



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 23

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Permanent Building

We got word during the week that our PERMANENT BUILDING will go to construction during 2014/2015 school year. We are very excited!! We will hopefully move into our PERMANENT building in September 2015.

School Quilt

Thanks to all the parents and children for sharing their artistic talent today to create our school quilt. Every child was given a square of material, kindly donated by Just Cotton. The theme for the drawing was Happiness is..... The pictures came out fantastic. We will spend the next few days ironing the drawings to make them permanent. Sharon is going to use her expertise to sew the squares together to make our quilt. We are looking forward to seeing the end product!

Official Open Day - Saturday April 21st. UPDATE:

- TD Leo Varadkar is coming to the Open Day
- Paul Rowe, CEO of Educate Together will be attending the Open Day.
- Junior Infant children will perform the song "We're all different" during the open day ceremony.
- We have invited TV3 and RTE to the event.

If you have not returned your VOLUNTEER FORMS please do. We really need YOUR support to make the Open Day a success.

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?

We are looking for COMPOST. Can you donate some?

THANK YOU

Thanks to Deivid's parents for donating some outdoor flowers.

Seachtain na Gaeilge - TOMORROW

Seachtain na Gaeilge Shó is on TOMORROW @12.30pm.

Children will perform numerous songs and poems as Gaeilge! Check out our Seachtain na Gaeilge Noticeboard. We have wrote some fantastic stories about St Patrick and made some lovely St Patrick's Day decorations.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library visited us today & we all got a new library book. The Library will return on March 29th (2 weeks time)



English

This week in English we have been learning all about proper posture for handwriting. We are also putting extra emphasis on holding our pencils correctly. If you are unsure how your child should hold their pencil please let us know and we will be delighted to explain it to you.

Children are making great progress with their blending, reading and writing. We



have completed numerous matching exercises e.g. match word to picture. This ensures the child can read for meaning. We are also putting words that we read into sentences. This ensures we can use words in context and we understand what the word means.

Maths

We have been continuing to develop our understanding of money. We are able to recognise and identify 1 cent, 2 cent and 5 cent coins.

We have played "shop" using real coins.

We have solved numerous word problems in relation to money. E.g. I went to the shop and I bought a sweet for 1c and a bar for 2c how much did I give the shopkeeper?

We have also created coin rubbings using real coins and crayons.

We have been playing numerous counting games using the numbers 1 - 5. Some of us have even used the numbers 6-10. We are able to put the numbers in order from smallest to biggest and the biggest to smallest. We can recognise all the numbers and match the number to the correct quantity of objects e.g. I have number 4 - I get 4 cubes to match. This ensures children have a comprehensive understanding of number.

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Frásaí na Seachtaine this week is
Is féidir liom... (I can..)

E.g. Is féidir liom rith / suí / léim /
luí / ithe / ól

(I can run/sit/jump/ly/eat/drink)

Learn Together: St Patrick

This week we learnt all about St. Patrick's Day. We listened to the story about St Patrick's life. We picked our favourite parts of the story and wrote all about them & drew a lovely picture to match our story. Our work can be seen on the Learn Together Noticeboard. We also create St Patrick's Day decorations and headbands. We will wear our headband during our show tomorrow.

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 placed one raised flower bed on the grass at the front of the school. As you can see, it requires a lot of compost so if you can donate some compost, we would greatly appreciate it.

We have been very busy in class planting seeds including sunflowers and cress seeds. We are just giving them a chance to grow a little before transferring them to the flower beds.

Thanks to all parents who have volunteered to assist with the Gardening Club ☺

Dates for Diary:

Fri March 16th @12.30pm: Shó Gaeilge

Saturday March 17th: St. Patrick's Day.

Mon March 19th: SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues March 20th: School Photographer will be here on TUESDAY. He will take a class photograph of the children. He will also take individual photos of ALL children. The photographer will then send you a sample of the photograph. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE A PHOTOGRAPH. However, you can decide if & what you want to purchase after you see the sample photograph.