



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 32

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012

## SCHOOL CLOSED

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

## Sports Day

We are having our Sports Day on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see reverse for details. Parents are welcome to attend!

## Attendance

There has been a very positive response to the attendance letters sent out last week. Please remember that when your child is out, we require a WRITTEN explanation of the absence. Absence forms are available from Katie or Helena. We appreciate your continuous support on promoting attendance.

## Booklists 2012/2013:

For the school year 2012/2013 the cost of the school books, copies, stationery 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.

## Beach Day:

All parents received letters and permission slips for the Beach Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the trip is €13. Please return money and permission slip in envelope provided. Thanks

## English:

Our report writing is now focusing on Ocean Habitats. This week we wrote all about Dolphins!

Children are continuing with their shared reading and reading record copies. It is great to see how much the children have progressed since September. Sails reading scheme is also going very well, and the children read their books very well in school. Parental support with homework is very good and this is reflected with each child's reading progress.

## Maths:

This week our focus is counting rhymes and songs. We have learnt the following songs: 10 green bottles, 5 fat sausages, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive, 1 man went to mow a meadow, 5 little ducks, 3 blind mice & 5 little speckled frogs. Encourage your child to recite these poems and songs at home. It is a great way for children to practice counting forwards and backwards!

## Irish

This week we are focusing on "aimsir" - weather. This week's Frasa na Seachtaine: *Canas atá an aimsir?* (What is the weather like)

*Tá sé fuar/ te / ag cur báistí*  
(it is cold / hot / raining)

## Learn Together: Olympics

This week we are focusing on Irish athletes in the Olympics. We have created profiles for boxer Katie Taylor, swimmer Gráinne Murphy, judoka Lisa Kearney and gymnast Kieran Behan.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Please remember parent teacher meetings next week. All parents have been given a date & time. Please let Katie know if you cannot make meeting.



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### SPORTS DAY: Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents/Guardians & Friends,

As you are aware our Sports Day is on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to attend. All children will be participating in numerous fun activities throughout the day. **Parents are also invited to participate in some activities.** Parent activities start @12.30pm. Please ensure your child has a small lunch & big lunch with plenty of water and/or juice. Please see below for timetable of events:

#### Timetable for the day:

**9am - 9.30am:** *Fun scoot & cycle*

Children are invited to bring in their scooters and bikes, with HELMETS & knee/elbow pads as required. Bikes & scooters are to be brought to the enclosed yard. Teachers will set up a track and children will take it in turn participating in the "Fun Scoot & cycle".

**9.30 - 9.45am:** *Dodge Ball game* (Room 5). Children will play dodge ball using soft foam ball.

Children are then split into 3 groups with "Leaders", Lorraine, Katie & Sharon.

**9.50 - 10.45am:** *Sports day circuits* starts. Children participate in 6 different activities.

**10.50- 11am:** *Lón* (some orange slices available for children)

**11am:** *Recommence circuits.* Children complete the final 6 activities.

**12noon-12.15pm:** *Class soccer game.* Children play soccer on grass area

**12.15 - 12.30 am:** *Lunch:* (Ice-cream and wafers for the children)

**12.30 - 12.45pm:** *Parent Race*

- Wheelbarrow race

*Parent and child race:*

- 3 legged race
- Parent & child relay race
- Parent & child sack race

**12.45- 1pm:** *Class Volley Ball* (water volleyball if outside)

**1.00-1.10pm:** *Presentation of Certificates*