



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exceptionally busy week at Buick! Our Carol Service was incredible and testament to the dedicated planning and preparations by Mrs McCleery and Mrs Kyle. Our talented children performed with great confidence and it was a delightful event for our school community.







Cunningham Church Performance

On Thursday, our children performed for the members of Cunningham Church at their annual Christmas Event. Our children also performed on Wednesday at Age NI in the Cullybackey Hub!

Buick Memorial sits in the heart of the village and it is important that our children have a strong sense of belonging. That is why we participate in such a variety of community events.

Dining Centre

On Monday 16th December, we will be offering the Week 3 Menu. School dinners remain at £2.60. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, our Dining Centre must be informed and a Special Diet Form completed and discussed with Janet Smyth, Head of Buick Dining Centre.

Please remember that there will be **no Dining Centre facility on Friday 20th December**. That includes **no Breakfast Club** and **no healthy break!**

Today, we had our Christmas Lunch at Buick - please have a look at our reel on our Facebook page to see some familiar faces!

In Our Village

Primary 4/3 have been busy learning about 'The Post Office' and how letters are sent around the world. They decided to write a class letter to Santa and send it first class from our local Cullybackey postbox. They cannot wait for the reply!! 😊



Nursery Christmas Performance

Today, our Nursery children performed a selection of Christmas songs for their parents. It was lovely to see the talents of our youngest crew members! Well done boys and girls - you were amazing!



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 about a child out of school hours, you can talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

Board of Governors' Parent Representative

We have received three nominations for the role of Parent Governor. As we only have two vacancies, this will now proceed to a ballot. Please follow the instructions on ParentMail regarding how to vote.

The three candidates are Mrs Laura Beattie, Mrs Andrea Getty and Rev. Philip Moffett. All votes must be received by 12 noon on Thursday 19th December 2024.

Key Events/Dates/Arrangements

On Monday 16th December, our choir will be travelling to Ballymena to perform on Radio Cracker. Please tune in to hear our beautiful singers around 10.10am or come and hear us in The Tower Centre.

Friday 20th December is a non-uniform day! Pupils are encouraged to dress in a Christmas theme. The school will close at 12 noon and there will be NO PM buses.

As per tradition, we will have a fortnight break. This means that we will return on Monday 6th January 2025.

In the new year, P3 children, will stay to 3pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 2pm on Thursday and Friday.

Our Nursery Open Day will take place on Friday 10th January 2025. If you know of any new families to the village, please direct them to our Open Day.

Buick's Admissions Criteria for pre-school and Primary 1 for September 2025 are now live on the EA website. It is important that you read the published criteria for each setting before you confirm your application choices.

Applications open on EA Connect at 12 noon on 10th January 2025. It is recommended that you list at least 4 settings in order of preference. More information on this process can be found at:

www.eani.org.uk/admissions

The advertisement features a blue background with a white search bar at the top left containing the URL www.eani.org.uk/admissions. A yellow starburst graphic in the top right corner contains the text: **APPLICATIONS OPEN 12 NOON 10 JAN 2025**. A large white speech bubble with a yellow megaphone icon at the bottom left contains the text: **Pre-School & Primary 1 admissions criteria are now live at www.eani.org.uk**. The EA logo (Education Authority) is positioned at the bottom right of the speech bubble. At the very bottom, the text 'eacnnect' is partially visible on the left, and 'preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk' is on the right next to a green envelope icon.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1B

*These dates and times are provisional and subject to change.

Monday 16 th December	Choir to Radio Cracker
	Crazy Critters visiting P3/2
Wednesday 18 th December	2pm/3pm Ju Jitsu
Friday 20 th December	Buick closing at 12 noon NO CANTEEN NO PM BUSES
	Merry Christmas!
Christmas Holidays 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 Term 2 Begins on Monday 6th January 2025	

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the seasonal festivities!

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal