



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 12

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011



## Winter Crafts Fair



Tickets ONSALE NOW!

Tickets can be bought in the office!

### Let your neighbours know...

Our Winter Fair is proving very popular. Not only do we have a range of children's activities, but for the crafts room we have 14+ stalls, with a variety of items such as jewellery, watches, winter crafts, knitted & crocheted goods & much more! We will be interviewed by Phoenix FM on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> about our Crafts Fair.

### HELP NEEDED

Volunteers still needed for Winter Fair!

### Winter Raffle tickets are ONSALE NOW

Thanks to all who have purchase raffle tickets already! Raffle prizes include; Hamper, Kerplunk Board Game, Italian Hamper & American Crew Hair Products (kindly donated by Browne's barbers in Tyrellstown Village). Prizes are on display in the office.

### School Calendar

ORDER YOUR SCHOOL CALENDAR TODAY! We have decided to create a School Calendar. A sample calendar is on display in the office. The calendar marks all the school holidays and events for 2012!

€10 for one

€15 for two

€20 for three

### How will raised money be used?

We appreciate all you are doing to support the school. All money raised

for the school this winter will go towards the purchase of a reading scheme for the school.

We have decided to invest in the Sails Reading Scheme.

The Junior Infant Pack costs €390.

The Senior Infant Pack costs €549.

### Theme - Winter

Thanks to all parents and children who completed the "What Winter Means to Me" worksheet. They are on display in the corridor. If you have any Winter photographs, please bring them in. (We will photocopy them & give you back the originals) Thanks ☺

We are also continuing with the Winter Theme in class. We are busy creating Winter Sensory Poems, creating Winter props for our play "Santa's hat", participating in Winter dramatic play, & learning Winter poems and rhymes.



### Hanukkah (20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> December)

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday celebrated for eight days and nights. It starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the Jewish month of Kislev, which coincides with late November-late December on the secular calendar.

In Hebrew, the word "hanukkah" means "dedication." The name reminds us that this holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E.

### Frásaí na Seachtaine

Next week's Frása Na Seachtaine is;

Cén aois thú? (How old are you)

Tá mé ...bliana d'aois (I am...years old)





### Jolly Phonics

This week we have been learning the letters oi,

ue, er & ar.

We will have completed all 42 Jolly Phonics Letter sounds by Monday! This is a great accomplishment by the boys and girls.

We will then progress to revising all 42 letter sounds and formally introduce blending, reading and writing!

Please continue to work with your child and their sound book. It makes a BIG difference. Thanks ☺

### Maths

This week we have been learning about numbers & counting between 1 and 5. We have been practising lots of number rhymes. We have been learning what number comes before..., what number comes after..., what number is between ...&.... We have also been using the number line.



We are continuing to practice our number formation. Here is a quick reminder of the rhymes we use to help us write the numbers properly.

1. Start at the top & down we run, that's the way we make a one
2. Around and back on a railroad track, two, two, two.
3. Around the tree, around the tree, that's the way we make a three.
4. Down and over, down some more, that's the way we make a four.
5. Down and around then a flag on high, that's the way we make a five.



### Winter Performance - Santa's Hat

Quick reminder:  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am.

### Radio Recording of Winter Play

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Phoenix FM will be coming into the school, to do a pre-recording of our Winter Play, Santa's Hat!

Please help us prepare for this by practising the lines with your child and bringing in their costumes! Thanks.

### COSTUMES NEEDED

We need the following items for the Winter Play. If you have them at home, please bring them into school as soon as possible.

If you have something another child can use, please bring it in & we will return it. Thanks

Name	Part	Costume
ZAKARIYE	Rudolph	Brown jumper/top & leggings/trousers
ALEKSS	Ernest Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
TINA	Elsie Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
ARIO	Eric Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
EXCEL	Eddy Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
ISOKEN	Edith Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
ANKIT	Enda Elf	Green / red top, green / red trousers
Nathan	Santa	
Fope	Fiona Fairy	Tutu / fairy dress, wings, wand
Kimberly	Flora Fairy	Tutu / fairy dress, wings, wand
Amaechi	Sam Snowman	White leggings/ trousers, white top
Unique	Sara Snowman	White leggings/ trousers, white top
Daniela	Susie Snowman	White leggings/ trousers, white top
Deivid	Stevie Snowman	White leggings/ trousers, white top
Bianca	Helen Hedgehog	Brown leggings/ trousers, brown top
Kevin	Herbie Hedgehog	Brown leggings/ trousers, brown top
Wanessa	Hayley Hedgehog	Brown leggings/ trousers, brown top

# Expression of Interest – After School Care

Many parents/guardians have mentioned that they would like after school care for their children, including help with homework.

We have decided to ask parents what they would like, to see *if there is a demand* to start an After School Facility in Powerstown Educate Together National School.

Please fill in the form below if you would be interested in After School Care in Powerstown ETNS

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Child's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in (please tick appropriate box)

After school care from 1.10pm – 2.10pm

After School Care from 1.10pm – 4.10pm

After School Care from 1.10pm – 5pm

After School care from 1.10pm – 6pm

After school care from 1.10pm – 7pm

Breakfast Club from 7.30am – 8.30am

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If there is SUFFICIENT DEMAND, we will try our best to establish After School Care in Powerstown Educate Together National School.

Please do not complete the form, if you will not avail of After School Facilities in the school.