm on Mon, Tues & Wed and 2pm on Thurs & Fri
Tuesday 18 th September	Buick Ju-Jitsu Returns after school
Wednesday 19 th September	Library Van visiting Buick
Thursday 20 th September	P1 Lunch with parents
Monday 24 th September	Primary 1 pupils in till 2pm
Tuesday 25 th September	Friends of Buick Commences
Thursday 27 th September	Cancer Focus Day at Buick

October

Thursday 4 th October	La Fayette to take individual and family photographs
Wednesday 17 th October	Harvest Service in school for pupils
Wednesday 24 th October	Parental Interviews - pupils finish at 1pm
Thursday 25 th October	Parental Interviews - pupils finish at 1pm
Friday 26 th October	Non-Uniform Day - Harvest Hoedown in Dining Centre Parental Interviews - pupils finish at 1pm

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November - School Closed

November

Wednesday 7 th November	School Nurse conducting Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 10 th November	AQE Paper 1
Friday 23 rd November	Christmas Jumper Day for Ballymena's 'Jingle All the Way' Charity
Saturday 24 th November	AQE Paper 2

December

Saturday 1 st December	AQE Paper 3
Friday 7 th December	Nursery, P1 & P2 Christmas Performances. School finishes at 12 noon.
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13 th December	Choir performing at Cuningham Church's Young at Heart Event
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Service at Cuningham Church at 10am
Wednesday 19 th December	Buick Choir to Radio Cracker at 10am Buick Choir to Creative Gardens, Galgorm at 11am P1-P3 Christmas Parties
Thursday 20 th December	P4-P7 Christmas Parties
Friday 21 st December	P6 & P7 Christmas Parties Non-Uniform Day and 12 noon finish for all pupils

*Dates are provisional and subject to change.

Over the past week, new class routines have been established. We would strongly encourage parents to develop a routine at home which ensures homework is completed, checked and then signed each evening. It is essential that children consolidate classwork learning at home and you are aware of your child's personal developments.

Kind regards,
R. Peters (Acting Principal)