Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter
Friday 16th October 2026

Hello Parents/Carers,
On Wednesday, we held our annual Harvest Service. Primary 6 children shared poems, drama, music and a prayer of thanks, while reminding everyone about the importance of sharing and giving thanks for the seasons and the food we enjoy.
Following the assembly, the children enjoyed a visit to Janet in the dining centre, where they had the opportunity to prepare and taste a variety of fruits and vegetables, with watermelon and pineapple proving especially popular!
Many thanks to our parents for the beautiful flowers and to Janet for helping to make this such an enjoyable and educational Harvest celebration.

James played 'Come Ye Thankful People Come' on the violin.

Primary 6 pupils reminded us to be grateful for all we have.

Dining Centre and Lunches

Monday 19th October 2026 is Week 4 of our new Lunch Bunch Menu. School dinners remain at a cost of £3.10 per day. Please ensure your child has nutritious snacks to fuel their brains. Please do not send sugary sweets to school as this hinders children's ability to sit and concentrate.

A gentle reminder that Buick is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please read the ingredient lists of your child's lunches before sending items containing nut products into school. This is extremely important as it can compromise children's safety. Thank you.

Menu Change on Friday 23rd October - Harvest Theme

Cowboy supper: Sausages, beans and chips

Hearty Harvest Stew with Crusty Bread

Chocolate Mousse and Shortbread

Apple or Orange Juice

Parent Interviews

Thank you to everybody who has already booked slots for Parent Interviews. This is a fundamental part of our partnership working and it allows meaningful conversations to be had.

The hybrid model of offering both face-to-face and telephone calls appears effective and meets the needs of all parents. Please ensure you arrive promptly or are available to take your call at the allotted time.

Each parent has 10 mins to talk through their child's progress, concerns and areas for development. It would be advantageous for parents to be prepared for such a conversation and to listen to suggestions/advice from our experienced teaching team.

Time must be utilised efficiently to ensure the days flow seamlessly. Thank you in advance of your support and together we can ensure every child fulfils their academic potential.

Please ensure your child is aware of their early collection arrangements at 1pm for the 3 days.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mrs Shirlow, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Miss Stirling, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors. Our Child Protection Governor is Rev. Philip Moffett.

If you have any concerns about a child or community activity out of school hours, you can talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 or PSNI on 101. Like all primary schools, Buick links with PSNI Officers to engage in Operation Encompass. This is a legal requirement which ensures appropriate information is shared accordingly.

As professionals, we have a legal duty of care for children. As part of this, 'Notes of Concern' are completed inhouse if staff have any worries regarding a child's presentation. This presentation includes their attendance, personal hygiene, nutritional provision, growth and development, uncharacteristic behaviours and comments/worries they share about home life. If appropriate, these records may be shared with Social Services. If your individual circumstances or family composition has changed, please contact the school to inform us. These open lines of communication will ensure each child's needs are met.

P2 Trip to Dayfresh

As part of Primary 2's 'Healthy Me' topic, they had a wonderful trip to our local fruit shop, Dayfresh. The children were so excited to see all the colourful fruits and vegetables and learn about where different fruits come from.

The staff at Dayfresh were very kind and showed the children how they choose and weigh the fresh produce. Back in the classroom, the children put their learning into action and had great fun chopping and mixing their own delicious fruit salad.

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Local Women Awards

What a week! Buick staff were collectively delighted to reach the finals of Primary School of the Year. With very stiff competition, the winners were St. Bride's in Belfast.

Miss Peters was absolutely delighted to receive the Local Women Magazine Primary Principal of the Year Award. Thank you for all your lovely comments on our school Facebook page. It's lovely to see the pride and positivity in our wee village.

Parents – We Need You!

We are still looking for more volunteers for our new productive parent fundraising group, please respond on ParentMail and Miss Peters will then be in touch to confirm a first meeting after the October break. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Partnership with Parents

This course below is designed for parents and carers of children with Autism. Please register through the QR code.

Lauren McCallum, a former Buick Teacher, now works independently to support children's learning in the local community. She has kindly offered Buick parents discount on her online platform. Please see below.

Learn with Lauren

Please find Buick's discount code for the ***Learn with Lauren Digital Shop*** below. This code will give Buick families 10% off all products (more to be added in coming months) if they add it at checkout:

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Link to my Shopify page for your families:
https://learn-with-lauren.myshopify.com/

info@learnwithlauren.net

SEAG Transfer and P7 Parents

Term 1A

Monday 19th October	School Nurses in Buick for Nasal Flu Spray NO Hockey Training for P7 Girls & Boys and P6 Girls (4/6) 3pm – 3:45pm - P4 & P5 Netball (5/6)
Tuesday 20th October	3pm – 3:45pm - Netball Training (2/6) P6 to Cambridge House Grammar School to see 'Frozen'
Wednesday 21st October NO After School Clubs	Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews Face-to-Face
Thursday 22nd October NO After School Clubs	Coaching For Christ in Buick 7/12 P6 Swimming 5/10 Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews by telephone
Friday 23rd October NO After School Clubs	Learn With Lauren's Sensory Stories with Primary 1 pupils 3/3 Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews by telephone

***New additions in bold**

Thank you to Mrs Hunter and Miss Orr for co-ordinating the beautiful Harvest decorations around the school.

Team Buick will be attending Galgorm's Charity Ball on Saturday night to continue our lucrative partnership working. Photographs will be shared on our Facebook Page.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend! 😊

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal