



# Buttons Nursery

## eNewsletter

June 2017

Welcome to the June edition of our monthly eNewsletter. We have some exciting news regarding funded nursery places. Also the children and staff have been busy participating in lots of activities during May. We hope that you enjoy the stories and photo's of the fun days we've all had.

## 3 & 4 Year Old Funding Now Available!



We are delighted to announce that we have been allocated 16 nursery places to deliver 3+ year old funded places from September 2017. If you are interested in a funded nursery place for your child (aged 3 years or over) please let us know as soon as possible. Priority will be given to those children, or siblings who already attend Buttons. Children will be entitled to 12.5 hours of funded care per week from 8.30am to 11am daily. Further details to follow, however, if you have any queries please speak to Nicky or Gail.



*Happy 3rd Birthday to Oscar and Zyba!*

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



Following our marvellous theatre trip to see the Very Hungry Caterpillar Show, linked to our Mini Beasts topic, the children have since enjoyed decorating the nursery with pictures of their own caterpillars eating a variety of different foods. Also, they have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a variety of activities throughout May which will continue throughout June. They especially enjoyed having their faces painted by Kirsty and they had the opportunity to choose which Mini beast they would like to be. We had very active butterflies, spiders, ladybirds, bees and caterpillars for the week in the nursery.



Above: Butterfly Izzy



Above: Butterfly Zyba

# Spiders, Caterpillars and Ladybirds



Cory

Joel

Bianka

Otis

Maci-Rai



The toddlers made bees, snails, ladybirds and spiders out of paper plates and enjoyed decorating them with lots of paint and glitter. Lauren made dragonflies which are on display in the main play area. They also painted stones that had been collected from the river and created their very own bees and ladybirds. These will be displayed outside in our Buttons garden.



Above: Bianka holding a real mini beast!



Above: Bianka & Flora painting their Stones

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



You may remember from the April eNewsletter that some of the children in our toddler unit had been entered in to a competition for creating their first poem. We have since been told that the children's

work will be published in a special anthology. A copy of the book "My First Poem 2017—Welsh Poets" will be kept at the British Library and other libraries across the UK and ROI to provide a lasting record of their achievement. The nursery will receive a complimentary copy of the book, which is scheduled for publication on 31st July 2017.

Congratulations to Otis, Sam, Zyba, Brooke, Ethan S, Joel, Flora, Corey, Ethan K, Emily Rose, Izzy and Huck!

# Buttons Summer Fete



On Saturday 15th July we will be holding a Summer Fete at the nursery from 10.30am to 2pm. All proceeds raised will be in aid of our chosen charity, Usk House Day Hospice in Brecon. They offer free support to patients with life limiting illnesses, their families, carers and the bereaved. We would be very grateful for your support and we would greatly appreciate any donations from you such as raffle prizes, bric-a-brac stall items, children's clothing etc. More details will follow in the next newsletter but for now please make a note of the date. We also have a collection box on the front desk and we would welcome any loose change you may have in support of this very worthy cause.



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

After seeing some sunshine last week we were inspired to make a start on the nursery garden. The children 'got stuck in' and were extremely helpful, what a great team we made! Danny and Dominic helped to weed and dig the flower trough in readiness to plant some flowers.

We planted two tomato plants in grow bags. Sam and Robyn were fascinated with the root system of the plants.



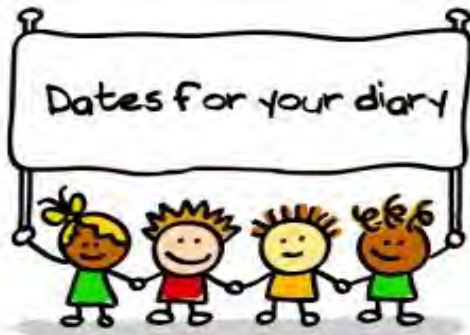
# Noticeboard

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 could parents ensure that their child has a spare set of clothes in nursery, which they can use for water play and paddling pool time during the warmer summer weather.

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](http://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.



- 18th June, Father's Day
- 15th July, Summer Fete, 10.30-2.00pm



Congratulations to Amy Evans who is expecting her first baby in November. We would like to wish her a happy and healthy pregnancy.

