



Powerstown Educate Together

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Thursday 8th March 2012

Imaginosity Workshop

Today we travelled to Imaginosity. It was our first school trip. We travelled over to Sandyford on a bus. We made rockets and made them fly! Check out the photographs of our workshop on Facebook.

Official Open Day - Saturday April 21st.

UPDATE:

- Ombudsman for Children, Emily Logan is speaking at the Open Day.
- Minister Joan Burton, TD, is attending
- The garda band will perform from 3pm - 4pm.
- The puppet show, magic show & children's disco will be on from 2.45pm - 4.15pm.
- Face painting from 2.30pm - 5pm.

Thanks to all parents who have returned forms to volunteer their support. Please return your volunteer slips as soon as possible so we can see what is left to organise.

Keep an eye on the Open Day Noticeboard for updates.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for **OUTDOOR paint** to make signs. Can you donate some?

We are looking for **FLOWERS** (NOT seeds) to plant at the front of the school. Can you donate some?

THANK YOU

Thanks to Ankit's parents for donating compost.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) we are having a Shó Gaeilge/ an Irish Shó. Children will have a little performance on Friday, March 16th @ 12.30pm, where they will sing some Irish songs & do an Irish dance. Please come along if you are free!

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library will be with us on Thursday, March 15th. Please return library books on Tuesday, March 13th.



English

Our English stations are going very well. Children are almost finished their first handwriting workbook. The children's sight vocabulary is continuing to develop as is their ability to blend. Please continue to practice the word boxes in the red notebook at home. We reinforce this work in school through reading and writing exercises.

Children are making progress with the SAILS reading scheme. Please listen to your child's reading EVERY night. It is important that they practice their reading daily, as well as complete the worksheet. We listen to their reading throughout the week in school and are very impressed with the children's progress!



Maths

We have been continuing to use the following vocabulary: first, last, before, after, second, third, fourth and fifth. Children have been finding it a little difficult, so please try to reinforce the vocabulary at home.

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.

We have also introduced money to the children. We are able to recognise and identify 1 cent, 2 cent and 5 cent coins.

Frásáí na Seachtaine

Frásáí na Seachtaine this week is

An bhfuil... ar an...

e.g. An bhfuil peann ar an mbord (Is the pen on the table)

Tá... ar an mbord / Níl...ar an mbord

e.g. Tá / Níl peann ar an mbord (The pen is / is not on the table)

Learn Together: Children's Rights

Our Children's Right Display is now on the Noticeboard. Thanks to all the children who completed such lovely work for the display.

We have also learnt all about Fairtrade and where different fruits come from. We got to taste different fairtrade fruits including pineapple, bananas & mango. Our Fairtrade display is on the Learn Together Noticeboard.

This week we will be learning all about St. Patrick's Day & we will be celebrating all things Irish. We are going to try and speak Irish throughout the school day.

Here is a link to the St Patricks Festival website that details events on in Dublin to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
<http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/>

Gardening Club

We have started planting some seeds in class & we will transfer them to the garden in the coming weeks.

We have purchased some raised flower beds for planting fruit and vegetables in. We also have some tyres to plant some flowers in. If you can donate some blooming flowers (not seeds) it would be greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday, March 13th we will start our Gardening Club. If any parents are free on Tuesday morning to help set up some raised flower beds, your support would be much appreciated. Thanks ☺

Dates for Diary:

Fri March 16th @12.30pm: Shó Gaeilge Parents & friends are invited to the school to hear the children perform as Gaeilge. Tea and coffee served after performance.

Saturday March 17th: St. Patrick's Day. There is a parade in the city centre, starting @12.20pm.

Mon March 19th: SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank holiday)

Tues March 20th: School Photographs. Each child will get their photo taken. You will be sent a proof of the photo & can decide if you want to purchase photographs.