



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 17

Thursday 26th January 2012

PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be on **Wednesday February 1st @7pm**. Agenda for the meeting will include;

- Reflection on Winter Fair
- School Photographs
- Clothes Collection
- School Tracksuits
- Open Day Sunday 29th April
- Policy reflection

Tracksuits

All children have now received their school tracksuits & jackets. If you would like a tracksuit/jacket for next year, orders will be taken in June.

Please note the tracksuits are NOT COMPULSORY. As an Educate Together school, we do not have a uniform. It is your choice as parents' if you would like your child to wear a tracksuit.



English

We are continuing with our word boxes for homework in English.

Please take 5 - 10 minutes every night to practice the words with your child. This helps develop their sight vocabulary and their reading skills!

If your child is having any difficulty please let Katie know.

We are putting a huge emphasis on cursive writing with the children. ALL children are encouraged to use cursive writing in school and at home. We would appreciate if you could support

this at home. Children are completing a handwriting book in school. Children will also bring home a handwriting copy, where they are encouraged to practice their cursive letters. We would appreciate if you could model cursive writing with your child e.g. encourage child to write name using cursive writing (Please see attached cursive letter formation sheet.)

Maths

This week in maths we were looking at patterns. We looked at patterns by colour, shape and size. We created patterns using 2 different colours/ 2 different shapes & a mixture of 2 colour/shapes, we created patterns using 3 different colours/3 different shapes & a mixture of 3 colours/shapes. We made patterns on table and on laces. We had to explain our pattern to the boys and girls in our group.



Learn Together : Chinese New Year

This week we celebrated Chinese New Year. We read the story all about the 12 animals having a race across the river. We then wrote our own story based on the Chinese New Year. We learnt that 2012 is the year of the dragon. We made our very own Chinese Dragons; that are on display in the hall. We also learnt about the year we were born, (year of the dog/rooster/ monkey) & wrote a sentence all about it.



Frásáí na Seachtaine

Frásáí na Seachtaine this week is

Cé leis é...? (Who owns this?)

Is liamsa é ... (I own it)

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 will continue our transport theme next week and will develop the theme by placing emphasis on transport on the farm. We will introduce farm stories including Farmer Duck & we will create our own story "Walking Through the Farm." We will develop this further in dramatic play by recreating farm scenes from stories.

After School Clubs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START ON MONDAY!!

The first week of after school clubs has gone great. Both the children and staff have really enjoyed them!

On Monday the children played percussion instruments, chromatic bells & boomwhackers.

On Tuesday the children did some yoga, movement exercises and started learning the dance Chiwawa.

On Wednesday the children participated in group ball games & relay races.

On Thursday the children made some delicious Rice Krispie buns

For more information on after school clubs ask Helena

Vaccinations

All parents have received a letter from the HSE in relation to vaccinations. Please remember vaccination date is February 8th!

Library

The Mobile Library will be visiting the school from next Thursday, February 2nd. Your child will take home a book next week. Please ensure that you keep this book safe as all books must be returned to the mobile library every fortnight.

EMERGENCY DENTAL CLINIC

You all received a leaflet in relation to Dental Health this week. Please keep record of these number in case you child needs to attend the dentist:

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