



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Nursery children had their 'Fun Day' last Thursday! The weather was fabulous and a great time was had by all! At this time of year we begin our formal transition arrangements for children entering Primary 1 in September. This year our Induction Day will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This is an opportunity for parent: and children to come into Buick to meet with staff and find out more about Primary 1. We look forward to seeing our new pupils next week!



After School Clubs w/c Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Little Gladiators	Ju-Jitsu	P4 Football		
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### Buick Summer Concert

As you are already aware, we are planning a whole school concert on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Due to the high volume of parents / grandparents who may wish to attend we have organised two performances. The matinee will commence at 1pm and the evening performance at 7pm in Cullybackey College. Tickets will be on sale to parents and pupils from 8:45am - 9:05 am on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June in the Buick's Assembly Hall. (Please enter through the emergency doors). Adults cost £5 and children cost £3. All proceeds will be directed to School Funds.

During the concert the children will be supervised by staff in holding areas. They will not be able to join parents in the audience. All pupils should be collected after the concert from their classrooms. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers and friends to join us after the evening concert in Buick Assembly Hall for a light supper.

In order to make this concert a success, we are dependent on all children returning to school at 6:30pm for the evening performance at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be part of the Buick 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and we would like to thank you in advance for your support.

### Cash for Clobber

As part of Eco-Schools we will be taking part in Cash for Clobbers 2016-2017 competition. Simply by collecting all types of clothing and shoes that are no longer being worn we can earn 40p per kilo and be in with a chance to win up to £1,500 for school funds. The competition runs until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 and our final collection date will be on Thursday the 15th June. We will not accept clothing after this date. Please bring clothing and shoes (pairs only in a separate bag) to a member of staff in the P2 area. Thank you to those who have already donated!



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### Sustrans Active School Travel

This school year Buick has been taking part in the Sustrans Active Schools Travel Programme, which is an exciting initiative for schools who wish to see more of their pupils choosing an active and healthy journey to school. As part of the programme we are setting a 'Star Travellers' challenge which will begin on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** and run for two weeks. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school during this period and will be provided with a card on which to record their active travel journeys. After each active journey children will be awarded with one stamp and the first 25 children to complete 10 active journeys will win a set of bicycle lights. We appreciate your continued support on our Sustrans journey and look forward to rewarding our Star Travellers!

### Pantomime

In December 2017 we will be taking the whole school to see the pantomime, Peter Pan, in the Grand Opera House, Belfast. This has been booked for 11<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will leave school at 12noon and travel by coach to Belfast. The matinee performance begins at 1:30pm and pupils will not be back in school until approximately 4:30pm. To confirm that your child will be attending, a deposit of £5 is now required. The remaining balance of £10 will be requested in September. Please complete the relevant reply slip and return to school with the £5 deposit by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Please note deposits are non-refundable as we will need to pay for all tickets provisionally booked. Children must be booked now as additional tickets cannot be sourced nearer the time. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Transport to School

The Education Authority has introduced a new, online process for parents applying for home to school transport assistance. For further information and to apply please log onto:

[www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/get-advice-on-home-to-school-transport/](http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/get-advice-on-home-to-school-transport/)

If you have any difficulties completing the application online you can telephone the School Transport helpdesk on **0300 200 7824**. This year, the application process requires each request to be signed and stamped by the school. **Please forward these forms to Miss Peters for verification now** for the new school year. Thank you in advance.

### Free School Meals / Clothing Allowance

The application process for the assessment of eligibility for free school meals has commenced. Parents who currently have this will receive a form to update details for the new school year. The application form can also be accessed from the Education Authority website. For further details, please log on to - [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)

As a school, we receive more money in the school budget for each pupil receiving free school meals so we actively encourage parents to complete these forms, if you are entitled. Thank you in advance.

### In the Community

- ✚ **Cunningham Memorial Outreach Cup** will take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 11am**. Miss Peters shared information with the pupils during Citizenship and forms are available from the school office.
- ✚ **Ballymena Baptist Church** are holding a **Football Fun Week** from 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June in Ballee Playing Fields for pupils P3-P7 from 6:45pm - 8:45pm. Application forms are available from the office.

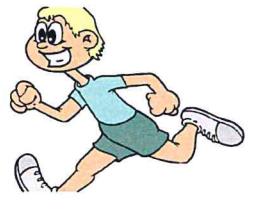
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Please would all prize winners from last year return their cups to the school? Additionally, if you know any Year 8 pupils -please ask them to return their cups too. Thank you in advance.



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### Cullybackey Community Partnership

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the Cullybackey Community Partnership will be working with members of the public to plant up hanging baskets and planters for the upcoming Britain in Bloom competition. All residents of Cullybackey have been invited to this wonderful community event to brighten up our village.

Buick Eco Committee and Eco Club members will be present in the Buick memorial front playground to help out on the day alongside other local organisations. This event will run from 10am - 2pm and it would be lovely to see many parents / carers supporting this community initiative.

### Child Protection

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 McCluggage (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters who oversees the Safeguarding Team. At any time, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

### Buick P.E. Kit and School Uniform

A little reminder that each pupil **must have** brown tracksuit bottoms for PE next session. These can be purchased from Select Kidz. We would also like to remind parents that even though we are approaching the end of term 3, brown trousers / shorts are preferable. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear on every day. Thank you in advance.

### Sports Day Arrangements

Arrangements for this year's Sports Day are as follows:

Children should come to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, wearing school PE uniform (yellow polo shirt, jumper, PE bottoms and trainers). Primaries 1 & 2 will have their Fun Day from 10am - 11am approximately, in the back playground. Parents are welcome to spectate and encourage their child to complete all of the stations. Scott McGarry will be supporting the school and Eurospar will kindly be supplying the refreshments. Children can be collected from the back playground following the awards ceremony at 11:30am.

Sports Day for Primaries 3-7 will commence at 1pm in the field at the top left hand side of Pottinger Street. Parents are encouraged to park responsibly at the back of the school. Children should all bring appropriate footwear to school. WE would ask that each child brings a cushion in a plastic bag to sit on during the afternoon. In the instance of hot weather, sun cream is also advisable. Likewise, if it is overcast, please ensure your child has a jacket with them.

Races will run continually throughout the afternoon. There will be designated area for parents to stand at. Please respect the rules which are in place for the children and DO NOT bring them over refreshments as these are being provided by Eurospar.

We respectfully ask that no dogs are brought along this year as many children have allergies. In addition to this request, smoking is firmly prohibited near the children.

We anticipate that all races will be finished by 2:45pm. Children **MUST** return to their classroom where they will be dismissed by their class teacher as normal, at 3pm. Your co-operation on this matter is greatly appreciated and ensures the safety of all of our children.



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### June - dates for your diary

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Cullybackey Community Partnership event in Buick front playground.  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Concert Tickets go on sale for three days!! (8:45am - 9:05am)  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - P1 Induction Day 10am or 2pm  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - P2 Portrush Seaside Trip  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Silver Surfers at 6pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - **SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO ELECTION**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - P1 & P2 Fun Day (10am) and Sports Day (1pm)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - P6 Taster Day at Cambridge House  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - P6 Trip to Gruig Wind Farm  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Induction Evening at 7pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Graduation  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - P3 Trip to Arthur Cottage  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - P6 pupils to Ballymena Academy Taster Day  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - P5/4 Trip to Aunt Sandra's & Ulster Museum  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - P1 Trip to the Open Farm Event at Drumrammer Farm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Induction  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Buick Summer Concert (matinee 1pm and evening 7pm)  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - P6 pupils to Activ 8 at Cullybackey College

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Prize Day  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Reports to Parents  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day for P7 pupils and P7 Leaving Party in the evening  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - Bump Up Day!  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> - End of Term at 12:15pm

\*please note these dates are all provisional and are subject to change.

### Additional Information

- \*Tennis - Children's Sports Week (1 per pupil)
- \*Netball Camp (P5-P7 girls)
- \*Holiday Bible Club - Cuningham Memorial Church (1 per pupil)
- \*The Woollen Wood (1 per family)

You can keep up to date with all current school news on our website [www.buickmemorial.org](http://www.buickmemorial.org)

Our Football Team played in the Northern Ireland Finals last week and unfortunately they were beaten in the semi-final. Well done to all our players and indeed to our wonderful coaches, Mr Beattie and Miss Greer. Buick has had an incredibly successful football year and we are all very proud of their successes.

June is an extremely busy month. Please ensure you keep up to date with events and times on the weekly notes!

If you have any queries / concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

R. Peters,

Acting Principal