



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 26

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Welcome back after our 2 week break!  
We hope you all enjoyed the holidays.  
We are looking forward to a very busy  
Term 3!

## Official Open Day - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Thank you for all your help and  
support in organising our Official Open  
Day.

### UPDATE:

Local radio & press have been invited  
to attend as have RTE and TV3.  
Phoenix FM will do a live recording of  
the Opening Ceremony.

Please ensure all children are on the  
school grounds at 1.45pm. Children  
will perform the song "Hello World",  
they will dance to "Chiwawa" and they  
will sing "We're all Different" during the  
opening ceremony. Each child has been  
given a specific place to stand during  
the performance. If for any reason,  
your child cannot attend, please let us  
know as soon as possible.

### Timetable for the Open Day:

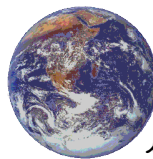
2pm: Opening ceremony starts  
2.40pm: Barbeque and Food court open  
2.40pm: Facepainting (until 4.45pm)  
2.45pm: Puppet Show starts  
3pm: Garda Band Perform (until 4pm)  
3.15pm: Magic Show starts  
3.45pm: Children's disco starts  
5pm: End of Open Day

### We still need help to

**Move tables up to the school from Mulhuddart  
NS on Friday**

**Prepare salad food in the school on Saturday  
morning**

**Volunteers for Barbeque & Tea, Coffee Stall.**



## Learn Together: Earth Day

This week we have been  
learning all about Earth Day.  
Earth Day is an international  
celebration, celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
this Sunday.

We looked at the planet Earth and  
located different countries on the globe.  
We discussed where we are from and  
where our parents are from. We created  
our very own planet Earth using paper  
plates & crêpe paper. In groups we  
also made 3d Papier Mâché Globes.

We discussed different ways of making  
the world a better place, and how we  
can become more environmentally  
friendly and aware. We each made our  
own Earth Day pledge, that are now  
displayed on the Learn Together Notice  
Board.

## What is Earth Day?

Earth Day is a Birthday!! Just like a  
birthday is a special day to celebrate a  
person, Earth Day is a special day that  
celebrates the Earth. Earth Day was  
born on April 22, 1970, in San  
Francisco, California. Every year over  
100 different countries join together in  
the celebration of Earth Day on April  
22<sup>nd</sup>. Earth Day is the largest, most  
celebrated environmental event  
worldwide. On Earth Day, we remember  
to appreciate nature and learn ways to  
protect our environment. Find ways that  
you can help keep the planet clean and  
help protect our environment!

For more information on Earth day, go to <http://www.earthday.org/>

### English:

This week in English we have introduced Report Writing. We focused on the Tiger. We discussed what it looks like, what it likes to eat, where it lives and what it likes to do. We then sat at our tables and completed a Report Worksheet. Worksheets are on display just inside the door in Katie's Room.

We discussed & wrote about our holidays and the activities we participated in during the break with our families and friends.

### Maths:

This week in maths we are looking at number formation between one and four. We are sorting and grouping items in groups of 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are participating in mental maths activities, counting games and number rhymes. We are reinforcing our knowledge and comprehension of the number values through worksheets and our textbook.

### Irish

For the next three weeks our theme is Eadaí (clothes). We are looking at different types of clothes and learning the Irish words from them. We are learning different poems and rhymes all about clothes.

**Frása na seachtaine:** (Phrase of the week)

Cuir ort (put on)

Tá orm (It is on me)

**Dath na seachtaine:** (Colour of the week)

Corca (Purple)

### Clothing Collection Week:

Our clothing collection week is next week. You all received a letter explaining the Bag2School initiative with a collection bag. Extra bags are

available in the office. You can also use your own black refuse sacks.

Please return all sacks on or before April 27<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on the clothing collection go to

<http://www.bag2school.ie/irl/home/>

### Food Dudes

An Board Bia Healthy Eating Programme will start on Monday - 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Fresh fruit and vegetables will be delivered every day to the school, starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children will be encouraged to taste the vegetables & fruit and will be rewarded for it. You will receive a "Home Pack" on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There is now a Food Dudes noticeboard on display in the office. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard for updates!

For more information go to

<http://www.fooddudes.ie/>

### Mobile Library:

The mobile library will be with us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. Please return all books by Tuesday.

### New Junior Infant Parents Meeting -

On Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a meeting at 7pm for all new Junior Infant Parents who have children starting school in September 2012.

### Dates for your Diary:

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Food Dudes starts

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Return Library Books

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Return clothing bags

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: New Parents' Meeting