



# Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 7

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## Mid-term Break

Next week, Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November, the school is CLOSED for mid-term break. We will re-open on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all have a great break and we look forward to hearing about your adventures on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Congratulations & Welcome

Yesterday we had interviews for the position of Special Needs Assistant in the school. We would like to congratulate Sharon Carr on her appointment! We wish you a warm welcome to the school and are delighted to have you on-board & as part of our team.

## Diwali

Yesterday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Diwali.



Over the last week we had been preparing for this Hindu Celebration. We created a Diwali display. We read the story of Rama and Sita. We made some beautiful lanterns that are now hanging in the corridor. We designed some Rangoli patterns and we made our very own Diya lamps!

Ananya's parents Vanipriya and Srikanth came into the class and spoke to the boys and girls about Diwali and how they celebrate the festival. Ananya came to school in traditional clothing. Vanipriya showed the class some lovely pictures and Srikanth cooked some delicious traditional food that we all got to taste!

Ankit's mom, Aparna also brought us some treats to celebrate Diwali.



A big thank you to all the parents who helped us celebrate Diwali!

**Educate Together  
National  
Fundraising Day  
Tomorrow,  
October**

28<sup>th</sup>

Here are just a few things to remember.

1. All children come to school in costumes / dressed as their favourite characters
2. Parents/Guardians are asked to stay in the classroom for 15 minutes in the morning to play Board Games with the children. (If we take lots of photographs we will get free games for the school)
3. Children are asked to bring in €2 (or more) each. Katie will have the collection box in her room.
4. All cakes/buns/biscuits can be dropped into the school throughout the day. We would appreciate if food could be brought in before 1pm so we can organise the room.
5. Cake sale is on from 1.10pm - 1.45pm

If any parents are free to help organise the cake sale, please let Helena know. Thanks

We will let you know after mid-term how much we have raised and what resources are to be purchased from funds!

## Thanks!

A big thank you to David & Edita, Ario & Behrad, and Bianca & Miora for donating toys to the school. The boys and girls (and teachers) are delighted with the new toys we have in the classroom.

If you have any unwanted toys that you would like to donate to the school, we will happily accept them!



forward to tasting everything tomorrow!

## After School Service

Many parents have expressed interest in an After School Care for their child.

I have spoken with Pipalong and if there is a demand they will try and establish an after school service.

If you would be interested in just one hour (from 1.10pm - 2.10pm) or a full working day after school service, please phone Johanna on 086 7766901.

## Halloween

We have also been learning about Halloween in class.

We are learning about some of the Halloween traditions, myths and legends. We are learning lots of Irish Halloween Words in Irish. We made scary pumpkins, ghosts and spiders.

Tomorrow we will be carving a pumpkin & making pumpkin soup! It should be really tasty.

“Oíche Shamhna Shona Duit”

Happy Halloween



## Jolly Phonics

We have now finished Group 4 of the jolly phonics letters. To date we have learnt the following letter sounds;

1. s a t i p n
2. c k e h r m d
3. g o u l f b
4. ai j oa ie ee or

## Cake Sale

There has been a fantastic response to our Cake Sale. Most parents have offered to bake or bring something into school tomorrow. We really appreciate your support & are really looking



## Theme: Our Community

After mid-term our curriculum learning will be based around the theme “Our Community”. We will explore our local area, including the school grounds & the neighbouring estate. We will learn about people who work in the community and hopefully we will have some guests (and parents) come speak to the children about their jobs!

If you would be interested to telling the boys and girls about your job, please let Katie or Lorraine know.