



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 2

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

## Thank You

A big Thank You to all the parents who came to the "Parents' Information Meeting" last night. We hope you found it beneficial. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please come to speak with us.

## Parent Classes

We are in a very fortunate position to provide numerous FREE parent classes to our parents, guardians, family and friends. Thanks to the generous support from VEC Adult Education we have Irish, Cookery and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes running this term.

## FREE Irish Classes

FREE Irish Classes will start next WEDNESDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes start at 8.30am. Classes are suitable for all parents, especially beginners and those who have not learnt Irish before. It will be a friendly, informal learning environment. As soon as you drop your child to school, you can make your way down to the parent & staff room for tea and coffee. If you are interested in the classes please sign the sheet in the office

## FREE Cookery Classes

FREE Cookery classes will start in the school in the coming weeks. This will be an informal class that will encourage parents and guardians to get to know each other while learning new, fun and easy recipes. Cookery class will be during school hours. If you

are interested in the cookery class, please sign up in the office.

## FREE English Classes

FREE English Classes will start in the school during the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are 2 tutors therefore classes are suitable for ALL levels. These will be evening classes and will run from 7pm - 9pm. Classes are supported by Mulhuddart Community Development Programme. If you are interested in the classes please sign up in the office.

## Parent Teacher Association

We are in the process of setting up our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA is a group of parents and teachers that work together for the best possible education of the students in the school. The role of the PTA involves

- Talking to parents, so their views can be expressed on school policy matters relating to the school.
- Finding out from parents what kind of activities will promote parental involvement and partnership for the benefit of the students.
- Listening to the pupils and find out how the parent's council can be of help to them.

If you are interested in joining our PTA please sign up in the office. Thanks.

## Shared Reading

Shared Reading starts TOMORROW Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are free from 8.30-8.45am please stay to read a story with the children. If you would

like to take a book home with you to read before Friday, please let us know.

### Theme

Pupils are currently learning about the theme "Myself". They are learning all the body parts, in Irish and English! They have been talking about their families and created their family tree. They have learnt lots of fun rhymes and poems. We are also learning how special we all are and how we are different.

### Jolly Phonics

So far we have done the letters s, a, t, i, p, c, k and e. Please support your child's learning by taking out their sound book (little red notebook) from their folders and practicing the letter sounds with them every night.

### Maths - Ready Set Go Maths

In Maths, we have been very busy sorting one, two and three property sets. We have also been sorting using pictorial representation; this involves sorting using a tree diagram, a Venn diagram and a Carroll diagram. Children are enjoying working in pairs as part of a team, and are learning how to work successfully as part of a team.

### Green School Flag

Just a quick reminder that we are working on a "Waste Management" project for the year. We have to keep waste to a minimum and document all the efforts we are making to reduce, re-use and recycle. This does involve all children's lunch waste going in their lunch boxes. We will use compost bin and look after our environment. We appreciate your continuous support in our efforts to get our Green Flag.

### P.E.

Physical Education (P.E.) days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing RUNNERS.

### Art

Art day is Friday. If you would like your child to wear an old shirt over their clothes, please bring one in. Thanks

### Scoil Rince le Chéile

Irish dancing classes are starting on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Tyrrelstown Educate Together. Classes start at 4pm. If you are interested, contact Bernadette @ 085 7261102 or email b\_carton1@hotmail.com

### Animal Week

On the week starting October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be celebrating World Animal Day by having an Animal Week. We have a very busy week planned!

- On Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dublin Zoo Outreach Programme is coming to do a workshop with us.
- On Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> Dublin Society of Protection of Cruelty to Animals (DSCPA) are doing a workshop with us
- On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, we are having a **PET DAY**.

### PET DAY

If you have a pet at home, e.g. goldfish or a larger animal such as cat/dog/hamster let us know. We will be inviting parents to bring in their pets for 20 - 30 minutes on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This will give the children an opportunity to introduce their pets and tell us a little about them. ALL PETS MUST BE SUITABLE FOR INDOORS AND FRIENDLY. ALL PETS MUST GO HOME WITH PARENTS.