



# Buttons Nursery

eNewsletter

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## New computer investment pushes all the right Buttons



Joel and Bianca together on the new computer correctly identifying the correct shapes that fit the pumpkin.

As part of our continuing EYFS learning and development investment at Buttons Nursery we have provided a new computer complete with the latest software for the children to use.

Various studies have shown that using computers from an early age helps to enrich children's technical and motor skills while improving their social skills with team work, collaboration and problem solving.

We aim to provide the children educational, fun filled computer classes allowing children to explore, discover and learn in engaging creative classes - a great head start to their education, keeping them a step ahead when they start primary school.



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.



*Happy 1st Birthday to Harry*

*Happy 4th Birthday to George*

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

## Shapes & Sizes

The children are thoroughly enjoying our new 3 & 4 year old funded sessions. We began with a topic called 'All About Me' where, amongst other things the children spent time leaning to butter their own toast. We also developed a new topic called 'Shapes and Sizes'. The children enjoyed learning and participating in construction activities, puzzles, outdoor play, junk modelling, and even built a castle!



The children using objects of different shapes and sizes to create an obstacle course.

## Shapes and Sizes photos.....



Corey, Joel and Sam guarding their very fine castle.



Joel proudly showing off his construction work.



Joel & Bianka butter their toast.



Sam, Joel, Nicole and Flora enjoying outdoor play with wooden bricks.



Flora, Nicole, Bianka, Joel and Sam chose activities that used different shapes and sizes.



Creating a robot using card board boxes, tubes, sticky tape and paint.



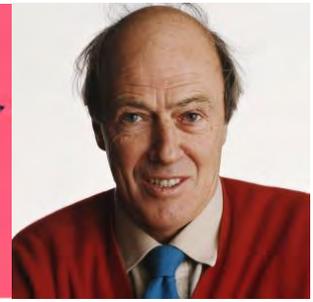
Helping to create the recycle robot.



The finished article.



Sam building a tower with bricks and cardboard tube.



Emily, Tracey, Amy and Gail all dressed up to join in the fun!



Willy Wonka (Martin), Spider Man (Sam) & Turtle (Joel) enjoyed a story from Sam's favourite book.



Nicole enjoying being a princess.

## A spy, ace fighter pilot, chocolate historian and a medical inventor!

He was also the author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The BFG*, and a treasury of original, evergreen, and beloved children's books. He remains for many the world's No. 1 storyteller.

Born in Llandaff, Wales, on 13th September 1916 to Norwegian parents, Harald Dahl and Sofie Magdalene Hesselberg, Dahl was named after Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian who had been the first man to reach the South Pole just four years earlier. A heroic start in life. But his early years were blighted by the tragic deaths of his older sister, Astri, and his father.

Wanting the best for her only son, his mother sent him to boarding school - first to St Peter's, Weston-super-Mare; then, in 1929, to Repton - where many bizarre and memorable events would later be recounted in *Boy*. Pupils at Repton were invited to trial chocolate bars, a memory that stayed with Dahl throughout his life, inspiring *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Schooldays happily behind him, Dahl's lust for travel took him first to Canada, then to East Africa, where he worked for an oil company until the outbreak of World War Two. He enlisted in the Royal Air Force at 23 years old.

In September 1940, Dahl received severe injuries to his head, nose and back when his *Gladiator* crash-landed in the Western Desert. After six months recovering from his injuries in Alexandria he returned to action, taking part in The Battle of Athens. Later, after a posting to Washington, he supplied intelligence to MI6.

In 1953 Roald Dahl married the American actress, Patricia Neal, with whom he had five children. They divorced after 30 years, and he later married Felicity "Lickey" Crosland, who has furthered Roald's legacy through the foundation of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre.

In 1960 Roald helped invent the Wade-Dahl-Till valve, prompted by the need to alleviate the head injuries endured by his son after an accident in New York.

There followed a burst of literary energy: in 1961 *James and the Giant Peach* was published in the US, followed by *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Roald then wrote screenplays for the James Bond hit *You Only Live Twice* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, as well as adult novels such as *Kiss Kiss*. *Fantastic Mr. Fox* was published in 1970, the year before the film *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* was released. The rest of the decade saw the publication of many other classics, including *Danny the Champion of the World*, *The Enormous Crocodile*, and *My Uncle Oswald*.

Roald also enjoyed enormous success on television. Having already had his stories told in six episodes of the award winning US series *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, his *Tales of the Unexpected* ran for several series between 1979 and 1988 in the UK.

In the early 1980s he published *The Twits*, *Revolting Rhymes*, *The BFG* and *The Witches*. There followed two autobiographical books: *Boy*, in 1984 and *Going Solo*, in 1986. *Matilda* was published in 1988, *Esio Trot* in 1990, and finally, in 1991, came the posthumous delight of *The Minpins*.

Roald Dahl died on 23 November 1990, aged 74. He was buried in the parish church of St Peter and St Paul in Great Missenden - the Buckinghamshire village where today The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre continues his extraordinary mission to amaze, thrill and inspire generations of children and their parents.



# Harvest



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

On 13th September the children enjoyed learning how to make their very own bread rolls to celebrate harvest time.



Sam with the bread rolls.



Flora learning how the bread rolls are shaped in to plaits.



The children with Rachel learning how to make plaited bread rolls.



# Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On 22nd September we participated in Jeans for Genes Day. The staff and some the children wore jeans for the day to help raise money for this worthwhile cause. They also helped to decorate a pair of jeans, cakes and biscuits. There is fundraising box on the front desk at nursery and we would greatly appreciate further contributions, however small.



Some of the children proudly showing off the finished pair of jeans.



Helping to decorate a jeans as part of group activity.

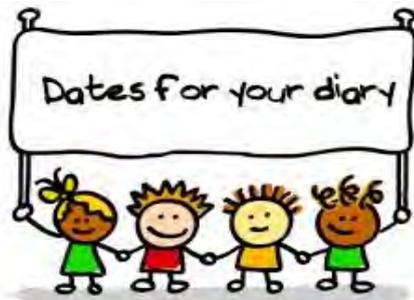
# Noticeboard

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.

Application forms are now 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.



- 3rd October—Story Time at Brecon Library
- 4th October—World Animal Day
- 6th October—Children that are part of the funded sessions will be taken on a nature walk to collect leaves, conkers, and pinecones for our next topic, 'All About Autumn'. Can parents please ensure that their child has appropriate outdoor clothing to wear for the outing, as Autumn weather can be unpredictable.
- 8th-14th October—Fire Safety Week. We are hoping for a visit from the Fire Safety Officer.
- 30th - 3rd November— Half Term. Please note that there will be no funded sessions this week. Other sessions are unaffected.
- 31st October— Halloween Party! Can all children please wear their favourite Halloween costume to nursery. There will be the opportunity to make Jack-o-lanterns and other fun activities.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Amy who will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of the month.



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