



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Primary 2 pupils are loving Learning Outdoors this term. They have been relishing the opportunity to get a little muddy and a little wet! This is an important area of the Curriculum in which nature provides a rich environment for sensory exploration. Learning outdoors stimulates curiosity, observation and questioning and it often involves teamwork, fosters communication and cooperation. In this environment children have ample opportunity to use their imagination freely and it has been fascinating observing these important skills being developed.



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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

PARENT WORKSHOP

Worry to Wonder

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 10AM-11.30AM

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



Child Protection

* This weekly section is a legal requirement for your reference in an emergency situation. *

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 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.

Primary 1

Our Primary 1 pupils really enjoyed visiting "the restaurant" as part of their extended stay until 2pm each day! Their readiness for learning and their social independence is wonderful to see.



Dining Centre and Lunches

Next week, commencing Monday, 29th September, is 'Eat Smart Week' as emailed out last week. School dinners remain at a cost of £2.60 per day for P1-P7. Nursery children can avail of school dinners which will cost £2.50 per day, with only one food option available from the EA.

Nutrition is essential for growth and brain development so please carefully consider the content of your child's packed lunch and please provide a healthy snack for break time. Our Dining Centre provision complies with all Education Authority Guidelines.

School Council

Our School Council members have been elected from P3-P7. They are excited to use their 'pupil voice' to plan special events and purposeful developments. Mrs Shirlow will continue to lead this group with enthusiasm to generate innovative fundraising ideas!



School Development Plan

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the online questionnaire. The link has been emailed via ParentMail and this exercise will close on Friday 3rd October at 12 noon.

Please take time to complete the questionnaires with relevant information to help us engage in a robust evaluation exercise and to plan ahead effectively for staff, pupils and parents of Buick Memorial.

Term 1A

Monday 29 th September	P7 Parent SEAG Transfer Interviews
	NO CHOIR - due to P7 Interviews
Tuesday 30 th September	P3 Observational Walk in Cullybackey
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (2/4)
Wednesday 1 st October	P2 Visiting Dayfresh
	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 2 nd October	Owen Daly Football Tournament
	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (2/10)
	3pm - 4.15pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
	3pm - 4pm - Eco Club
Monday 6 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 7 th October	Citizenship
	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (3/4)
Wednesday 8 th October	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 9 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (3/10)
	3pm - 4.15pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
	3pm - 4pm - Eco Club
Monday 13 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Tuesday 14 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball
	3pm - 3:45pm = Scripture Union for P5 pupils (4/4)
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Service
	Dining Centre - Harvest Special
	Buick Ju-Jitsu P2 & P3 = 2-3pm and P4-P7 = 3-4pm
Thursday 16 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (4/10)
	3pm - 4.15pm - P4-P7 Boys and Girls Football Training
Monday 20 th October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Thursday 23 rd October	Coaching For Christ in Buick
	10:30am - Primary 6 pupils to Swimming (5/10)
	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Friday 24 th October	Parent Interviews - 1pm finish for all pupils
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October = Half-Term Holidays	

Next week, our pupils will be out and about around the village observing changes, analysing the shapes and styles of buildings and learning more about our local community.

As the autumnal season approaches, please seize the opportunity to take your child for an environmental walk to develop an appreciation for seasonal changes in Cullybackey.

R. Peters,
Principal

BALLYWATERMOY GOSPEL HALL Ballywatermoy Road, Glarryford

FRIDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

are recommencing with

A SPECIAL WEEK FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Monday 29th September 2025 - Friday 3rd October 2025 7.15 pm - 8.00 pm each night
then every Friday Night October 2025 - February 2026 7.15 pm - 8.00 pm

• BIBLE STORIES • CHORUSES • MEMORY VERSES • PRIZES

ALL WELCOME



"BELIEVE ON THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
and thou shalt be saved."

ACTS 16:31

For further information telephone 028 2568 5620 or 07740 173801

All teachers are compliant with current child protection legislation.
Parents who would like to stay with their children will be made very welcome.