



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 33

Thursday 14th June 2012

Booklists 2012/2013:

Amount: €75

Pay by: June 22nd

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.

Beach Day:

Cost: €13

Date: June 21st

All parents received letters and permission slips for the Beach Day, Farm & Playground Visit on June 21st.

The cost of the trip is €13. Please return money and permission slip in envelope provided. Thanks

Sports Day

Well done to all the boys and girls who participated in our first Sports Day on Tuesday June 12th.

It was a fun filled, action packed day with lots of games and activities.

We were delighted to have 3 coaches from the FAI with us!

Parent Teacher Meetings:

We had 100% attendance at our June Parent Teacher Meetings. It was great to see all the parents make such an effort to learn about their child's progress & speak with the teachers.

Remember, if you have any concerns about our child it is important that

you let the teacher know as soon as possible. Parents and the school working together, in unison is the best way to support your child.

English:

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

Sails reading scheme is progressing really well & we have ordered the next stage of readers for September.

Maths:

This week we focused on addition and combining. Children are adding 2 digits up to 5. They participated in a variety of activities using concrete materials and also completed numerous worksheets based on addition.

Irish

This week we are focusing on "aimsir" - weather. This week's Frasa na Seachtaine: *An bhfuil sé...?*

(Is is ...)

Tá sé fuar/ te / ag cur báistí

(it is cold / hot / raining)

Learn Together: Euro 2012

This week we are focusing on Irish Soccer Team and Euro 2012. We have created profiles for manager Trapattoni, Captain Robbie Keane, Goal Keeper Shay Given & Defendiant Sean St Clement.

School Tracksuits & Jackets

If you would like to order a school jacket &/or tracksuit please speak with Helena before June 22nd. Tracksuits cost €45. Jackets cost €25



Looking For Donations:

We are currently looking for the following items and are hopeful that you may donate them to the school

- Complete jigsaws
- Dolls
- Soft toys & teddies
- Lego
- Night lights
- Balls e.g. football/beach/soft etc
- Toy kitchen
- Play food
- Play kitchen utensils/shop equipment e.g. baskets
- Play house equipment e.g. iron/mop/brush etc
- Dressing up clothes
- Toy cash register
- Toy/old telephones
- Toy computers
- Writing/drawing/colouring implements
- Complete Board games
- Farm animals
- Wild animals
- Farm equipment
- People who help us toys e.g. ambulance/fire engine/doctors bag
- Transportation toys e.g. cars/lorries/boats/aeroplanes
action figures/small world people/barbies
- Doll clothes and utensils e.g. bath/buggy
- Construction toys e.g. Lego/K'nex/wooden blocks/duplo etc
- Toy/real clocks
- Sand and water play equipment e.g. bucket/spade/trowel/ funnel/stacking cups
- Tent
- Paddling pool
- Outdoor furniture e.g. play house, table & chairs
- Picnic benches

If you or any of your friends have any of these items, we would be delighted if you would donate them to the school.

Looking For Volunteers:

Help Moving Furniture & Equipment

Over the summer, we are moving into our new school. We hope to move during the week of the 6th of September. We would appreciate if you would make yourself available to help us move the furniture.

We will have all the furniture & equipment boxed up and ready to move. We need help to move the furniture into the moving van & trailer!

We will try our best to make the move on a Saturday!

Carpenter

We hope to make some storage cupboards in our new school. This will help up store equipment and resources and a safe and secure manner.

We are looking for any volunteers who would make cupboards/storage presses for us, put up shelves etc.

Painting enthusiast

We may need to do a little painting in the new building over the holidays. Once again we need volunteers to help us! We want to compile a list of volunteers who would be available for a couple of hours to help us paint over the summer holidays.

School App for iphone/Android

We are hoping to create a school app for iphone and/or android. If any parents would be interested in designing a PETNS App, please let Helena know.

Name: _____

I can volunteer to (please tick)

- Move furniture
- Make storage presses
- Paint
- Develop school app

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Multicultural Week:

We have decided to have a multicultural week from Monday 24th of June – Friday 29th of June.

Multicultural Week is a great opportunity for us to celebrate our diversity and the customs and traditions of our pupils and their families.

Parents are invited to come into the class and share their traditions with the pupils and staff. The children will complete a multicultural project and learn poems and songs in a variety of languages. The week will end with a multicultural showcase & food tasting.

How can I get involved?

1. Parents & friends are invited to come into the class to share their customs, traditions and their culture. Parents can
 - Show pictures & videos of their country & traditions
 - Bring in traditional clothing
 - Read story in own language to the children
 - Share traditional skills e.g. henna tattoos
 - Teach children a poem or song in their native language
 - Teach children a traditional/ native dance
 - Do a cooking demonstration of traditional foods.
 - Any other way you would like to share your traditions

An A3 timetable is available in the office. Please write in a day and time that suits you to come into the class. More than one day & time can be arranged if you would like them to perform with you at the Showcase.

2. Showcase:
 - Help children prepare a dance/song/poem for showcase.
 - Come to the school @11am on Friday 29th.
3. Food tasting:
 - Prepare traditional food
 - Bring the food to the school @11am on Friday
 - Let children and adults taste the food after the show case.