



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 29

Thursday 10th May 2012



School Tour: Dublin Zoo

Next Thursday, May 17th, all Junior Infant pupils will be going on their school tour to Dublin Zoo. Most people have returned the permission slip with the €15, to cover the cost of the tour. If you have not returned the form please do so as soon as possible.

On Thursday:

- Make sure your child has a **packed lunch** (small snack e.g. fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, a lunch e.g. sandwich or roll, and a drink)
- **Dress your child appropriately for the weather.** If it is wet/cloudy make sure your child has a warm, waterproof jacket and hat, and appropriate footwear. If it is sunny/warm, please put sun cream on your child and bring a light jacket, sun hat.
- **Be in school at 8.30am.** Children will go to the classroom at 8.30am for roll call. They will then make their way to the bus.
- Children will be back in school for normal collection time of 1.10pm

Photographs

All children received their school photographs last week. Each child received a class photographs order form & an individual order form. If you wish to purchase photographs, please return order forms with money enclosed to Helena. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY May 16th.

Setanta Book Club

All parents have received our BOOK CLUB catalogue. This book club allows parents and friends to purchase books at hugely discounted prices. If you wish to purchase books for your children, relatives or friends, please return order form (at the back of the catalogue) with the required monies.

Remember 20c for €1 spent is given to the school as a "reward". This will allow us to purchase new books for our class library!

Booklists 2012/2013:

For the school year 2012/2013 the cost of the school books, copies, stationary etc is €75.

It is asked that parents pay the €75 in full before June 22nd.

This will allow for us to purchase ALL your child's school materials before the holidays.

Payment can be made in instalments, and/or in one lump sum.

Information is available in the office for the "Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance"

School Tracksuits & Jackets

Orders will be taken on June 14th for school tracksuits & school jackets.

Jackets cost €25

Tracksuits costs €40.

After School Clubs

All after School clubs are now FULL!
After School Clubs will be on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next week.

P.E. Days

Please note the children have P.E. on a Wednesday & a Friday.

It is important that the children wear APPROPRIATE footwear - i.e. runners, on these days.

The children do a lot of running & moving activities during P.E. and their movements are better supported while wearing runners.

Learn Together: Disappointment

This week we have introduced the word "disappointment" to the children.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

When things don't turn out the way you hoped, it may seem like the end of the world. Here are some things you can do to keep disappointment from getting you down.

- ✔ Stop. Calm Down. Give yourself some time. Things might not seem nearly so bad tomorrow.
- ✔ Get your feelings out in a way that doesn't hurt you or anybody else.
- ✔ Talk about it with your parents or a good friend.
- ✔ Ask yourself if this is really worth getting angry or upset about.
- ✔ Think about what you can learn from the experience and how you can do better next time.
- ✔ Don't judge yourself. Failing at something does not mean that you are a failure.

English:

We are continuing to develop our Report Writing Skills. This week we focused on the Rhinoceros. We discussed what

it looks like, what it likes to eat, where it lives and what it likes to do.

We are continuing or reading, writing, letter formation, blending and spelling stations during English class.

Maths:

This week in maths we introduced capacity using the terms, full, empty, nearly full & nearly empty. We used the water trays and containers to ensure we understand the terms and could solve capacity problems!

We also worked on our number formation and as always are developing our mental maths skills!

Irish

We are revising all our words about Eadaí (clothes). We are learning poems & rhymes with these words in them. We are also playing games such as Deir O Gradaigh & Cluiche Kim with reference to the new vocabulary.

Food Dudes

There are only 4 days left of the in school programme. The children have been participating very well in our Food Dudes programme. Prizes will be given to all children to eat ALL their fruit and vegetables. We will send out further details next week in relation to how the programme will develop.

Aistear:

This week in Aistear we are focusing on mini beasts. We are able to describe, identify and classify mini beasts. We know what they look like, what they like to eat, and where they live.

Danone Big Toddle

We will do the "Big Toddle" on 24th / 25th of May, weather permitting. We have sent home an information pack with sponsorship form.