



# Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we started our Baseline Assessments in P1-P7. These skilful judgements inform teaching and learning experiences and opportunities. Your child's class teacher will carefully monitor and track your child's progress throughout the academic session. In May, we will complete our End of Year Assessments and evaluate the individual progress made.

The data from these Biannual Assessments, alongside professional judgement, is utilised to identify specific children who require additional support in Buick or further assistance from external agencies. This week, we received updated guidance from the Education Authority regarding the new standards for requesting additional support in primary schools. This enhanced criterion reflects the high level of Special Educational Needs throughout Northern Ireland.

In house, we, despite a challenging budget, continue to have Mrs Holland (Learning Support Co-ordinator) in place. She works with specific children who are encountering Literacy difficulties in Early Years. This tailored support is wonderful to have within our staffing complement, but we must be clear that pupils who are not completing the additional work sent home or who are failing to benefit from the extra help, will no longer receive it.

Parental partnership is more important than ever to ensure your child fulfils their educational potential. Our Assessment Co-ordinator, Mr Beattie, analyses the trends and considers the learning journey of all children, throughout their time at Buick.

### Musical Pathways

This year, we are delighted to have Mr Brown from the Education Authority's Music Service with us each Monday. He will be working with classes throughout the year to further enrich musical experiences and opportunities.

### Choir

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs McCleery (Music Co-ordinator) will be holding auditions for Buick Choir. Please check ParentMail for further information and ensure that permission is given by this date. This is a prestigious tradition at Buick and the children will perform at our Special Events throughout the year. Buick Choir's first rehearsal is scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm - 3:45pm.

### Music Lessons

Our peripatetic Music Teachers will be in school to deliver string and woodwind tuition. Mr McCubbin will visit on Thursdays and Miss Bell will be in on Fridays. Please ensure your child has their instrument with them on the correct day. Additionally, we would like to thank parents for paying for their child's tuition in advance.

### SEAG Registration

Primary 7 parents are reminded that SEAG Registration is still open. Please ensure you have registered if you wish your child to sit the SEAG Transfer. Please visit <https://seagni.co.uk/> for further registration information and to gain information on the timings and contents of the assessments.

**Registration for SEAG is a parental responsibility and the school cannot complete such applications. The closing date for submission is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

The SEAG Entrance Assessments (now only 2 papers) will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Results Day = Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm (P2 & P3)/3pm (P4-P7) - Buick Ju-Jitsu Choir auditions
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Coaching For Christ in Buick 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 10:45 - netball Meeting with Mrs Hunter for P6 & P7 Girls 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir Practice
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm/3pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Coaching For Christ in Buick P6 Swimming commences 1/10 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys and Girls 6:30pm - Primary 1 Information Evening for Parents
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	La Fayette - School Photography in Buick - Full school uniform, please! P1 pupils staying for school dinner until 1pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	P1 pupils in till 2pm each day Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir Practice
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm - 3:45pm = Netball Practice 1/9 Scripture Union for P5 pupils 1/4
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	P6 pupils to Cuningham Memorial Church Library Van visiting Buick 2pm/3pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Coaching For Christ in Buick P6 Swimming 2/10 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys and Girls
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir Practice 3pm - P7 Parent Interviews for SEAG Transfer pupils
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm = Netball Practice 2/9 3pm - P7 Parent Interviews for SEAG Transfer pupils Scripture Union for P5 pupils 2/4
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	2pm/3pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu 3pm - P7 Parent Interviews for SEAG Transfer pupils
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick P6 Swimming 3/10 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys and Girls
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir Practice
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm = Netball Practice 3/9 Scripture Union for P5 pupils 3/4
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm/3pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick P6 Swimming 4/10

3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys and Girls

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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways
	School Nurses Visiting Buick = Flu Immunisation Programme
	Eve from Scripture Union visiting P1 & P3 pupils
	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir Practice
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm - 3:45pm = Netball Practice 4/9
	Scripture Union for P5 pupils 4/4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Buick Harvest Service
	2pm/3pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	P6 Swimming 5/10
	3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys and Girls
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Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Mr Brown's Musical Pathways
	Buick pupils finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews to take place
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Buick pupils finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews to take place
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Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	P6 Swimming 6/10
	Buick pupils finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews to take place
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Buick pupils finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews / Staff Training
<b>Half-Term Holidays Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (inclusive)</b>	

### Fundraising

Thank you to everybody who has returned sponsorship money for Buick staff abseiling! This is a fantastic opportunity for us to show children that we sometimes need to face our fears! Please send in all sponsor monies by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. All money will be apportioned to school funds to ultimately benefit our children. We look forward to having a final total for you soon! Best wishes to Team Buick!







**NEW!**

PARENT WORKSHOP



# Worry to Wonder

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7PM-8.30PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.

CALL NOW TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE  
0808 8020 400



In The Community


**Talking Treasure hunt**  
FOR 1<sup>st</sup> CULLYBACKEY SCOUT GROUP



**SAT 5<sup>th</sup> OCT '24**  
**CUNINGHAM /SCOUT HALL @ 2.30PM**

STAGGERED START TIMES (TEAMS SET OFF BETWEEN 2.30PM & 3.30PM)

**£5 PER ADULT & £2 PER CHILD**

PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS KINDLY SPONSORED BY:-  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Cullybackey Scout Group

Crafts, nature hunts, games, hiking, cooking, canoeing, knots, first aid, badgework. Camping....and loads more you'll experience at 1<sup>st</sup> Cullybackey Scout Group in the Cuningham Church Hall (corner of Shellinghill Road and Kilmakevitt Road)

New members welcome (please note limited places available).

Squirrels - NOW FULLY BOOKED (waiting list only atm)  
Starting Mon 16/9 from 6.30 to 7.30pm - Front Room

Beavers - NOW FULLY BOOKED (waiting list only atm)  
Starting Mon 16/9 from 6.30 to 7.30pm - Main Hall

Cubs - Starting Fri, 20/9 from 6.30 to 8pm - limited places

Scouts & Explorers (14.5 yrs+)- starting 20/9 from 8.15 to 10 pm

Contact:- [cullybackeycubs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cullybackeycubs@yahoo.co.uk) for more details



We are restarting on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2024  
7-8pm

**Fun & Games, Quizzes, Songs, Group Activities  
and Bible Stories**

If you are in P1- P7, you are invited!

Register Online at [www.Cullybackey.elim.org](http://www.Cullybackey.elim.org) or  
<https://forms.gle/s9EfcPmzrJFhrqGF8>



Cullybackey  
Methodist

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youth club

CALLING ON ALL

**P 4 / 5 / 6**

**Last Saturday of each month**

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Games/crafts/tuck shop  
50p entry

Email for more details/registration or scan the QR code:  
[cmcjunioryouth@hotmail.com](mailto:cmcjunioryouth@hotmail.com)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old  
they will not turn from it

*We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather.*

*Kind regards,  
R. Peters  
(Acting Principal)*



# Registration Night

## Wed 4th Sept

### 6.30-7.30pm



**Girlguiding**  
Cullybackey



**Weekly Meeting times:**  
**Rainbows 6.30-7.30pm**  
**Brownies 6.30-7.30pm**  
**Guides 7.30-9pm**  
**Rangers TBC**



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**Dr John McKelvey Community Centre,**  
**Cullybackey**

Join our waiting list at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



# PARENTING FOCUS

## Top Tips for Parents - A families together project.

We particularly welcome Parents living in the Antrim and Strabane areas.



Come and join us for FREE Online Parenting sessions to find out more about the following topics:

### Building Your Child's Resilience

Wednesday 25th September 2024 at  
10am-11am

Parents will be introduced to tips and strategies to raise their child's resilience, whilst understanding the importance of raising resilient children.

### The Power of the Parent Child Relationship

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at  
7pm - 8pm

Parents will be introduced to top tips and strategies to develop and promote the relationship between parent and child.

### Coping with Christmas

Wednesday 20th November 2024 at  
10am - 11am

Parents will be introduced to strategies to manage the stresses associated with Christmas and understand the importance of setting realistic expectations.

Register via Support Line:

0808 8010 722

Online session details will be sent following registration.

