



Buttons Nursery

eNewsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of our new eNewsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our new eNewsletter. We hope you enjoy this new way to keep you informed of the exciting news at Buttons.

We will keep you up to date with news, stories, and announcements. A printed copy of the eNewsletter will also be available for parents at the front desk of the nursery.

If there's anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know, we always like to hear your comments and suggestions.



1st Birthday

Lloyd

2nd Birthday

Oliver & Osian

3rd Birthday

Sam, Emily-Rose & William

4th Birthday

Ethan

Happy Birthday from all of the staff at Buttons Nursery!



Numbers, Shapes, Colour, Cards & Yummy Gingerbread



The children have enjoyed lots of activities throughout January and February based on numbers, shapes and colour. We took some children on an outing to Brecon library to

choose some topic related books. They had lots of fun making coloured monster shapes; Gail created a game called 'Pom-pom drop game' using coloured kitchen roll tubes where the children had to match coloured pom-poms

with the correctly coloured tubes - which they loved!

The children have made some scrumptious gingerbread biscuits and decorated them with different coloured icing.

Valentine's & Chinese New Year Celebrations!

With Chinese New Year being on 28th January this gave us the opportunity to celebrate it with the children. They enjoyed tasting a selection of Chinese food and they had a lot of fun making colourful Chinese Dragons.



Another recent activity that the children took part in was Valentine's day on February 14th. They had lots of fun making Valentine's cards for Mummy & Daddy and they were proud to take them home.



In other news...



The children continue to enjoy calendar and self-registration time. This is an adult led activity where they learn how to count and we talk about the days of the week, months, years, the weather and the seasons. We also sing our 'who's in today?' song where the children take turns, one by one,

to put their name and picture on the registration board. The younger children are able to do this through picture recognition as it's the same picture as on their peg. Some of the older children are able to recognise the first letter of their name!

Visits and more Celebrations

We will be continuing our library visits for Story Time every Tuesday morning. Every 3rd Tuesday Story Time focuses on the Welsh language. This Thursday 23rd Feb. The children will take part in a 'Create & Craft' hour based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury.



We will be celebrating **St. David's Day on Wed 1st March**. Can children wear Welsh costume or Rugby tops. They will have the

opportunity to taste traditional Welsh food and participate in Welsh themed activities.

As some of you may know it's **World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March**. It would be great if children can bring in their favourite book!

We will be celebrating **St. Patrick's Day on Fri 17th March**. Can children wear something green to Nursery.

It's **Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March**. We will be doing lots of

exciting things! Please can children wear something red.

During March and April our Nursery topic will be 'On the Farm' The children will be taken on an outing to the library to choose books for our new topic. They will be learning about the different animals found on the farm, the sounds that they make and matching mums with their babies. They will also learn about tractors and other machinery & tools found on a farm.



Parent Noticeboard

Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to complete the **Parent Questionnaire** to help us evaluate the quality of care provided at Buttons. We encourage those that haven't yet completed one to do so online and return to us. It is important for us to know how well we are doing and help us to identify any areas that we could improve on.

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

Forthcoming Charity Fundraising Event

Buttons would like to organise a fundraising event and involve the children during the spring/summer months. We invite parents to nominate any charities that they would like the nursery to help and raise money for those in need. Perhaps, a local charity that may have helped you directly?

We welcome any ideas or suggestions regarding charities or fundraising ideas. If you have any suggestions please speak to Nicky or a member of staff.



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

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 23rd February, Brecon Library Visit
- Every Tuesday, Story Time at the Library
- Wednesday 1st March, St. David's Day (Welsh costume or rugby tops)
- Thursday 2nd March, World Book Day (Bring favourite book)
- Friday 17th March, St. Patrick's Day (Wear something green)
- Friday 24th March, Red Nose Day (Wear something red)
- Sunday 26th March, Mother's Day
- Friday 14th April, Good Friday
- Monday 17th April, Easter Monday

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that Amy Durham (Nursery Supervisor) is expecting her first baby and we would like to wish her a healthy and happy pregnancy.

We are also pleased to announce the arrival of Robyn's baby sister Amelia. We wish Robyn and her family congratulations & best wishes for the future.

