



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Parents and Carers,

On Thursday, we held a special Remembrance Service, and we welcomed Anna Henry and Ian Stewart from the Royal British Legion and Elizabeth Hoy from the Cullybackey and District Historical Society, to Buick. Together they shared factual information with the children. We hope our children shared the importance of Remembrance Day at home with friends and family members.



### Strike Action

You may have seen on the news that Unison, Unite, NIPSA and GMB Unions are planning Strike Action on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. In line with EA Policy, Miss Peters has conducted a Risk Assessment and determined that Buick will open, as normal, next Thursday.

### 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 Shirlow, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School.

Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors. If you have any concerns, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

### Nativities

This year, Primaries 1-3 will be putting on two Nativity performances. Miss Stirling and Mrs Shirlow's classes will work collegiately to perform 'Our First Nativity'.

Mrs Gamble/Mrs Carleton and Mrs Hunter/Mr Maybin plus Miss Gibson's P3s will all be performing 'Fireside Nativity'. We are sure both performances will be amazing! Times and ticket prices will follow on ParentMail in due course.

## Ulster Tatler

We are delighted to feature in this month's Ulster Tatler alongside Cullybackey College and many other local businesses. It is lovely to see our village getting the recognition it deserves. Please ensure you get your copy!



**SEE THIS MONTH'S TATLER**

**NOW ON SALE!**

**Buick Memorial**

Ulster Tatler magazine cover featuring a bride in a white dress and a group of children in school uniforms sitting at a picnic table. The magazine title 'Ulster Tatler' is prominent at the top, along with the tagline 'NORTHERN IRELAND'S NOT GLOSSY'. Other text on the cover includes 'ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS', 'OUT CHATS TO CARL FRAMPTON', 'FOCUS ON: CULLYBACKEY', and 'THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR'.



**BUICK MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BUICK MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL SITS IN THE HEART OF THE AWARD-WINNING VILLAGE, CULLYBACKEY, STEEPED IN RICH HISTORY AND TRADITIONAL VALUES. THE SCHOOL PROMOTES A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND HAS A FRIENDLY, NURTURING AND WELCOMING ETHOS.

A committed workforce of dedicated professionals provides the best educational experiences and opportunities for our children. Our aim is to support and challenge every young person at each stage of their learning journey. At Buick, we consistently provide a safe and stimulating learning setting with a broad curriculum, where all children are motivated to fulfil their potential and are well equipped for the challenges of education, work and life in the 21st century.

Staff and parent voices are respected, valued and encouraged to shape school development. The school works closely with external partner agencies to foster a positive learning environment. High academic standards are achieved through effective partnership working with parents and local post-primary schools.

**OPEN DAY**  
The Principal, Miss Peters, leads a dynamic team and oversees the extremely successful academic and pastoral provision at Buick. She extends a warm welcome to all prospective Nursery Buick. She extends a warm welcome to all prospective Nursery Buick. She extends a warm welcome to all prospective Nursery Buick.

**15th December 2023** (Nursery parents and children from 12 noon - 1.30pm and Primary 1 parents and children from 1.30pm - 4pm). Please telephone the school office to book your place on 028 2588 0368.

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## Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Wee Critters visiting P3
	P2 After School Club (4/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Netball Practice at lunch time
	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Practice
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Library Van visiting Buick
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Fourtowns Football Tournament
	P6 Swimming (7/10)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 After School Club (1/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Practice
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
	Buick v Cullybackey College - Football Match
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	P5 Pupils to see Ulster Orchestra at Ballymena North Centre
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	SEAG Transfer Paper 2
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 After School Club (2/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Netball Tournament - TBC
	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Practice
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
	Library van visiting Buick
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Fourtowns Football Tournament -
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Performance
	Christmas Lunch in Dining Centre - details to follow on ParentMail
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 After School Club (3/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>P6 and P7 to Ballymena Academy for Primary School's Christmas Concert</b>
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>P7 To Dunclogh College for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	P1/ P2 & P3 Nativity Performances
	All pupils finish at 12:15pm - no dining centre break or lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 After School Club (4/4)
	3pm - 3:45pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in Cuningham Memorial Church at 10am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Eve from Scripture Union to work with P5 pupils-Amazing Journey to Bethlehem
	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Open Day - all pupils finish at 1pm
	Prospective Nursery/P1 parents and children to visit Buick
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Choir performing on Radio Cracker
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm/3pm - 3pm/4pm = Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term - 12 noon finish for all pupils

Please use the calendar above to plan ahead for special events!

All the best to our Primary 7 pupils who will be sitting SEAG Paper 1 on Saturday morning at Ballymena Academy, Cambridge House and Slemish College. Our pupils have shown admirable determination and commitment to the process and we know that they will all do their very best! Thank you to Mrs Kyle for the wonderful preparations and indeed, all Buick staff for the incredible learning journey.

Kind regards, R. Peters (Acting Principal)