



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 24

Thursday 22nd March 2012

School Photographs

All children got their individual photographs taken on Tuesday. They also got a class photograph taken. The photographer will send photo proofs to the school for each child. Parents can then decide if they want to purchase photographs. Please note, there is no obligation to purchase photographs.

Book Club

The Parent Teacher Association has decided that we will run in Setanta Book Club in Term 3. Further details will follow when we get the new Club Catalogue.

Food Dudes

An Board Bia Healthy Eating Programme will start on Monday 23rd April.

Phase 1 is an intensive intervention which lasts 16 days. During this time, children are given fruit and vegetables while they are read a letter and/or watch a specially designed video of the Food Dudes. These super-heroes save the life force from a gang of baddies whose objective is to take away the energy of the world by depriving it of nutritious fruit and veg. Each day the children are rewarded with small prizes for successfully eating the fruit and veg. This phase is primarily school based, although children keep a diary of fruit and veg they have eaten at home.

For more information go to <http://www.fooddudes.ie/>

Spring Break:

School will close next Friday, March 30th @1.10pm. School will re-open on Monday April 16th @8.30am.

Seachtain na Gaeilge Shó

Well done to all the children who performed so well during our Shó Gaeilge. Thanks to all the parents who attended.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will visit next week. Please return all books on Tuesday March 27th.

Frásáí na Seachtaine

Frásáí na Seachtaine this week is Cáisic Shona Duit (Happy Easter)

English

SAILS reading scheme: Children will now get ONE book per week. Please only complete the worksheet on the dates written on the sheet (Usually a Tuesday and Thursday). Each book corresponds to a different sheet. It is important that the children complete the work in context.

Please continue to practice the word books with the children. All work being done in school needs to be reinforced at home. Thanks ☺

Maths

We are continuing our counting activities and games. We are focusing on number order between 1 and 5. We are also working with the blank number line. The teacher calls out a number and you have to point to where it should be on the number line. We are

also looking at before and after. E.g. What number is BEFORE 4?(Answer 3). What number is AFTER 1? (Answer 2). We are playing the number games 'Fill the Sweetie Jar', 'Number Bears,' 'Animal Hunt' and 'Snail Trail'

We are continuing to develop our understanding of money. Focusing on 1c, 2c and 5c coins we are sorting the coins, ensuring we understand the value of coins and purchasing items using the coins.

Learn Together: Easter

This week in school we have been learning all about the Christian Festival Easter. We have the Story of Easter on our Noticeboard. We picked our favourite parts of the story and wrote about them and drew pictures.

Here is the story of Easter: Jesus travelled on donkey to Jerusalem. Lots of people came out to the streets to greet him and waved palm leaves at him. Some people were jealous of Jesus and did not want him to be there. He had a big dinner with his friends called the Last Supper. However Jesus was sad because he knew he was going to be betrayed. After dinner he went to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed. The next day Jesus' enemies came to get him. They put him on the cross and he died. He was put in a tomb. Two days later the tomb was empty. Jesus was alive again.

Next week we will be looking at the Passover.

- **Passover** or **Pesach** as it is sometimes called is a Jewish festival celebrated in Spring time.
- The main part of the Passover celebration is the meal. This is called the **Seder**. The special order of the Seder meal is written down in the **Hagadah**, this tells the story of the Exodus.
- The celebration is called 'pass over' because it reminds the Jews of the last of the ten plagues, when the angel of death passed over the Jews and killed the Egyptians first born

We will also read the story about the Easter Bunny. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt and we will create some yummy Easter surprises.

Gardening Club

We are making great progress with our Gardening Club. We now have 3 raised flower beds. Thanks to Behrad and Vanipriya for donating compost!

We are still looking for **OUTDOOR FLOWERS** to plant in tyres in the garden. We also need **OUTDOOR PAINT** so we can paint and decorate the tyres.

Clothing Collection:

We will have a charity clothing collection on the week starting April 23rd. Every child will be given one bag (if you would like more we have some spares). Parents are asked to put in old clothes and bed linen into the bags and return them to the school. All bags will then be collected from the school. 50cent per kilogram(kg) of textiles collected will be donated to the school. 50 cent per kg will also be donated to the LauraLynn House. For more information go to <http://www.bag2school.ie/irl/home/>

Parent Teacher Association Meeting

We had a PTA Meeting yesterday, March 21st to finalise arrangements for our Official Open Day on April 21st. Thanks to Julie and Meher for attending.

Due to the need for volunteers for the Open Day, we will have a **SHORT meeting on Monday morning (March 26th) @8.30am**. We ask that **ALL parents attend, if possible**.

There are only **ELEVEN** school days left until the Official Open Day. We require parental support to make the day a success.