



# Buttons Nursery

## Newsletter

March 2018



## St. David's Day



Happy Birthday!

*Happy 1st Birthday to Maddie*

*Happy 2nd Birthday to Lloyd*

*Happy 3rd Birthday to Osian*

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



Back Row: Sam, Izzy, Osian—Front Row: Henry, Dominic, Genevieve

On Thursday 1st March we celebrated St. David's Day. The children and nursery staff came to nursery wearing Welsh related clothes such as rugby shirts, welsh costume and the colours of the welsh flag.

Throughout the day they enjoyed lots of interesting, stimulating and fun St. David's day based activities. Some of the children thoroughly enjoyed having their faces painted with flags and dragons.

The children were also given the opportunity to try traditional Welsh food, prepared by our qualified nursery chef, Rachel. They enjoyed eating bara brith at snack time, healthy, freshly prepared leek and potato soup for lunch and for tea they had lovely Welsh cakes.

The children, along with Gail created a St. David's Day collage, which featured Welsh Dragons and daffodils. They also had the opportunity to make yummy daffodil biscuits along with Tracey. And last but not least the babies made some excellent daffodil pictures.

Examples of the St. David's day artwork is on show around the nursery.



Osian



Ethal



Osian

## Early Years Foundation Phase (3+ Sessions)



The 3+ children were allowed to choose their own topics for February from various topics available to them. This helps to encourage decision making and allows them to make choices based on the information available to them.

The first topic chosen was 'Under the Sea' where they learnt about different sea creatures in our oceans. They made Octopus biscuits and they enjoyed colouring in different sea creature pictures.

The second topic chosen was Dinosaurs. Various activities were undertaken and the sensory tray was used to create marvellous Jurassic scenes and the children were further engaged in Dinosaur printing.

We have also continued our regular trips to the library for story time, which the children thoroughly enjoy.



Robyn & Sam perfecting their Octopus biscuits



Ethan, Izzy, Robyn, Sam and Genevieve.



Nicole and Flora

## Valentine's Day

On Valentine's Day this year the children made some lovely Valentines cards, pictures and the babies made heart shaped shortcake biscuits.



Flora



Seth





Our Space topic is now coming to an end. However, during February children took part in lots of fun and engaging activities. Some of these included making different sized planets out of balloons. They were dipped in paint and then pressed on to card to represent different sizes of planets.

The children also enjoyed making colourful planet biscuits, with Kelly and Martin created his own space song which he sang, with his guitar for the children which they loved!

**DID YOU KNOW?**



There are 8 planets in our solar system, they are [Mercury](#), [Venus](#), [Earth](#), [Mars](#), [Jupiter](#), [Saturn](#), [Uranus](#) and [Neptune](#). With the exception of Neptune and Uranus the other 6 planets can be seen unaided and all 8 are visible with a small telescope or binoculars.

Our new topic for March and April will be Food. The children will be learning all about nutrition, foods that are good and bad for you, their different taste, smell, textures and much more.

## Other Activities

We enjoyed lots of other fun activities during February such as Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, lots of painting, games, and scene creation using the sensory tray.



Scarlett



Sam flipping his pancake



Alys, Scarlett, Nathan, Amber & Flora



Oscar

# Noticeboard

## 3+ Sessions

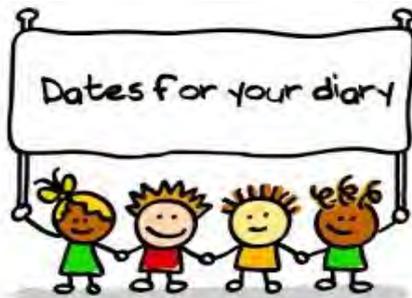
No funded sessions from  
Mon 26th to Mon 9th April

Regular sessions available if  
funded children require them

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](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.



- Sun 11th March—Mother's Day
- Saturday 17th March—St. Patrick's Day—we will be celebrating this on Fri 16th March and we would love it if children could wear something green on the day
- Friday 23rd March—Sport Relief
- Mon 26th March to Monday 9th April—No funded sessions. Normal sessions available if you require them
- Friday 30th March, Good Friday—Nursery Closed
- Monday 2nd April, Easter Monday—Nursery Closed

Nicky and Gail have successfully renewed their food safety level 2 training.



We now have a Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/buttonsnurserybrecon](http://www.facebook.com/buttonsnurserybrecon)

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

