



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 30

Thursday 17th May 2012



School Tour: Dublin Zoo

Today, we went to the zoo on our school tour. We saw lots of animals, including the giraffe, elephant, snakes crocodiles, hippopotamus & much more! We will post the photographs online soon!

Photographs

All photograph orders have been given to the photographer. If you have not returned your order form and wish to order photographs please follow the instructions on the order form. You need to post your order with the money to Country Photos.

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.

Please note, last date for book orders is Monday 28th of May.

Danone Big Toddle

We are participating in the Danone Big Toddle on Thursday 24th of May, weather permitting.

All children have received their Danone Big Toddle Packs. Please ensure you return the sponsorship pack with permission slip signed (back cover of sponsorship book) by Wednesday, May 23rd.

Food Dudes

The Food Dudes in school programme has now finished. Parents have all received a "home pack" which included two Food Dudes lunch boxes, one for fruit and one for vegetables. There are still prizes given to children who make a big effort to eat a portion of fruit & vegetables a day. (A portion is the amount that fits in the palm of your hand)

Booklists 2012/2013:

For the school year 2012/2013 the cost of the school books, copies, stationary etc is €75. This will allow for us to purchase ALL your child's school materials before the holidays.

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

Payment can be made in instalments, and/or in one lump sum. If you wish to pay in instalments, please speak with Helena ASAP so we can organise a payment plan.

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.

Learn Together: Rights and Responsibilities

This week we have introduced rights and responsibilities to the children. We will continue to develop their understanding of these over the coming weeks.

What are our rights?

Our rights are what every human being deserves, no matter who they are or where they live, so that we can live in a world that is fair and just

Some of our rights

Everyone has the right to have:

- Safety
- Education
- Shelter (somewhere to live)
- Warmth
- Food
- Clothing
- Personal space
- Freedom of speech
- To be different
- To be comfortable
- Equal opportunities (given the chance to be what you want to be whether you are rich or poor, whatever religion or race)

Of course since these rights are for everybody, that means we all have to take on **responsibility** too.

What is a responsibility?

A responsibility is something that is your job to do something about, or to think about. It is something that affects our lives and other people's lives.

Some of our responsibilities

- To follow the rules at home, at school and in the community - after all they are there for our

safety and to protect our rights and the rights of others

- To stand up for our rights and the rights of others as much as we can
- To be the best person that we can be
- To take care of our own bodies as best we can
- To respect the rights of others
- To look after our own belongings and respect the belongings of others
- To learn as well as we can
- To care about others who are not as strong in some ways as we are.

English:

We are continuing to develop our Report Writing Skills. This week we focused on the Hippopotamus. 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 focused on counting backwards! We played number games e.g. sequencing & ordering activities focusing on counting backwards from 5 to 0 and 10 to 0.

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

Dates for your Diary:

SCHOOL CLOSED: June 1st, 4th and 5th for June Bank Holiday Weekend.

Sports Day: Friday, 8th June