



Powerstown Educate Together NEWSLETTER 8

Thursday 10th November 2011

Board of Management Parent Nominees

On Thursday 17th @ 7pm we will have a short (15 minutes) meeting to elect a mother and father to our Board of Management. This is a democratic process, whereby parents are nominated. If more than one father or mother is interested in becoming a parent nominee, we will have a secret ballot. It is important that all parents attend if possible.



Parent Teacher Association

The PTA will have a meeting at 7.20pm on Thursday 17th. At this meeting we will start to organise the Winter Craft Fair. We will also have a look at some of the school policies.

After School Club

Next Thursday November 17th Lorraine will start an Arts and Crafts Club. It will run every Thursday from 1.10pm - 2.10pm. Parents are asked to contribute €1 a week (€5) towards the cost of food and art materials.

Please complete permission slip if you want your child to attend.



Winter Collage

If you have any old Christmas Cards could you please drop them into the school so we can make a Winter Collage. Thanks



Theme: People Who Help Us

We are currently learning about People Who Help Us in our Community. We are learning about the work of the postman, teacher, gardai, fire fighters, paramedics, shopkeepers just to name a few.

We are also learning about Tyrrelstown Village and creating our own 3D version of it!



Toys

If you have any toys that link to "Our Community & People Who Help Us" theme that you would like to donate to the school, we would gratefully accept them. Thanks ☺

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to tell us about your job?

Parents & guardians are invited to come into the classroom to speak to children about their work. We would be delighted if some of you could spare 5 - 10 minutes to speak with us.

Language of The Month: Lithuanian

We have decided to introduce a Language of the Month. This will be where we all learn some simple phrases and words that we can use throughout the school day.

Language for November is Lithuanian. If you could help us come up with some simple phrases & help us pronounce them properly, we would really appreciate it.

Jolly Phonics

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This week we have been learning the letters z, w and ng. Please continue to work with your child and their sound book. It makes a BIG difference. Thanks ☺

Maths

This week we have been learning about sets of 5. We have partitioned set of 5 in lots of different ways. We learnt that no matter what way we partition a set of 5, we still have 5 objects! We have also started learning about the number 3. This is the rhyme we use to write the number 3: "Around the tree, around the tree that's the way we make a three"



Frasaí na Seachtaine

Every day the boys and girls speak Irish in class. To promote the Irish language we have decided to do a Phrase of the Week (Frasaí na Seachtaine) On November 14th the phrase will be "Dia Dhuit / Dia is Mhuire Duit" (Hello / Hello response)

Learn Together - Buddhism

We are learning about the origins of Buddhism - Buddha's 'awakening', the four noble truths, the eightfold path to enlightenment, and the middle way. We are learning about Buddhist monks, what they wear, how they practice their religion (meditation etc) and are talking about the meaning of Sangha Day. This is a celebration of the Buddhist community around the world so we will learn about how it is celebrated.

Cake Sale

Thank you so much to all parents and guardians who brought in delicious cakes and buns to our cake sale. Thanks to your generosity we raised €91.60. All money is going to go into our Parent Teacher Association Account. This money will help organise the Winter Craft Fair in December and contribute towards the purchase of music and English resources for the school.



Winter Craft Fair Fundraiser

On Sunday December 18th we will host a Winter Craft Fair from 3 - 5pm.

This will be a fun family day out. There will be a children's disco and dancing, face painting and a visit from Santa.

There will also be a craft fair for adults where people are encouraged to "purchase" a table to try and sell items such as jewellery, candles etc. We will have a cake stall and are hoping parents will bake cakes for us to sell. There will also be a raffle.

This will all be discussed and organised through our Parent Teacher Association (REMEMBER: MEETING ON Thursday 17th). If you can help in anyway please let us know. Thanks



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Please check your emails for Newsletter 8. If you have not received it let Helena know and she will check to make sure we have your correct email address

Permission slip for Arts & Crafts After School Club

Child's Name: _____

I give permission for my child to attend Arts & Crafts after school club on Thursday Nov 17th, Nov 24th, Dec 1st, Dec 8th, Dec 15th from 1.10pm - 2.10pm.

I have enclosed €5 towards food and materials for the club

Signed: _____ (Parent's signature)

Volunteer to tell children about your profession (job)

Child's Name: _____

I am interested in telling the children about my job.

Dates that suit me to come in are: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Times that suit me to come in are: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

My job is: _____