



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 27

Thursday 26th April 2012

Thank You!

Thank you for all your help and support in making our Official Open Day such a tremendous success. We had a fantastic day, with a great attendance by the local community.

We are very proud of the performances by our Junior Infant pupils, they did an amazing job!

A special thanks to all parents who brought in food. I still have 3 plates waiting for collection in the office.

Thanks to all parents who helped at the tea & coffee stall & Behrad for doing the barbeque.

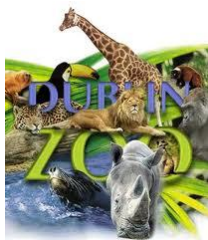
Thanks to all the parents who helped us tidy up after the Open Day.

Clothing Collection Week:

Thank you for participating in our Clothing Collection Week.

Please return all sacks TOMORROW.
Bag collection is at 11am

Please note that you can put clothing in the Bag2School bags OR normal black sacks!



School Tour:

All junior infant pupils will be going to Dublin Zoo for their school tour.

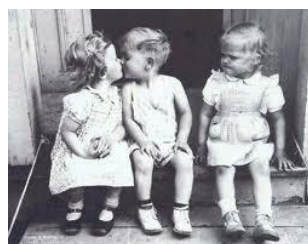
When: Thursday, May 17th

Cost: €15

Time: Normal day 8.30am - 1.10pm

What to bring: packed lunch, water/drink, weather appropriate clothes. (E.g. if it is hot & sunny wear sunscreen, sun hat, light clothing. If it is dull wear warm clothes, water proof jacket, hat)

Parents have received a letter giving details of the trip, a permission slip for your child to go on the tour and an envelope to put €15 into. Please return permission slip & €15 as soon as possible. Helena will give you a receipt for the €15 at the office.



Learn Together: Jealousy

This week we have been learning about jealousy.

Jealousy is one of the most basic emotions a person can feel. Everyone struggles with it, no matter how old they are or how well their lives seem to be going.

When we're feeling jealous of a sibling or friend, we're angry at him or her for doing or having something that we don't, and we're frustrated with ourselves for not being able to do or have that thing. We feel like the easiest way to get out our anger and frustration is to FIGHT with that friend or sibling...and, as you probably know, it usually makes things worse.

There is one really helpful way to beat the jealousy monster: Instead of concentrating on what you DON'T have or who you AREN'T, concentrate on what you DO have or who you ARE.

You don't have to be great at the same things your friend, brothers or sisters are great at, or have the same possessions. Everybody has different goals, interests, skills, and talents, and we should each follow our own path rather than chasing after a sibling.

Most importantly, remember that keeping feelings of jealousy to yourself is not going to make them go away. Talk about -- or even write about -- these emotions as soon as you feel them, so they don't get stuck inside you.

English:

We are continuing to develop our Report Writing Skills. This week we focused on the Giraffe. We discussed what it looks like, what it likes to eat, where it lives and what it likes to do.

We are continuing with our Free Writing every week. Children are making fantastic progress & are writing independently!

Children are making great progress in their English stations. We are continuing to practice our cursive writing, blending, reading and spellings.

Maths:

This week in maths we are looking at counting between 1 & 10. We are matching numbers to quantities of objects. We played dice games and matched the number rolled to quantities of objects & numbers. We have realised that if you have a group of (for example) 5 objects and put them in the centre of a table, it still makes 5. If you move them to the corners, it still makes 5, if you put them in a line, it still makes 5

We also looked at 1c, 2c and 5c coins. We can recognise and identify them and understand their values.

We played shop, where we have to purchase items using money. We are starting to recognise what coins are needed to make up different amounts. E.g. $3c = 1c + 2c$.

Irish

For the next two 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)

An bhfuil...ort (do you have...on)

Tá ... orm (I have...on)

Dath na seachtaine: (Colour of the week)

Dubh (black)

We have finished all the colours so we are now revising them.

Food Dudes

The children have been participating very well in our Food Dudes programme.

So far children have tasted bananas & peppers, oranges & cucumbers, tomatoes & apples, raisins & carrots.

Please keep an eye on the food dudes noticeboard for updates!

For more information go to

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

New Junior Infant Parents Meeting -

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

SCHOOL CLOSURE: May bank holiday

School closed Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th of May for Bank Holiday weekend.