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Re: History Handling Collection

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the success of our recent Heritage Week where children visited a Mini Museum filled mostly with artefacts on loan from members of staff, we are relaunching our History Handling Collection. As Powerstown Educate Together advocates hands-on active learning we are hoping increase our History Handling Collection of items which might assist with our teaching and learning about the past.

The handling collection, which was launched in 2015 comprises artefacts - either real or replica - from a range of historical periods from wrought iron cooking pots to vinyl records from the 1960s. A 'wish-list' of possible items has been created by the teachers and is attached for your perusal, however we would also be interested in viewing any additional items which you think may be of benefit to the History curriculum.

If you would like to donate any historical items to our handling collection, please note the ownership of the item will be transferred to the school and we have drawn up an agreement to this effect which we will be asking donors to sign.

If you have any questions about donations for the handling collection, please don't hesitate to contact me on aoife@powerstownet.com or arrange to speak with me after school.

Kind regards,

Aoife McGonigle
History Curriculum Development Co-Ordinator

Handling Collection Wish List

Item	Description	Date
Butter Paddle	Wooden Butter Paddle	Pre-1950s
Washboard	Wood and glass washboard	Pre-1900s
Telephone	Rotary dial telephone	Pre-1990s
Vinyl Records	Variety of records	1960s+
Cassette Tapes	Variety of cassette tapes	1980s
CDs	Variety of CDs	1990s+
Clothing	Era-specific clothing eg platforms	Pre-1990s
Stool	Three-legged wooden milking stool	Pre-1960s
Cooking Pots	Cast iron cooking pots and pans	Pre-1960s
Oil Lamp	Various traditional style oil lamps	Pre-1960s
Photos/Postcards	Historic photos and postcards eg John Hinde postcards	Various
Medieval Castle	Model of Medieval Castle	Medieval
Maps	Historical maps especially of Dublin 15	Any
Baby bottle	Old glass baby bottle	Pre-1970s
Toys	Toys from the past spinning tops, yoyos, wooden toys	Any