



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday, Miss Peters, Eva, Maisie and Penny represented the school at the Cullybackey Remembrance Day Parade. This event was organised by Cullybackey's Royal British Legion and was attended by many community groups.



The Veterans' Commissioner's Visit

Furthermore we welcomed Mr David Johnstone, The Veterans' Commissioner, to Buick for a special Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning. He shared lots of relevant information with the children and presented Miss Peters with a beautifully framed picture of the poppy which has been significant throughout the years. Thank you to Mr Alan Murphy and Rachael who also attended on behalf of the Veterans' Commission.



P6 Visit to the Ulster Orchestra

Primary 6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Ballymena North this week to attend the Ulster Orchestra's Take 5 Primary School Concert. The performance explored the five steps to wellbeing, with a special focus on Learn! Pupils were entertained and inspired as the orchestra brought music, learning and wellbeing together in an engaging and memorable way.





Let's Talk- simple tools for building early language



Join Leigh, one of the Clinical Directors, and Speech and Language Therapists, at Insight Clinic for a session exploring how children learn to communicate, from first sounds to fluent conversations.

We'll cover what's typical at different stages, when to seek support, and simple, practical ways to build language through everyday play and routines. You'll leave with realistic milestones, tips, and confidence to nurture your child's communication journey.

When: Tuesday 25th November

Time: 7-8.30pm, on Zoom

To book a place call free

0808 8020 400

Insight
Clinic
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Hear me, See me, Know me

A workshop for parents of children who are being assessed or are diagnosed as autistic- delivered by Elaine McGreevy- Speech & Language Therapist

- Support communication preferences
- Understand sensory experiences & attention
- Communicate with a child/young person in distress

When: Wednesday 3rd December

Time: 7-8.30pm, on Zoom

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FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS



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Join our session on fussy eating and autism, led by
Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from
Nutrition4kidsNI.

Discover practical strategies to help master fussy
eating including mealtime challenges, sensory
eating and food acceptance tips.

When: Wednesday 10th December

Time: 7-8.30pm, on Zoom

To book a place call free

0808 8020 400



Radio Cracker Competition

Congratulations to our P6 pupil, Farrah, who came runner-up in the recent Radio Cracker Competition! You will see her design around Ballymena over the coming weeks! 😊



Child Protection

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

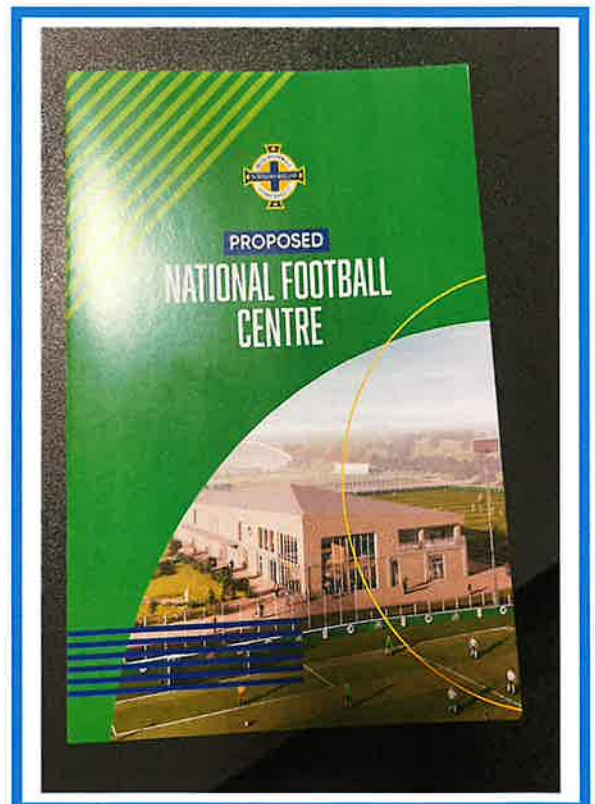
If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Mrs Shirlow, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick 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.

IFA Football Consultation

Miss Peters, Mr Beattie, Mr Maybin, Bobby, Frank, Josh and Kai ventured to the Galgorm Resort this week to participate in the National Football Centre consultation process. This was a wonderful insight into the plans for our local area.



Dining Centre and Budget

Monday 17th November sees the continuation of our new seasonal menu. Please ensure you check this menu to inform your child correctly.

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. You may have seen on the news that the Education Authority will be increasing primary school meals to £3.10 per day and Nursery meals to £3 per day from January 2026. We recognise this is a significant increase but unfortunately, we have no control over this price rise. Children who avail of Free School Meals will continue to do so.

Term 1B

Monday 17 th November	Choir 3pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday 18 th November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball (7/7)
Wednesday 19 th November	9.30am Netball Blitz at Seven Towers
	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 20 th November	P6 Swimming (7/10)
	Jo Jingles Visiting Nursery
Friday 21 st November	P1 After School Club (1/2)
Saturday 22 nd November	SEAG Ransfer Paper 2
Monday 24 th November	Choir 3pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday 25 th November	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball (7/7)
Wednesday 26 th November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 27 th November	P6 Swimming (8/10)
	Football Match at Fourtowns
Friday 28 th November	P1 After School Club (2/2)
Monday 1 st December	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Citizenship
Wednesday 3 rd December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 4 th December	P6 Swimming (9/10)
Friday 5 th December	Buick's Little Christmas
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm NO PM BUSES
Monday 8 th December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with Nursery & P1
	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 11 th December	P6 Swimming (10/10)
Friday 12 th December	Buick's Open Day
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm NO PM BUSES
Monday 15 th December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with P2
	Carol Service Rehearsal - details to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	10am - Buick's Carol Service in Cuningham Church
	1pm - Buick Choir performing at Tobar Fold
Wednesday 17 th December	Buick's Choir to Radio Cracker
	Jo Jingles in Nursery
	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Friday 19 th December	End of Term 1B - Buick Finishing at 12:15pm NO PM BUSES
*Please check this newsletter weekly as times/dates may change as we navigate the busyness of this time of year.	

Best wishes to P7s sitting the SEAG Transfer this weekend in our local post-primary schools. You've done all the hard work and are ready for this assessment! We are so proud of you!

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal

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Santa Run & Christmas Fair!



Date:- Sat, 13th Dec '25

12.30pm: 1mile Santa Run with festive stops

Adults:- £5 Child:- £3 (under 16)

Santa suits onsale from 12pm@£5/£3each OR wear your own

Start/Finish Point:- Cuningham Church Hall/Scout Hall

Note:- Under 16's should be accompanied by an adult

2.00pm: Christmas Fair

Stalls:-£15 per table (1x table per stall)

Also, Santa's Grotto, burgers, tea/coffee & more

@Cuningham Church Hall:corner of Shellinghill Rd/Kilmakevitt Rd,Cullybackey

Registration via email cullybackeycubs@yahoo.co.uk or Tel: 07516 822993



BALLYMENA YOUNG CONQUERORS CONCERT FLUTE BAND
AND SEVEN TOWERS MALE VOICE CHOIR

PRESENT

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM

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