



Buttons Nursery

eNewsletter

April 2017

Welcome to the April edition of our monthly eNewsletter. The children and staff have been busy participating in lots of activities during March. We hope that you enjoy the stories and photo's of the fun days we've all had. There are many more pictures displayed in and around the nursery.

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

On Thursday 23rd February children took part in 'Create & Craft' at Brecon Library. Amongst other things, they took part in story telling, colouring-in, and they had the chance to make their own bear ears to wear!



1st Birthday

Jenson

2nd Birthday

Tadeusz

3rd Birthday

Nicole & Izzy

Happy Birthday from all of the staff at Buttons Nursery!



Above: Sam, Deri & Izzy making their own bear ears to wear



Above: Brooke, Joel, Sam & Izzy focused on colouring in their bear hunt pictures

St David's Day



On Wednesday 1st March we celebrated St. David's day and all things Welsh. The baby unit made a display board of daffodils, sheep and leeks. The children enjoyed tasting Bara Brith for 'snack time', they also had lamb cawl for lunch and loved helping Rachael to make Welsh cakes for Tea.



Photo's from the top:

Zyba, Ethan & Joel made a Welsh dragon and can be seen blowing fire!

Deri dressed as a Welsh lady and was very proud to show off the Welsh dragon and daffodil picture that she made.

Serenity made a daffodil picture with Amy D and looked the part, wearing her Welsh rugby shirt with daffodil print leggings.

Tadeusz painting his leek.



St. Patrick's Day



Above: Dominic & Tadeusz enjoyed splashing each other whilst playing with green shaving foam!



On Friday 17th March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and children were invited to wear something green.

Alex B, Nathan & Maci-Rae made a pot of gold out of handprints which are displayed on the baby unit door. Rachel made rainbow cupcakes for tea and decorated them using St. Patrick's Day cake toppers.

Below: Osian decorating his Leprechaun gold coin with Amy D.





The children have loved our farm topic so far, and have especially enjoyed playing in the 'farm tray' created by Gail. The toddlers have made chicks with Holly and took part in farmyard circle time with Lauren.

The babies helped Amy to make a 'Buttons Barn' and they helped decorate lots of different animals to go in it.

Tracey made dingle, dangle scarecrows and created a messy tray full of hay and animals for the babies to play with. The farm topic will continue throughout April.



Pancake Day!

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day together this year. The children made scrumptious pancakes which they enjoyed tasting!



Above: The 'Girls in Pink' - Zyba, Flora, Deri & Izzy tasting the homemade pancakes & Chocolate sauce.



Above: Ethan, Joel and Alys watching Otis mix the pancake batter, waiting patiently for their turn!



Some of the toddlers have been entered into a competition for creating their very own first poem.

The winners will be published in a "My First Poem" book and a complimentary copy of the book will be given to the Nursery. All children taking part will receive a free bookmark & sticker.

Charity Beneficiary Named

We are delighted to announce that Buttons Nursery will be supporting St. David's Hospice/ Usk House Day Hospice, Brecon for our forthcoming charity event (Spring/Summer). They offer free support to patients with life limiting illnesses, their families, carers and the bereaved.



RED NOSE DAY



On Friday 24th March we celebrated Red Nose Day with a red nose party! All the children dressed up in pyjamas and onesies for the day. They also enjoyed making red nose biscuits using cherries, sprinkles and red icing with Amy E. Otis, Corey, Sam and Ethan painted red nose plates and enjoyed decorating red nose biscuits.

Left: Sam, Robyn, Joel, Oscar, Ethan, Brooke & Corey having a great time playing with Red Nose Day balloons at the party!

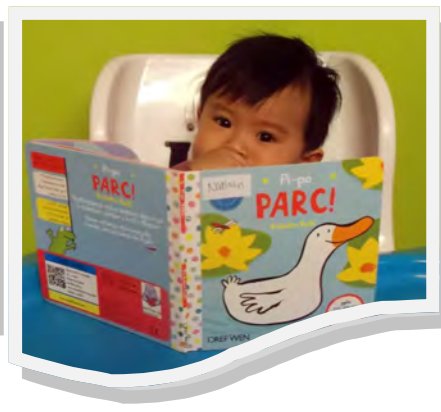


WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day on 2nd March. The children brought along their favourite books and were treated to lots of stories.

Right: Princess Izzy and Doctor Sam showing off their books.

Far Right: Nathan with his favourite book.



Are you aware of our 'Refer a Friend Scheme'? Ask a member of staff for more details.

Are you aware of our NEW Sibling Discount Scheme? For more information see the newsletter noticeboard.



We would like to take the toddlers on an outing to see 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' theatre show at Theatre Brycheiniog, on Thu 27th April. We have negotiated a reduced ticket price of £9.50/ea. We will send out a letter with all the details in the next few days. For more info please see www.hungrycaterpillarshow.com

Noticeboard

We have now introduced a sibling discount scheme. We are offering a 10% discount for your second child enrolled at Buttons and a 20% discount for your third child enrolled at Buttons. For more details please speak to a member of staff.

Please note that the Nursery will be **closed** for Easter on Friday 14th April and Monday 17th April.

We have recently signed up with HM Government for **Tax Free Childcare**. This is a **new online** Government service to help parents pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays in to their childcare account, the Government will add an extra £2, which equates to 20% of the overall cost. Parents can receive up to £2000 per child, per year towards their childcare costs. For more information and/or to register visit www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk

We are pleased to announce that our Buttons Nursery polo tops are now for sale at a special discounted price of £6.50 each. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to buy one.



THANK YOU!

- Monday 10th to 13th April, Easter Egg Hunt/Activities
- Friday 14th April, Good Friday, Nursery Closed
- Monday 17th April, Easter Monday, Nursery Closed
- Friday 21st April, St Georges Day Celebrations
- Thursday 27th April, 1.30pm Theatre Brycheiniog, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Tickets £9.50/each. More Info: www.hungrycaterpillarshow.com

We would like to thank Stephanie Richards, Nursery Supervisor for all her dedication and hard work over the past 8 years. She has decided not to return to work after maternity leave.

Buttons would like to thank all parents who have kindly donated spare clothes and toys to the nursery and a special thank you to Huck and his family for the lovely flowers they gave the staff prior to their recent move to America.

