



# Powerstown Educate Together

## NEWSLETTER 31

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### Setanta Book Club

ALL BOOK ORDERS & MONEY MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL ON MONDAY, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

All children have received a catalogue of the books available for purchase. A link to the catalogue is also on our facebook page. Extra order forms are available from the office on request.

Remember 20c for every €1 spent on books is returned to the school in the form of book vouchers!

### Danone Big Taddle

We went on our Big Taddle today through Tyrrelstown to the play ground. All children participated in the event. Each child got a sticker and hat for the walk. On return to the school, they received a certificate.

To date money returned to the school for Barnardos is €126.

If you have not returned the sponsorship card and money, please do so as soon as possible.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

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

### FAI

FAI soccer coaches will start in the school on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child wears runners on a Tuesday (soccer), Wednesday (after school club) and Friday (GAA).

### Beach Day:

The Parent Teacher Association decided at the last meeting that we will have a "Beach Day" on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>. The pupil will get a bus to Donabate Beach. This coincides with our Beach and Water Themes in class in June. Children will also go to Newbridge Farm & Playground. *The cost of the trip is €13.* Letters and permission slips will go out on Monday. The money can be paid in one lump sum and/or instalments.

### English:

This week we wrote all about snakes! We are making good progress with our reading and writing during station teaching. It is important that you encourage your child to write in CURSIVE (joined) writing.

### Maths:

We are focusing on counting games - counting forwards and backwards. We are developing our mental maths skills through word problems & problem solving activities. We are also perfecting our number formation!

### Learn Together: Rights and Responsibilities & Olympics

We are developing on the work from last week in relation to rights and responsibilities. We are briefly introduce the Olympics and will develop this further next week

### Dates for your Diary:

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

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS: June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sports Day: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June



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Introductory letter from school to all parents concerning the Education (Welfare) Act 2000.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to tell you a little about the Education Welfare Act, 2000 and about some of the responsibilities we now share under the Act.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD EDUCATION

As you know, a good education gives your child the best possible start in life. A good education helps young people to obtain secure employment and develop into mature and responsible citizens. The purpose of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 is to encourage regular school attendance and participation in education and training for as long as possible. It is desirable that every child stays in school and completes the Leaving Certificate.

### NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL WELFARE BOARD

Under the law, every child must attend school regularly up to sixteen years of age or complete at least three years education in a post primary school whichever comes later. The National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB) was established to support school attendance and follow up on children who are not attending school regularly.

### OUR SCHOOL POLICY

*As a parent, you must let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing. The school will notify the National Educational Welfare Board if a child is absent for 20 days or more or where the absence gives rise to concern.*

*If your child is sick or is absent for other good reasons, no action will be taken by the NEWB. However, if there is concern about your child's attendance at school or about the reasons given, you may be visited by an Educational Welfare Officer who will discuss your child's education with you. The Officer will work with you and take full account of the circumstances of the child and the family before deciding what further action is necessary to ensure that the child receives his/her entitlement to an education.*

*Further information concerning the new service and about school attendance matters generally can be obtained from the national Lo-Call Education Helpline (Telephone 1890 36 36 66) which is staffed by an Educational Welfare Officer.*

Yours sincerely,

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Helena Regan (Principal)