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PETNS Newsletter 23rd November 2018

## Powerstown Educate Together National School Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> November – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### Reminder: School closed 30/11/2018

Parents/Guardians, a gentle reminder that school is CLOSED on Friday 30th November 2018 for staff training. Note for Department of Education: Additional full-day school closure 2018/19 The Department understands the need for schools to engage at a whole-school level to achieve the desired changes in practice which will have a real impact on pupils' [more »](#)



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### PTA Request for Winter Fair

The PTA met today to discuss our Winter Fair. We still help with raffle prizes and volunteers on the day if you can help out with any of the following please let us know: Raffle prizes: we still need lots of prizes for the fair. Small prizes for donation; if any parent could donate small [more »](#)



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### Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Student of the Week Award winners this week!

Junior	
Winners	Senior
Winners	<a href="#">more »</a>



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## PTA Check in 29/11/2018

The PTA discussed that it would be good to have another raffle prizes check-in next week. We have scheduled a quick meeting for next Thursday, November 29th at 08:30am If you have any raffle prizes please drop them to the school on Thursday! Thanks

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## Ukulele Showcase – 04/12/18 @ 1pm

We are delighted to announce that our ukulele showcase will be taking place in the Hall on December the 4th from 1pm-2pm. The classes from 2nd-6th have been practicing really hard for the last 10 weeks, and we are inviting everyone to come along to the performance. A huge thanks to the Fingal Music [more »](#)



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## Winter Fair – Friday 7/12/2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians, On Friday December 7th we are having our annual "Winter Fair Fundraiser" from 1pm to 3pm in our School Hall. This will be an action packed, fun family day out. There will be plenty of children's entertainment including a children's disco, face painting, party games, photo booth, jumble sale, art exhibition & much, much [more »](#)



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## December Learn Together Update

Theme: Monthly Theme: Celebrations Strands: Belief Systems; Ethics and the Environment Strand Units: Encountering the philosophy and values of the major belief systems; Introducing key figures in the major belief systems; Knowledge and awareness of environmental issues Rotas: Notice Board: Month Strands Themes Downstairs Upstairs December Belief Systems Celebrations Sycamore (Linzi) Beech (Eoin) Assembly: December Friday 7th Winter [more »](#)



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## Winter Performances 2018

SAVE THE DATE: Winter Performance will be on Friday, December 7th @8.45am – 10am. Children in all classes will be performing. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. As space is restricted, we kindly ask that you do not bring any buggies / prams.



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## Recycling Week

Last week was Recycling Week at PETNS. We decided to make it a home project since it was the same week as Science Week. We invited children to use recyclable materials to create a piece of junk art. There was so many amazing entries but the Green School Committee had the hard job of [more](#) [»](#)



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## Debating

Last week our debating team from Alder and Kamilah class (5th and 6th) were busy in a debating competition with St. Colmcille's Senior National School. It was our first debate and the motion ('Climate Change is Not Our Problem') was quite a challenge, as we had to agree with it! Both teams argued their points [more](#) [»](#)



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## Parent Teacher Meetings – Reminder

Dear Parents/Guardians, We have sent home numerous emails and noticeboard message to parents in relation to our November Parent Teacher Meetings. To view your allocated slot, please select the 'Parent Teacher Meeting' option on the app homepage. If you cannot view your allocated time slot via the Aladdin app, please contact your child's class teacher immediately. If this time/date [more](#) [»](#)

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## Islamic Mosque Visit

4th and 6th class were invited to visit the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland last week to visit their mosque. Beech and Kamilah had been studying places of worship as part of our Learn Together curriculum and it was fantastic for them to have the opportunity to visit a mosque and ask questions about it. [more »](#)



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## Science Week

Last week was Science Week in PETNS. Classes from Junior Infants all the way up to 6th class took part in different science based activities. Most classes took part in a science trail around the school grounds! 1st and 2nd class had a visit from Oceaneers Education about marine litter where they learned about [more »](#)



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## Marathon Kids

Last Thursday, 5th and 6th class completed their Marathon in Santry. They ran their final mile with hundreds of other children and completed the program by receiving medals acknowledging their hard work throughout the past two months. The children have run more than 42km since September and have improved their health and fitness, as well [more »](#)

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## Parent Teacher Association – November Minutes

Our PTA met today to discuss the agenda for November. Attached below are the minutes from the meeting. We always welcome more parental involvement and will keep you informed of the next meeting!

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## Winter Fair

Our school Winter Fair is fast approaching and we'd love to host our annual raffle. We need parents to approach local businesses and shops to see if they would be willing to donate prizes to the school. Fundraising letters to provide these businesses is available from Ann in the office. If any parents work in [more »](#)



## Movie Night

What: Coco (PG rating) When: 6-7.30pm Thursday November 22nd, 2018  
Where: School Hall Who: Everyone welcome Tickets: €5 (single) €10 (family) Our student council Movie Night in term 2 takes place on Thursday, November 22nd, 2018. The Student Council voted for the movie Coco. The screening will take place in the school hall on the big projector just like at the cinema! Children are welcome [more »](#)



## PTA Training

PETNS is delighted to host a representative from the national parents council in our school on Wednesday January 19th, 2019 from 1-2pm. The representative will hold a discussion and information session about how our parents can participate and become involved in our Parent-Teacher Association. It's a great opportunity to learn how to add to our [more »](#)



## Bag 2 School

Our Bag 2 School collection is taking place on Thursday 22nd November. Please leave your bags of clothes and shoes in the designated area on Thursday morning 22nd November.



## **Barnardos Parent and Toddler Coffee Morning**

Our weekly coffee morning with Bridgette from Barnardos continues every Monday morning in the hall. The times have now changed and it will be on from 9.30-11am. Tea, coffee and scones & biscuits provided. A range of activities are planned for babies and toddlers. It's an opportunity to meet other families and it's open to [more »](#)



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## **Recycle Week Junk Art Competition**

Recycling Week 12-16th November 2018 PETNS Green Schools Junk Art competition For recycling week this year the Green School Committee would like children to make their own junk art creation at home. Parents are invited to help children with these creations. Please ensure only RECYCLABLE materials are used to make the creations with the exception [more »](#)

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## **Parent Classes for Term 2 & 3**

We are hoping to apply for tutors from the ETB to run parent classes in Term 2 & 3. We need a minimum of 8 parents to sign up for classes for classes to run. Below is a questionnaire to find out what day/time suits you best for classes. And also what classes you would [more »](#)

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