



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 3

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## Animal Week

Next week we are celebrating World Animal Day by having an ANIMAL WEEK. This will be a fun, activity packed week, with lots of workshops for the boys and girls.

- ◆ On Monday @11am Jim McMonagle from Dublin Zoo is doing a workshop with us
- ◆ On Tuesday @9.50am the DSPCA (Dublin Society of Protection of Cruelty to Animals) are doing a workshop with us.
- ◆ On Wednesday we are having a Pet Day from 8.30-9am

## Pet Day

On Wednesday morning we are inviting parents and pupils to bring their pet to school from 8.30am - 9am.

In order for this to be a success, all pets need to be brought to school by parents and must leave the school with parents.

We want all children to be involved! Therefore on Friday we will send home a worksheet for children to fill out with their parents. This will help prepare the child to speak about his/her pet to the class on Wednesday. If your child has not got a pet, we would appreciate if you would help him/her create a "dream pet" and complete the worksheet.

On Wednesday morning, pupils and parents will come into class with their pets or a picture of their "dream pets". Every parent and child will be encouraged to speak about their pet.

Pupils will be encouraged to ask questions.

Parents then take home all pets when they leave.

If you have any questions, just ask us. If you have a pet you want to bring in, please let us know! Thanks

## National Tree Day

National Tree day is Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. To mark the occasion we will be planting a tree @ 12.50pm.

## Adult Classes

**FREE Irish Classes** started WEDNESDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup> @8.30am. 7 parents went to the class & thoroughly enjoyed it! There are still places left if you would like to attend.

**FREE English Classes** will start on TUESDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup> @7pm. Classes are open to adults of ALL abilities.

**FREE Cookery Classes** will start on MONDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup> @8.30am. The tutor's name is David O'Brien. He is a chef in the Barge in the city centre. There are still places available in the class!

Please note that classes are open to ALL ADULTS in the community! So bring along family and friends.

## Autumn

Children will be learning all about autumn over the next few weeks. They will be learning about the changes in weather and nature. They have set up a nature table in the class, so if you have anything that is autumn related, please bring it in.

We will also be learning about different animals and their preparations for hibernation.

### **Bulb Planting**

Over the next week the boys and girls will be planting bulbs in their own flower pots. We will watch them grow over the coming weeks and months!

### **Class Blogs**

Both Katie and Lorraine have set up their Class Blogs. These blogs will keep you updated about homework, letters that go home, what the pupils are doing in class etc. The link to the blogs is on our school website.

<http://www.powerstownet.com/classblogs.html>

### **Parent Teacher Association**

We are still looking for parents who are interested in establishing our Parent Teacher Association. The role of the PTA involves

- Talking to parents, so their views can be expressed on school policy matters relating to the school.
- Finding out from parents what kind of activities will promote parental involvement and partnership for the benefit of the students.

If you are interested in joining our PTA please sign up in the office. Thanks.

### **Shared Reading**

Shared Reading is on TOMORROW morning. For this to be a success we require 3 parents every week. If you have just 10 minutes to spare in the morning, please stay in the class to read a story to a group of children. Thanks

### **School Tracksuit - parents' choice**

Many parents have expressed interest in a school tracksuit. As an Educate Together school, we do not have a school uniform. We can have a school tracksuit, however it is NOT COMPULSORY. It is **your choice** as parents whether you want your child to wear a school tracksuit or not.

### **Powerstown ETNS Tracksuit**

T.Grants (in the city centre) has given us the best option for our school tracksuit. The tracksuit is of excellent quality and is pictured below

#### **Details**

- ♦ Navy with red rims.
- ♦ School crest will be on it
- ♦ COST €40



It is on display in the office. We have sizes 4/5 and 5/6 so your child can try on for size. If you are interested in the tracksuit please let Helena know.

### **School Jacket**

A school jacket is also available for pupils. Once again, it is your decision, as parents if you would like your child to have one.

#### **Details**



- ♦ Crested
  - ♦ Fully reversible
  - ♦ Hood concealed in collar
  - ♦ Hi vis trim on both front and back
  - ♦ Name label for easy identification
  - ♦ Inner and outer front pockets
- COST €25