



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 16

Thursday 19th January 2012

Tracksuits

School jackets and tracksuits should be here tomorrow! We will have all tracksuits labelled to go home with the children @1.10pm.



English

This week we are continuing with our word boxes and blending. Some parents have said that they are uncertain on what they should be doing at home with their child.

Every week children will get a "word box". Children are asked to practice the words in the word box every night.

Here are some simple steps to help you.

For example: "in"

1. Look at the letters in the word & say the individual letter sounds: "i" - "n"
2. Try to blend the letters together by running the letter sounds together faster: "i-n"
3. Say the word "in"

If you find that your child is finding it difficult to recognise the letter sounds, he/she may need some revision on the individual letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Maths

This week in maths we are revising sorting three property items & doing some revision in our text book Children are developing the mathematical language by explaining what they have done e.g. I sorted by colour/shape/roll or not roll.

We are also developing the children's understanding of long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest. Please encourage your child to use this vocabulary at home. e.g. this stick is longest, this is shorter, the red ribbon is longer than the blue ribbon, the white string is shorter than the black string etc.

Every day we work on number, order, sequencing and formation. We also play oral language maths games daily.



Learn Together : Chinese New Year

We are continuing to learn about the Chinese New Year.

We will celebrate the Chinese New Year next Monday, January 23rd. 2012 is the Year of the Dragon.

We will discover our "Animal Year" and learn all about the festivities around the world that celebrate the Chinese new Year.



Frásaí na Seachtaine

Frásaí na Seachtaine this week is

Cad atá ag...? (What does ... have)

Tá... ag ... (...has ...)

For example

Cad atá ag Katie (What does Katie have?)

Tá úll ag Katie (Katie has an apple)

Language of the Month - POLISH

In January the language of the month will be Polish! If you can help the teachers learn a few phrases and/or poems please let us know. Thanks



January Theme: Transport

We are continuing to learn all about transport. We are extending our vocabulary.

We are learning what flies, sails and drives. We are learning what modes of transport go on the road, on water, in the sky and in space.

We have completed our very own transport collage that is on display in the office. We also have completed some very creative pictures with matching stories about where we would like to go and how we would get there!

Thanks to everyone who has returned the "Parent & Child Home Project & brought in photographs. The display will be up on the wall tomorrow, Friday.

After School Clubs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START ON MONDAY!!

Each after school club will run for a period of 10 weeks from 1.10pm - 2.10pm.

Monday - Music - with Helena

Tuesday - Keep Fit - with Lorraine

Wednesday - Sports - with Katie

Thursday - Cookery - with Sharon

For more information, ask Helena

Vaccinations

The HSE have contacted the school in relation to the children's vaccinations. On the morning of Wednesday, February 8th children will receive their 4 in 1

vaccination & the MMR Booster vaccination. Parents can be present with their child while they get the vaccination. We will let you know more, when the HSE contact us again, closer to February 8th.

Library

The Mobile Library will be visiting the school from Thursday, February 2nd. Every parent has been given a library card to fill out for their child. Please return completed card (both sides) to the school as soon as possible. Thanks.

EMERGENCY DENTAL CLINIC

If your child needs to go to the dentist, an emergency clinic runs every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @8.30am in Roselawn Health Centre & Hartstown Health Centre. This is a drop in service where no appointments are necessary.

If you would like to contact these clinics here are the numbers;

Roselawn HC 01 6464500

Hartstown HC 01 8662831

FREE Adults Classes

We have numerous FREE adult classes in the school. We require a minimum of 7 participants to ensure we can keep the classes running. Come along to any (or all) of the classes below, and bring a friend!!

Monday: COOKERY @9am

(Tea & coffee in staff room before classes commence)

Tuesday: ENGLISH @7pm

Wednesday: ENGLISH @10.30am

Thursday: ARTS & CRAFTS @9am

(Tea & coffee in staff room before classes commence)

Friday: IRISH @11.30am