



Buttons Nursery

Newsletter

February 2018

Continuing Investment for your Little Buttons



Millie exploring the new tunnel

We are delighted to announce that as part of our on-going commitment to you and your children at Buttons we are in full swing with our nursery investment plan. You may have noticed that the main reception room has been freshly painted and in addition to this we have renewed many fabulous items of nursery toys and equipment, some of which includes furniture, a new playhouse, play tunnel, tent, pushchairs and toys to name but a few. Over the coming months we will continue with some great upgrades to the nursery and equipment. Our plan this year is to refurbish the outdoor play & growing area and to provide new play equipment as well as general refurbishment and equipment renewals throughout the nursery.



Happy 1st Birthday to Amelia

Happy 2nd Birthday to Amber

Happy 3rd Birthday to Lavina

Happy 4th Birthday to Sam

*Happy Birthday from all of the
staff at Buttons Nursery!*



Freshly painted main reception room



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Dydd Santes Dwynwen

On Thursday 25th January we celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen (Welsh for St. Dwynwen's Day). It is considered to be the Welsh equivalent to Valentine's Day and celebrates Dwynwen who is the Welsh saint of love. The children decorated cakes and biscuits, made heart shaped pictures using red paint sponges. Nursery nurse, Emily made Welsh love spoons with the babies.



Jenson decorating his Welsh love spoon



Izzy decorating her cake



Lucas's love spoon

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

Space



Our fabulous 'Space' topic continues to delight and enthrall throughout February. During January all the children have taken part in numerous tailor-made activities designed to be fun and educational at the same time. The children learnt about space stations, rockets, planets and even aliens! Some of the delightful activities that they participated in were space station and rocket construction, making aliens, alien masks, planets, and head bands! Examples of the children's magnificent work can be seen on display in the main reception room (pictured left)



Ethan crafting his alien



Ethan, Sam, George & Osian



Sam, Zyba, Flora, Osian & Joel

Early Years Foundation Phase (3+ Sessions)



As part of our commitment to deliver the highest standard of care and education to children attending our 3+ funded sessions, during January the children have spent some of their time learning about the intriguing world of bugs and insects.

They particularly enjoyed being outside to allow them to explore the natural habitat of insects and bugs. Nicole and Joe found various insects, spiders and even a frog. They used the sensory tray to learn about insects and textures. As well as this they were given the opportunity to use the nursery computer to further enhance their knowledge of insects and they also created insects out of play dough.

Through the early years foundation phase we encourage children to be creative, imaginative which makes learning more enjoyable and more effective.

Our aim is to give children opportunities to explore the world around them and understand how things work by taking part in practical activities relevant to their developmental stage. They will be challenged through practical activities and develop their thinking with open-ended questions. Children will be encouraged to explore concepts and share ideas for solving problems.

The Foundation Phase has 7 areas of learning which are delivered through practical activities and active learning experiences both indoors and outdoors. The areas of learning are:

- personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity
- language, literacy and communication skills
- mathematical development
- Welsh language development
- knowledge and understanding of the world
- physical development, creative development



Oscar and Nicole



Nicole



Sam, Flora and Oscar

National Storytelling Week

From 29th Jan to 2nd Feb it was national story telling week. They enjoyed hearing many stories and especially enjoyed the story of the Three Little Pigs. To help bring the story to life we had an outing to the promenade to search for sticks and other items relating to the story. Nursery Nurse Gail helped to recreate the story by using straw, sticks, bricks, 3 pigs and a wolf in the sensory tray.

The children all took turns to be the big bad wolf and tried to blow down the house of straw, the house of sticks and the house of bricks.

Noticeboard

3+ Sessions

No funded sessions from Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb

Funded sessions resume Mon 19th Feb

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.



- Mon 12th Feb—Fri 16th Feb—No 3+ funded sessions
- Tues 13th Feb—Shrove Tuesday
- Wed 14th Feb—Valentine's Day
- Fri 16th Feb—Chinese New Year (Year of the dog)

Emily Rippin is leaving us shortly to start a new post at Ysgol-y-Bannau. We wish her all the best in her new post.



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.

