



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 5

Thursday 13th October 2011

Welcome

A big welcome to our new pupil, Amaechi Ibe-Bobd, who started school with us today.

PTA Meeting

Quick reminder, our first PTA meeting is on tonight at 7pm - 7.45pm. It is very important that we establish a Parent Teacher Association for the school & we need your support! We would really appreciate if you could attend this evening.



Sam Maguire

The boys and the girls were very lucky to get a visit from Bernard Brogan & the Sam Maguire today. Bernard played for the Dublin GAA team that won the All Ireland Final in September. The boys and girls got to hold the Sam Maguire Cup and pose for photographs with Bernard! It was very exciting.

Parent-Child Worksheets

A big thank you to all parents and guardians who sat down with their child to complete their pet profiles! We have them displayed in the corridor, so make sure you have a look.



Planting

This week we planted lots of seeds. We planted onions, cress seeds, daffodils and parsley. We really enjoyed using our "green fingers" and getting our

hands dirty. We have also planted beetroot, spinach and cabbage.



Animal Theme

We are continuing to work on our Animal Theme. So far we have learnt all about pets and farm animals. We have played in the Vet's surgery, made animal masks, woolly sheep, played in the Animal small world, learnt lots of new words and got to listen to all the animal sounds.

Reading Programme

To promote a love for reading with your child we are starting a Reading Programme on Monday October 17th. This will require parental support! Every Monday your child will get a book home in their folder. We ask that you read this story with your child every night. Your child will also get a copy called "My Reading Record". We ask that you encourage your child to sit down and draw a picture of their favourite part of the story. They can then write a sentence about the picture. This will be a fantastic record of your child's reading progress throughout the year! We ask that books be returned every Thursday so we can have them ready to go home every Monday.



Maths Week

Maths Week is on next week!

We have a range of Maths Activities organised for the week including a maths trail, maths games, quizzes, art using shapes, and maths for fun.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING we are having Maths for Fun! We would really appreciate if 4 parents could stay in class for 15 minutes to play games with us.



Shared Reading

Shared reading continues every Friday morning. If you have 10 minutes free in the morning please stay to read a short story to the boys and girls.

School Tracksuits

If you want to purchase a school tracksuit please talk to Helena ASAP.

English Workbooks

English workbooks will be going home next week. Your child will be asked to complete 1 page. This page will be dated and marked with a paper clip. If you have any questions about homework, just ask Katie

Sound Books

As you are aware, your child takes home their sound book every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night. It is very important that you practice the sounds with your child. If you feel your child is finding it difficult or you are not sure what to do, please talk to Katie or Lorraine and we will support you as best we can!

Healthy Lunches

Please try to give your child a healthy lunch every day. Fizzy drinks, crisps, bars and chocolate are not allowed in the school. We also discourage parents giving pupils biscuits and cereal bars. We appreciate your support with our Healthy Eating Policy. It is important & it does help the children to participate in class. Thanks.



School Starting Time - 8.30am

Just a quick reminder that school starts at 8.30am.

We have noticed lately that some of the boys and girls are coming into school late. Morning activities are very important for the children's social skills and linguistic skills. During morning activities, children are also worked with one-to-one to revise letter sounds. This is done following a rota. Many of the children are missing their turn because they are not in class on time.

Being late can be very upsetting for the children as they enjoy morning activities and it takes them longer to settle into the daily routine.

Email Address

To save on printing costs and to become more environmentally friendly, we have decided to email letters and newsletters to parents.

To confirm we have the correct email address, could you please fill in the information below in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS.

Thanks!

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Email Address:

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Cake Sale & Fancy Dress Fundraiser

To support the Educate Together National Fundraiser on Friday October 28th we are having a fancy dress cake sale. If you can bake cakes, biscuits, breads, or anything else that will attract our taste buds, we need your help.

Please fill out and return the form

Name: _____

What are you going to bake? _____

All money raised will go towards to school to buy resources for the classroom

Tracksuit

Details

- ◆ Navy with red rims.
- ◆ School crest will be on it
- ◆ COST €40

CHILD'S NAME: _____

SIZE: _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____

School Jacket

Details

- ◆ Crested
- ◆ Fully reversible
- ◆ COST €25

CHILD'S NAME: _____

SIZE: _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

