



Buttons Nursery

Newsletter



December 2017



Diwali Celebrations



Zyba showing off her decorated hand during Dewali celebrations

Happy Birthday!

Happy 1st Birthday to Henry

Happy 2nd Birthday to Scarlett

Happy Birthday from all of the staff at Buttons Nursery!



Sam's decorated hand

Also known as Deepavali, a Sanskrit word meaning "rows of lighted lamps", it is one of the most popular Hindu festivals celebrated across South Asia.

The festival of lights that celebrates the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

It sees millions of earthenware oil lamps, called diyas, light up people's homes, shops, public spaces and places of worship as part of celebrations which marks the start of the Hindu new year.

On 7th November we held Diwali celebrations at the nursery, which we linked with Bonfire Night. They made hand print firework pictures using paint and glitter. They also made their own place mats and enjoyed learning a Dewali dance.





Children in Need Pyjama Party



The children enjoying a bedtime story at the Pyjama Party



Oliver making his Pudsey Bear



Osian & Sam



Ethan & George



Flora showing off her Pudsey Bear face painting

For Children in Need 2017 we held a pyjama party. There was face painting, bedtime stories, special tea-time treats, Pudsey bear craft and much more.

BBC Children in Need or Plant Mewn Angen has raised over £600 million for disadvantaged children and young people since it began way back in 1980. Children in Need 2017 is set to be a record breaking year with over £50 million already raised.

Buttons Nursery are proud to give our continuing support to this worthwhile cause

Photograph Orders

We will soon be receiving the photograph proofs from Sandra Williams, the professional photographer. As Christmas is fast approaching may we ask that you let us know which photographs you require as soon as possible, in order to guarantee that you receive them in time for Christmas. They could make great Christmas presents for the family!



Full Time Quality Childcare
from only £138.75 per week*



Road Safety Week



Over the last month our 3+ years children have enjoyed several varied outings focused on road safety and the many potential dangers associated with our roads. They have been taught about general road safety and taught how pelican crossings work and what zebra crossings are. By the end of the sessions they were all able to recognise when it is safe and unsafe to cross.



Oscar, Sam, & Nicole



Oscar, Sam, & Nicole using a Zebra Crossing



Oscar, Sam, & Nicole putting in to practice what they have learnt



Oscar, Sam, & Nicole about to press the button



We would love it if you could take a few moments to rate us and also leave a review or testimonial on our Google listing. You can go straight there by using this link <https://goo.gl/nLYMBm> or just Google Buttons Nursery.



On Thursday 14th December we will be holding the annual Buttons Nursery Children's Christmas Party.

The toddler party will run from 2.30-4.30pm and the baby party will run from 3.00-4.30pm. There will be lots of Christmas party activities, games, party snacks, food and dancing, plus a visit from Santa.

We would be grateful if you could provide a present to give to Santa for your child (up to the value of £5). The present should be wrapped and clearly marked with your child's name on it to be given to a member of staff prior to the party.

If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Thursday and you would like to book a place for your child in the afternoon, or the full day, please let us know in advance as there are limited spaces available.

All Children are invited to the party however, if you do not book a place on Thursday afternoon then parents/carers will be required to stay with them in order that staffing ratios are maintained.

Quality of Care Review Questionnaire

To ensure that we continue to offer a high standard of childcare to you we will soon be handing out quality of care questionnaires to all parents and carers. We feel that it is extremely important for us to continually assess our performance and identify any areas that may need improvement.

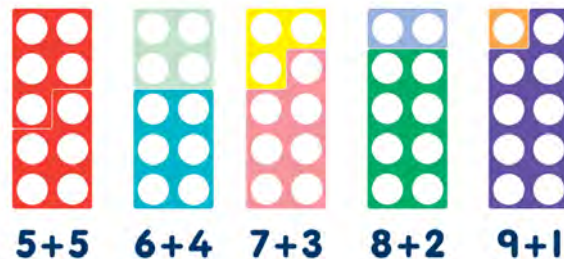
The questionnaires are completely anonymous and they provide a very valuable insight in to what you think about the Nursery.

Please can you make every effort to complete your questionnaire and post it in to the anonymous questionnaire box on the front counter

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

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

Numicon, making maths real

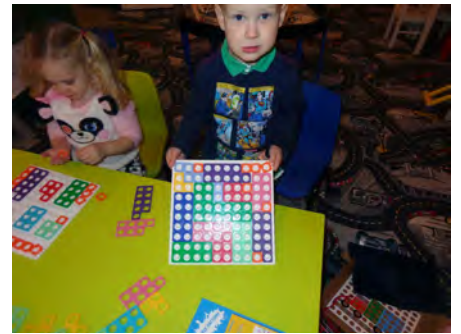
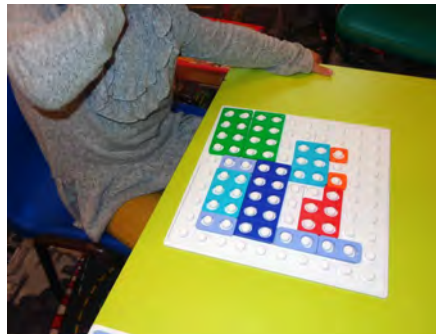


One of our staff members, Kelly has recently completed Numicon training which helps to encourage children's mathematical development.

What is Numicon?

Numicon shapes will encourage children's mathematical development. It is an important part of children's wider experience with mathematics and number ideas. It helps them to see important connections between numbers e.g. that each number is "one more" than the last and "one fewer" than the next. The Numicon approach is multi-sensory so children learn about number ideas through seeing and feeling how Numicon shapes connect with each other. By using Numicon in play in different areas of the nursery the children will get to know the colours, sizes and patterns of the shapes. The children will put their fingers into the holes in the Shapes and count them, and gradually start to make connections with numbers. In time they will notice that the Shapes together form a regularly patterned set that can be arranged in order of size.

The Numicon Approach



Winter/Christmas Topic

We began this topic in November. The children have particularly enjoyed playing in the sensory tray. Gail helped Flora and Nicole to create the tray by rolling pine cones in glitter. We used shaving foam, ice-cubes, cotton wool and polar bears! The babies made snowman faces with Tracey and in addition to this the children made Advent Calendars.

We have many more Winter & Christmas themed activities throughout December.



A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

From all the staff at Buttons Nursery

Noticeboard

3+ Sessions

Please note that there will not be any 3+ sessions from Thursday 21st December until Tuesday 9th January

Application forms are available should you be interested in a funded place for your child (aged 3 or over).

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

Buttons Nursery polo tops are now for sale at a discounted price of £6.50 each. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to purchase one.



- Thu 14th December—Children's Christmas Party 🎉
- Fri 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day, Can all children please wear their Christmas jumpers to Nursery.
- Thu 21st December to Tue 9th January—No funded sessions
- Mon 25th December to Wed 27th December—Nursery Closed
- Mon 1st January 2018—Closed for Bank Holiday

Congratulations to Tracey & Lauren who have successfully completed Paediatric First Aid Training

Congratulations to Kelly for completing her Numicon training.



We now have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/buttonsnurserybrecon

Please take a moment to like the page, rate us, or even provide a review.

