



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 21

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012

## Imaginosity Workshop

Next Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> we are travelling to Imaginosity in Sandyford. The field trip costs €7.

All parents received a permission slip and an envelope to put the €7 into. PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP & €7 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you do not return them, your child will NOT be permitted to go on the outing on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Official Open Day - Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All parents received a letter yesterday looking for volunteers for the open day. There are only four of us, and the Official Open Day will not be a success unless we have parental support! Please volunteer & help out in any way you can.

We have also set up an Open Day Noticeboard in the office to keep you updated of our progress. We have invited Minister

## GAA

Remember GAA is on every FRIDAY. Please make sure the children are wearing runners and appropriate clothing.

## Dropping children to school

We have noticed lately that some parents are just dropping children into the office area in the morning. It is important that parents stay with their child until Katie (class teacher) receives them in the morning at 8.30am.

We are in a lucky position to be such a small school this year & to have the open office space. However, this will not always be the case. For your child's safety it is very important that they are supervised by you until Katie takes them to class @ 8.30am.



## English

We are making great progress with our reading and writing in class. Thank you for doing the word boxes with your child every night. It is having a huge impact on the children's progress!

The sails reading scheme is progressing well. We are listening to the children's reading throughout the week and are very impressed with their reading fluency. Please continue to do the reading with your child every night. Don't forget to do the worksheet.

## Maths

This week in maths we were looking at time. We have been sequencing stories including Humpty Dumpty and Little Miss Muffet.

We have been using the following vocabulary: first, last, before, after, second, third, fourth and fifth. Children have been using the vocabulary to describe items and people in a line. We are encouraging them to use full sentences. E.g. Katie is before Lorraine, Lorraine is after Katie, Sharon is first, Helena is last etc

## **MATHS FOR FUN**

Thanks to all the parents who helped with Maths for Fun on Monday. We only have 3 weeks left (March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>). Please stay in class for 10 minutes on Monday morning if you can help out. Thanks ☺

## **Frásáí na Seachtaine**

Frásáí na Seachtaine this week is

Bigí ag...

e.g. Bigí ag gáire (Everyone laugh!)

Tá.....ag siúl/ rith/ gáire/ snámh.

e.g. Tá Katie ag siúl. (Katie is walking)

## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Mobile library visited us today. The children got their library cards. Katie will be minding them in the classroom. Children returned their old books that they had read and exchanged them for new books. Next date for mobile library is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Learn Together: Children's Rights**

Last week we learnt about Emily Logan (Ombudsman for children) and Ruairí Quinn (Minister for Education). We drafted letters to them to invite them to our Open Day. These letters can be seen in the office.

We will progress this further by developing children's understanding of Respect and Responsibility.

It is the learning intention of this theme to provide children with opportunities which will encourage them to develop the attitude of respect for human rights through learning to respect themselves, other people, property and the environment. Through the activities in this theme children will develop an

understanding of the positive impact they can make both in their own lives and in the wider community.

We are in the process of creating a "Human Rights" Noticeboard. You will be able to keep up to date of our progress through the work displayed on the board.

## **Gardening Club**

We have started our Gardening Club. We are looking for parents to help out with the gardening club. We are also seeking donations for gardening equipment, plants and seeds.

We will be placing the raised flower beds in front of the school. We have started planting seeds in class and will transfer them to the raised flower beds as they start to grow.

We will create a Gardening Club Noticeboard in the school in the coming days that will document our progress!

## **Fair Trade Fortnight Starts Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

We are in the process of setting up our Fair Trade noticeboard. Next week we will have a Fairtrade Day where we taste Fairtrade products e.g. tea / coffee / chocolate / fruit etc.

**What is Fairtrade?** Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

## **Dates for Diary:**

Thurs March 8<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip: Imaginosity

Fri March 16<sup>th</sup>@12.30pm: Shó Gaeilge

Mon March 19<sup>th</sup>: SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues March 20<sup>th</sup>: School Photographs.