



## Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a cold week in Buick with reduced outdoor play due to dangerous conditions. We actively encourage parents to talk with their child about staying safe in such snowy/icy conditions. It is also imperative that children are dressed appropriately on the journey to and from school. Coats, hats and scarves are advisable over the winter months. Please ensure these are labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.

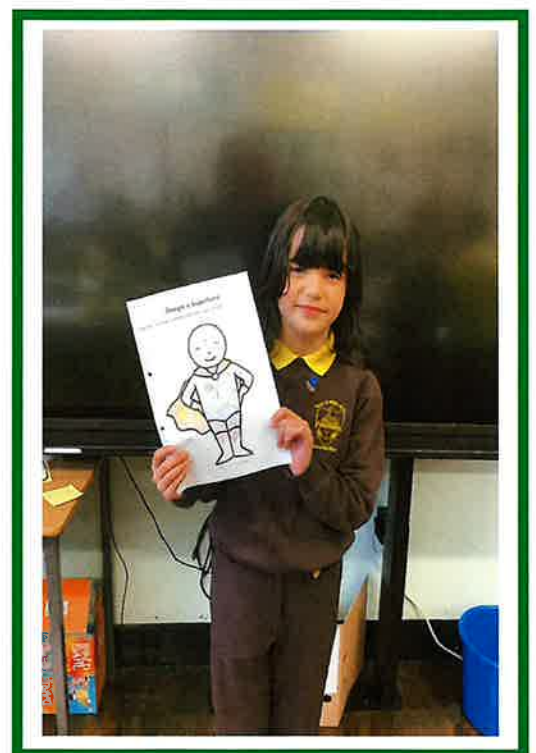
### Netball

On Wednesday, some of our Primary 6 and 7 pupils took part in the Ballymena Schools' Netball Newbies Tournament, competing against 15 local teams. Our girls played extremely well throughout all six matches, showing fantastic teamwork and scoring some impressive goals. Well done to all the players for their effort and enthusiasm! Netball training has now finished for this term, but we're already looking forward to more training sessions and exciting matches in the New Year.



### Kindness Week - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Last week, Kindness Week at Buick with all children involved in Circle Times, discussions, art work, competitions and of course the chance to be extra kind to each other in lots of different ways! The competition winners for each class were announced in Assembly on Wednesday. Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to all the pupils who showed kindness to others at the Buick. We hope this will continue well beyond this focus week! 😊



### P3S 'My Body' Topic

This term, Mrs Shirlow's P3's Class Topic is 'My Body'. The children have been learning all about their senses. They recently made popcorn using all five senses. They watched the kernels pop, listened to the sizzling sound, smelt the lovely aroma, touched the light, puffed texture and ultimately tasted the sweet popcorn! What a fantastic learning experience!



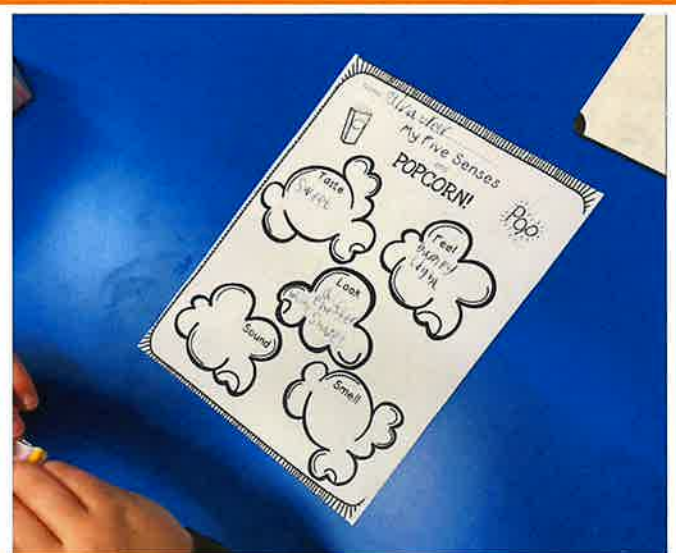
#### Popcorn and our 5 senses



We used our 5 senses and made popcorn.

1. We looked at the kernels with our eyes.
2. We heard them start to pop with our ears.
3. We could smell the delicious aroma with our noses.
4. We used our sense of touch to feel the popcorn.
5. We tasted the popcorn with our tongues.

It was fun, fun, fun!



## PARENT SUPPORT PAGES

Scan any of the following QR codes for helpful links to be used at home from the EA SEND Local Impact Teams.

### LITERACY SERVICE NEWSLETTERS

These newsletters are on different Literacy topics such as spelling, reading etc. They give lots of strategies and activities that can be easily used at home.



### HELPING WITH HOMEWORK

This pdf gives lots of different strategies and tips to help make homework a more enjoyable experience.



### TRANSITION TO POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

This booklet is aimed at P7 pupils getting ready to move to big school and how to support them at home in this transition.



### AUTISM SUPPORT RESOURCES AND LINKS

Strategies and activities that can be used to explore an Autism diagnosis or sensory activities to try at home.



## Christmas Party Time!

**£12.50**  
Includes a gift  
from Santa

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am - 11am**

**Ballyclare Presbyterian  
Church Hall**

**Come and have a  
Christmas Party with Big  
Jo and visit Santa!**

**Jo  
Jingles**

For more information or to book a  
space scan this QR code or go to Jo Jingles  
County Antrim Facebook Page for link



### Amazing Architects

We have some creative kids at Buick and these three boys have demonstrated amazing innovation in building and mechanics. Well done George, James and Colton - super work!



### 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.

### Religious Education in Schools

We have received a few enquiries from parents this week about the latest Supreme Court Ruling on Religious Education in schools in Northern Ireland.

Buick Memorial Primary School was founded by Rev. Buick and we actively promote a Christian Ethos.

The Department of Education has indicated that it will, "carefully consider the complex judgement and its implications and will provide advice to schools in the near future."

We will keep you updated when we receive the new guidance.

## Christmas Performances

Our Nursery pupils will be performing a few seasonal songs for parents/carers on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A collection will be taken on the day and funds raised will be used to benefit your child's journey in Nursery.



### Buick's Little Christmas

As per tradition, we will be showcasing the talents of our youngest children on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will be putting on 'Buick's Little Christmas' performance in our Assembly Hall. Please enter via the side door near the Assembly Hall.

10am - 10:30am.	P1 : Hushaby Nativity
10:45am - 11:10am	P2 : Christmas Around the World
11:20am - 11:40am	P3 : Christmas Extravaganza

Tickets are priced at £5 each (maximum of 2 per child) and can be purchased in advance via the ParentMail app, section "Payments/Shop". Due to the size restrictions of the Assembly Hall, this is limited to 2 tickets per child. The tickets will be sent home with your child on receipt of payment. All monies raised will go towards school funds and ultimately used to benefit the children in our care.

If you only have a child in Primary 1, you should leave the Assembly Hall straight after their performance. If you have another child in P2 or P3, please remain seated at no extra charge.

P1 children can be collected after their performance from the back playground. Pupils with siblings in P2/P3 will be looked after by Buick staff until all performances are completed. They can be collected afterwards from the back playground.

Parents and carers from P2 should arrive at 10:30am as their performance will commence at 10:45am.

Parents and carers from P3 should arrive at 11:10am as their performance will commence at 11:20am.

Our pupils have been practising their words and songs in school and at home. Thank you for supporting this initiative and providing clothes/costumes, as required.

We respectfully ask that our pupils are given optimum conditions to perform and that younger babies/toddlers are not brought along to the performances. We cannot accommodate buggies or prams due to Health and Safety requirements. Thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

It has been a long standing tradition at Buick that **the whole school finishes early** on this day (12.15pm). Parents will be able to take their child (P1-P3) following their performance. If parents wish to take older siblings at the same time, please telephone the office in advance and we will prepare family members and their class teachers accordingly. **All pupils P4-P7 will finish at 12.15pm. There will be no afternoon buses nor Canteen on that day.**

Our Annual Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December in Cuningham Memorial Church. Families and friends are welcome to join us in the church at 9:45am for a 10am start. Our P7 children will be taking part in this service. An offering will be taken following the service for school funds.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the school will finish early at 12.15pm to allow our P1 Open Afternoon to take place for prospective P1 pupils and parents. Lunch will be provided at the earlier time of 11am on this day. **Please note there will be no PM buses on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Dining Centre and Price Increases

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November sees the continuation of our new seasonal menu. Please ensure you check this menu to inform your child correctly.

School dinners currently cost £2.60 per day for P1-P7. Nursery children can avail of school dinners which cost £2.50 per day.

This week, we received confirmation from the Education Authority that school meal prices will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> January. Primary School Meals will then be £3.10 per day and Nursery meals, £3 per day.

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.

This week our children were consulted during Assembly as to what they would prefer to eat for Christmas Dinner on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The majority voted for the Christmas Party Boxes as opposed to a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Further details on the contents of the Christmas Party Boxes have already been shared on Parentmail.

### Term 1B

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir 3pm - 3:45pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 Swimming (8/10)
	Football Match at Fourtowns
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 After School Club (2/2)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Citizenship
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Swimming (9/10)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick's Little Christmas
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm NO PM BUSES OR CANTEEN
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with Nursery & P1
	Choir 3pm - 3.45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Swimming (10/10)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick Nursery & P1 Open Day
	Whole School Finishing at 12:15pm NO PM BUSES
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Learn With Lauren Visiting Buick to share Christmas Stories with P2
	Carol Service Rehearsal - details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am - Buick's Carol Service in Cuningham Church
	1pm - Buick Choir performing at Tobar Fold
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Buick's Choir to Radio Cracker
	Jo Jingles in Nursery
	Buick Ju Jitsu 2pm & 3pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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.	

Kind regards,  
R. Peters,  
Principal



**BUICK MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **★ CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**HUSHABY NATIVITY  
P1 10AM-10.30AM**

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD  
P2 10.45AM-11.10AM**

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA  
P3 11.20AM-11.40AM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENTMAIL**





*Be remarkable*



# **Buick Memorial**

## **Nursery Open Day**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

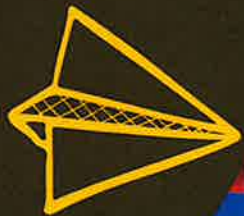
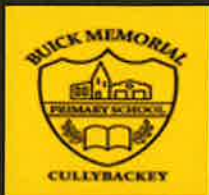
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**10am - 12pm**

Places must be booked in  
advance via Google forms

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Contact [info@buickmemorial.org](mailto:info@buickmemorial.org)  
or phone 02825880368 for  
further details



# **BUICK MEMORIAL P1 OPEN DAY**

Friday 12th December

1pm – 3pm

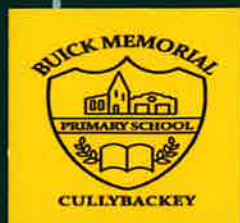
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advance via Google Forms

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# *Buick Memorial Primary School*

## *Carol Service*

Cunningham Memorial Church

*Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2025*  
*10am*

*Everyone welcome*

Craigs Parish Church

# TABLE QUIZ

MAX.  
6 PER  
TEAM

RAFFLE  
&  
PRIZES!



REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED

🕒 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 7.30pm

📍 Craigs Church Hall

£5 per person minimum donation

**FUN  
FRIENDS  
FELLOWSHIP**