



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 4

Thursday 6th October 2011

Animal Week

Thank you all for supporting our Animal Week. We had a lot of fun.

Jim McMonagle from Dublin Zoo came in. He showed us lots of unusual items, including a whale's back bone, a tiger's skull and a leopard's skin. We put the pictures on the school website for you to see!

On Tuesday Gillian from the DSPCA came in with Beckham the Dog. We learnt all about looking after animals and keeping them safe. We also got to play with Beckham.

On Wednesday we had our Pet Day. Thanks to Julie for bringing in Charlie the dog.



Thanks to Edita for bringing in her two Chinchillas, Me & Mo.



We also got a class pet. Here is Carrot, our Goldfish!



National Tree Day

For National Tree Day, we talked all about trees. We introduced the boys and girls to our Willow Tree! We are going to plant it tomorrow.

Adult Classes

FREE Irish Classes every Wednesday @8.45am

FREE English Classes every Tuesday from 7pm-9pm & every Wednesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm

FREE Cookery Classes every Monday from 8.45am -10am

Parent Teacher Association

We are having our first Parent Teacher Meeting on **Thursday, October 13th** from 7pm - 7.45pm. We really need parental support so if you can, please attend!

Shared Reading

Shared Reading is on TOMORROW morning. If you have 10 minutes free, please stay to read a story! Thanks

School Tracksuit - parents' choice

If you are interested in purchasing the school tracksuit and/or school jacket, please return slips and money to Helena by Wednesday October 12th. Thanks

Dates for Diary:

Oct 8th: The School Community is invited to the National Forum on Enrolment, in the Central Hotel, Exchequer St, D2 @10am on Saturday

Oct 13th: PTA Meeting @7pm

Oct 17th - 21st - Maths Week. Maths Week is on October 17th - 21st. We are hoping to do a Maths trail, maths quiz and have maths for fun activities.

Oct 28th: Educate Together National Fundraiser Day Educate Together National Fundraiser is on October 28th. We are hoping to have a Fancy Dress Party and cake sale to raise funds for the school. If you could bake something we would be delighted!

Theme of Work: Animals

Dear Parents/Guardians,

'Animals' will be the theme for our next unit of work. We will be learning about pets, farm animals and wild animals in October.

Classroom activities

Children will participate in the following activities:

- Listening to stories, rhymes and poems about animals
- Dramatic play in a Vet's surgery/farm/zoo
- Creative play making animal masks, drawings, play dough animals
- Oral language activities describing animals, animal sounds, animal babies
- Music activities listening and responding to animal sounds and creating music with animal sounds, singing animal songs

Home activities

Here are some activities for your family to try at home to complement what children are doing in the classroom:

- Visit the zoo, farm or pet shop with your child and discuss the similarities among animals
- Find pictures of animals in magazines, papers and calendars.

Resources

We will use the following resources during our 'Animals' unit. We would appreciate any help you could give us. We will begin this unit on Tuesday 4th October, so please sign and return the form below if you can donate any items.

- Nature magazines
- Farm toys e.g. toy tractors, trailers, farm animals
- Wild animal toys e.g. plastic elephant, tiger, giraffe & soft toys
- Pictures of animals

Have fun exploring all of the amazing animal activities with your child.

Thank you for all you do!

Animal Theme

I would like to donate the following resources for the 'Animal' Theme;

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Telephone number: _____