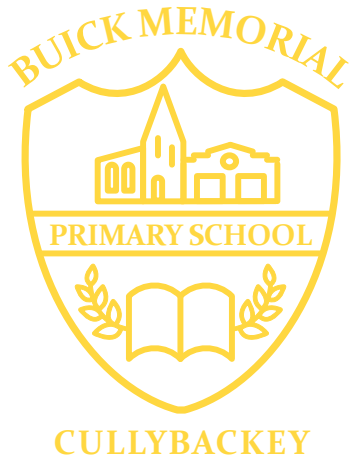




*Be Remarkable!*

**Primary School and Nursery Unit**



## A Warm Welcome to Buick Memorial Primary School

Miss Peters and the Staff of Buick are delighted to welcome you to our long established village school in the heart of Cullybackey.

'The Buick', as it is known locally, is a Primary School and Nursery which provides a safe and nurturing environment for children aged 3 to 11 years. We strive to make every child's time at school a rewarding one and we seek to engender a life-long love of learning in all of our pupils. The Buick is proud of its academic record and the fondness with which the school is viewed by past pupils as the beginning of so many educational journeys embodied by our iconic Buick clock. We welcome you to our school and we look forward to the start of a fulfilling educational partnership as part of 'Team Buick'!



## Mission Statement

In our village school, we seek to promote a love of learning within a nurturing and stimulating environment where everyone is challenged and encouraged to fulfil their potential.

Board of Governors:

Chairperson: Mr. L. Wiseman

Vice Chairperson: Rev. Dr. D. Murphy

Parent Representatives: Mrs J. Courtney, Mr. A. Murphy

Teacher Representative: Miss L. Stirling

Secretary to the Board of Governors: Miss R. Peters (Acting Principal)

Church Representatives: Mr. B. McMillan, Mr. P. McWhirter

Education Authority Representatives: Mr. C. Whyte, Mr. T. Gaston

Buick Memorial is a controlled, co-educational primary school.



## **A Sense of Place - The Buick Memorial Primary School Past and Present**

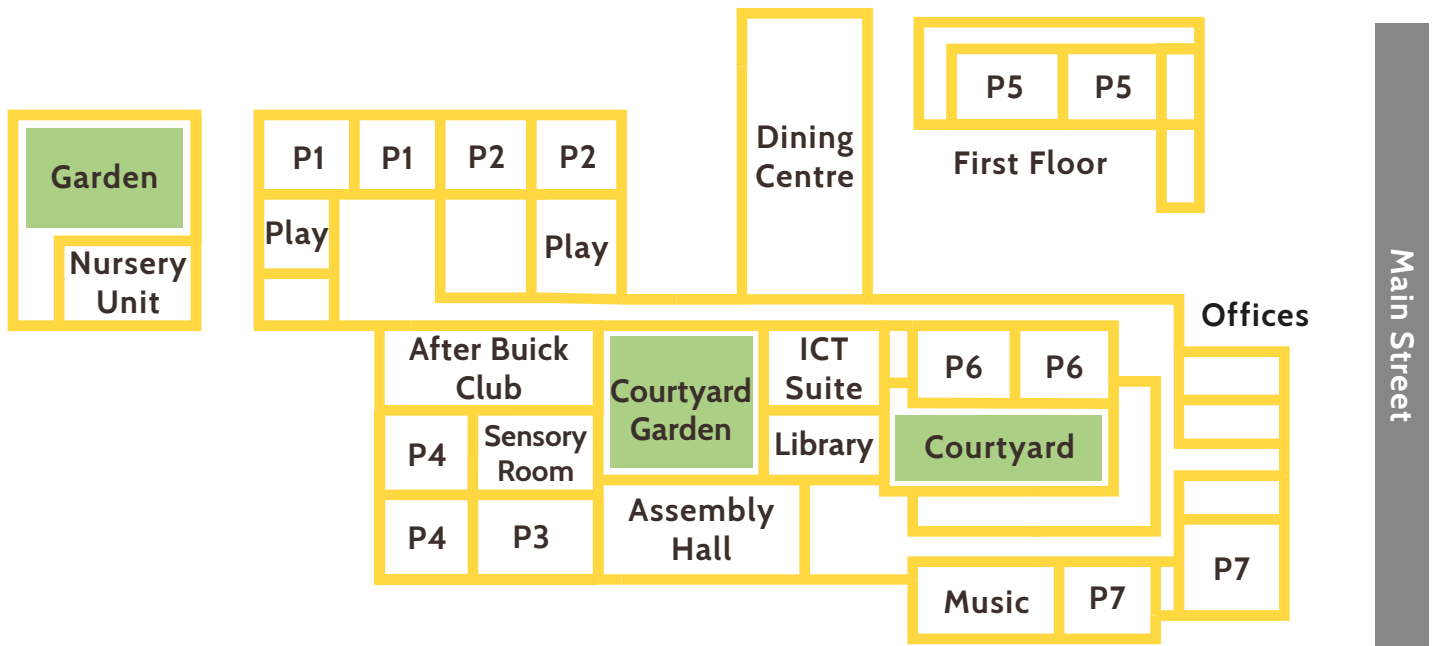
Nestling in the Maine Valley between Galgorm Woods and the Beech Plantation and bluebells of Historic Hillmount, our school takes advantage of the outdoor learning opportunities provided by our beautiful rural setting in the middle of County Antrim. History surrounds us from the naming of our village, Cullybackey, 'the angle in the wood' to the charms of Arthur Cottage and the Millennium River Walk.

Generations of children have come through our doors and the building has a unique atmosphere as an integral part of Cullybackey community and village. A recent documentary by the BBC entitled , 'A Carryin' Stream' highlighted the history and influence of our local school and the high esteem in which Buick is held.

**"It takes a village to raise a child..."**

**(African Proverb)**





Cullybackey National School was founded in 1819 but the first Public Elementary School was built on the present site in 1900. The new school was named after Dr GR Buick, the minister of Cuningham Memorial Presbyterian Church as he had been the principal donor for the construction of the building. In 1937 the school was remodelled and enlarged. Two further extensions were made in the 1960s and 1970s and our Nursery Unit was opened in 2003.



# The Home School Partnership

As a school family and in partnership with parents, we aim to provide:

- a stimulating and caring learning environment in which each child is valued
- a broad and balanced curriculum with an enriched school experience which equips children to meet the challenges of education, work and life in the twenty-first century
- a culture of positivity and opportunity to fulfil each child's potential
- nurturing of personal and social skills and the development of healthy values and attitudes in order to make a positive contribution to our community and wider society

**Strong Home School links ensure the optimum educational outcomes. Parents and staff partnerships are integral to the provision of Learning Support, Pastoral Care and the Promotion of Positive Behaviour.**

Communicating with Parents:

Primary One and Primary Seven  
Interviews - September and February

Primary Two to Primary Six  
Interviews - October and February

A written report is provided for  
parents in June at the end of Term 3.

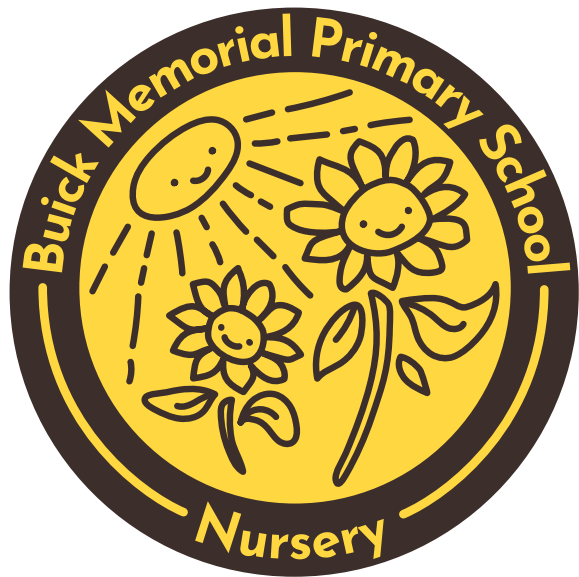
**Child**



**School**

**Home**





## Buick Memorial Nursery Unit

We have 26 places in our Nursery Unit. Pre-school children are offered a wealth of learning opportunities by professional and experienced staff.

The Nursery children are an integral part of our school family and we promote a continuum of learning into Primary One.

**Explore, Motivate, Enjoy, Challenge, Succeed!**







*I see... I think... I wonder...*



*The Great Outdoors!*



## **The Pre-School Curriculum**

Personal Social and Emotional  
Development

Physical Development and Movement

Language Development

Early Mathematical Development

The Arts

The World Around Us



# The Northern Curri



Communi

Using Maths

The Arts

Art &  
Design

The World  
Around Us

Physical  
Education

Working  
With Others

Decision  
Making

Being  
Creative



# Ireland Primary Curriculum

Communication



Using ICT



Music

Drama



Religious Education

PDMU



Problem Solving

Managing Information

Self Management



The Digital Champion



The Musician



The Scientist



The Sports Personality

# Nurturing The Independent Learner

The School Councillor



The Team Player



The Buddy



Junior Road Safety Officer

The Comperer



The Choir



The Eco Warrior



The First Responder



# HEART START

# The School Day

## School Day

8.30am	Breakfast Club
8.45am	Doors open
9.05am	Classes begin
10.45-11.00am	Break
12.15-1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	School ends for P1 - P3
3.00pm	School ends for P4 - P7



**After  
Buick Club**  
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2.00-3.00pm  
3.00-5.45pm

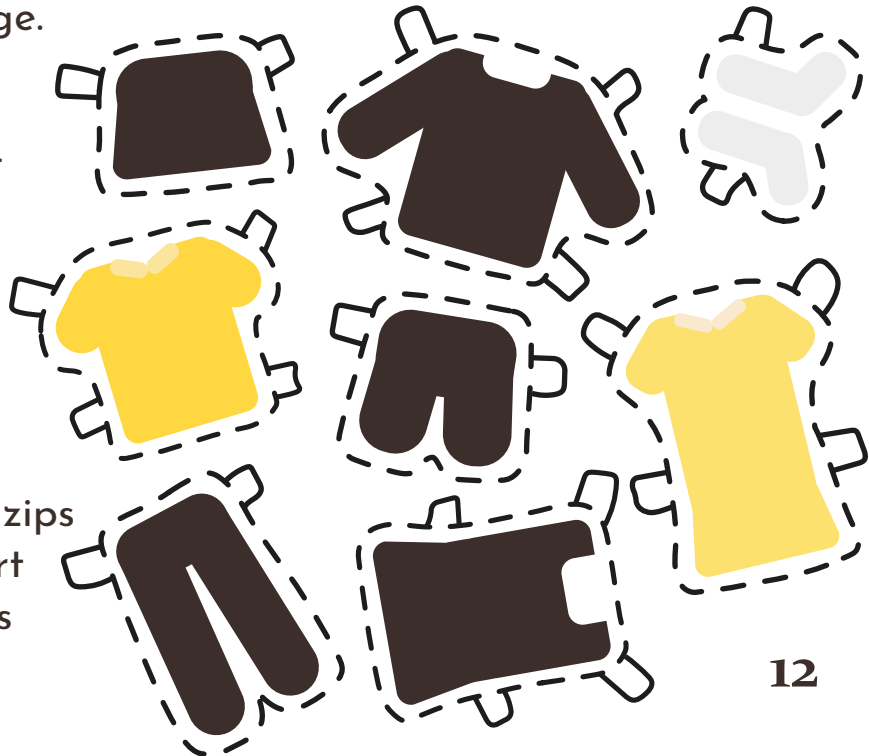
After Buick Club operates during term time and provides after school care in a familiar and homely, nurturing environment. Parents may book care in advance for a small hourly charge.

## Uniform

Yellow polo shirt with school crest  
School sweatshirt  
Brown trousers, skirt or pinafore  
Summer yellow gingham dress or brown shorts

## PE Uniform

P1-4 Brown jogging bottoms with zips  
P5-7 Black shorts and white T-shirt  
Black slip-on or Velcro PE slippers



# Links with the Community

Buick Memorial enjoys strong links with the local community

- Buick Memorial School Choir and Orchestra perform at local events throughout the year such as The Summer Concert and Ballymena Festival
- The Friends of Buick meet in the school library to share their love of books with Primary 4 readers
- Local clergy take part in Assemblies each week
- The BBC recently filmed 'A Carryin' Stream' in our school, showcasing Buick's young poets and artists
- The Credit Union Quiz and Stem Science Challenge events
- Sporting fixtures include football, rugby, hockey and netball
- Cullybackey Community Partnership works with our Eco committee in gardening, litterpicking and tree planting projects
- Children are involved with the Sustrans organization focussing on environmental issues
- The Queen's University of Belfast has teamed up with Buick to promote Science in primary schools
- Buick Memorial is part of a Shared Education Project with Braidside Integrated Primary School



# Celebrating Success

Children's curricular and extra-curricular achievements are celebrated at Citizenship Assemblies each week. Music exam certificates, sporting wins, team events or individual successes are feted in school. Whole school initiatives such as Sustrans awards and Eco endeavours are part of a wider culture of encouragement and individual and community achievement. Children become increasingly confident as they are afforded opportunities to perform on stage and in the public arena, both in school and at community events.



## Academic Success

In 2019 90% of children who chose to enter the AQE Transfer examination secured places at local Grammar Schools:

Ballymena Academy, Cambridge House Grammar, Dalriada Grammar School and Slemish College.

# Whole School Success

2019 GL Assessment Kirkland Rowell Survey indicated that Buick Memorial had attained the category of 'Outstanding' in:

- Teaching Quality
- Attitudes to Learning
- Ensuring the progression and fostering of individual capabilities
- Teaching pupils with Special Needs
- Quality of School Management & Governance
- Effectiveness of actions to promote and sustain improvement
- Quality of community spirit

Overall performance was deemed 'Excellent' by GL Assessment and Buick enjoyed an 86% satisfaction level as reported by parents.

## Support Every Step of the Way

### Learning Support and Special Needs Education

Buick Memorial has a dedicated Special Needs teacher. When children are identified as having a special educational need, the teacher and Special Needs Co-ordinator provide a personal learning plan to support the child. Progress is monitored throughout the year and internal and external programmes of support are implemented as appropriate. Buick Memorial aims to provide access to the curriculum for all children in the school. A smooth continuum of learning is promoted to ensure the needs of each child is met through their learning journey. There is a strong emphasis on pastoral care and the health and well-being of all children.



# Safeguarding and Child Protection Provision

Buick Memorial successfully completed ETI inspection on Safeguarding and Child Protection in June 2018.

## **E-safety**

In Buick Memorial each year group completes a dedicated programme of age appropriate lessons on e-safety. The teaching of e-safety is reviewed regularly owing to the fast pace of change in technology and social media.

## **Nursery and Primary One Induction:**

The school operates a programme of induction for Nursery and Primary One pupils. An Induction pack is made available to parents on Induction Day in June. Further details may be found on the school website.

## **Primary Seven Transition:**

Primary Seven pupils are prepared for the transition to secondary level education through a programme of confidence building and familiarisation events through the PDMU curriculum and the use of workshops and outside agencies.

## **Child Protection Procedure**

If you have a concern about a child's safety you can talk to the class teacher. If you are still concerned you can speak to the Principal, Vice-Principal or Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

If you are still concerned you can talk or write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors Mr L Wiseman.

Buick Memorial - 028 25880 368

At any time, I can talk or write to a Social Worker on 0300 1234 333 or to the Police on 028 90 650 222

# Admission

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7th January 2020 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 30th January 2020 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 30th January will be treated as a late application.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being over-subscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

Only children of compulsory school age will be considered for admission. Preference will be given to:

1. Children who have a brother or sister already attending the school
2. Children who have attended Buick Memorial Primary School's Nursery Unit
3. Children who have attended Happitots Pre-School Centre, Cullybackey.

In the event of the school still being over-subscribed following the application of the above criteria, final decisions will be made on the basis of the distance from home to school as measured by the shortest walking distance.

# Attendance

Children are expected to attend school for 190 school days each year. Attendance is recorded electronically, morning and afternoon. For more details, see the Attendance Policy on our School Website.

# Extra Curricular Activities

A wide variety of clubs and after school activities take place in Buick Memorial, including a Primary 7 residential trip to York in term 3.

- Orchestra
- Choir
- Peripatetic Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
- Speech and Drama
- Eco Club
- Code Club - The Biggest Primary School Club in the Country!
- Digital Champions
- Ju-Jitsu (operated by The Dojo, Broughshane)
- Netball
- Hockey
- Football
- Rugby
- Junior Road Safety Club
- Cycling Proficiency
- Craft Club
- After Buick Club
- School Council
- Cookery Club
- Coaching for Christ
- Scripture Union
- French Club



**BUICK MEMORIAL**



**PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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