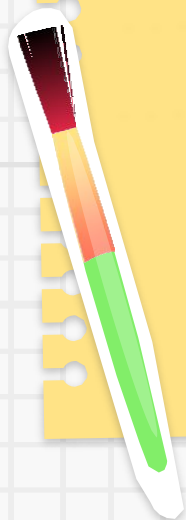




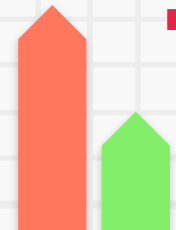
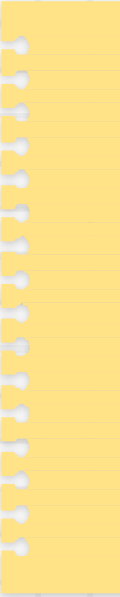
June Induction

PETNS 2023



Overview

- Staff
- School times
- Junior Infant Induction Timetable
- Introduction to Junior Infant routine / timetable
- School communication – Aladdin
- School calendar
- School policies & practices



Pre-school Passports

- Emailed
- ***Mo Scéal means 'my story' and the templates help to tell the story of the child's learning and development. This information will be shared with parents and, then we ask you to share it with us, your child's primary school.***
- Ask pre-school staff to complete
- Complete pages for parents
- Sign consent for us to speak to your child's preschool
- Drop / post it to the school

Mo Scéal: Moving from Preschool

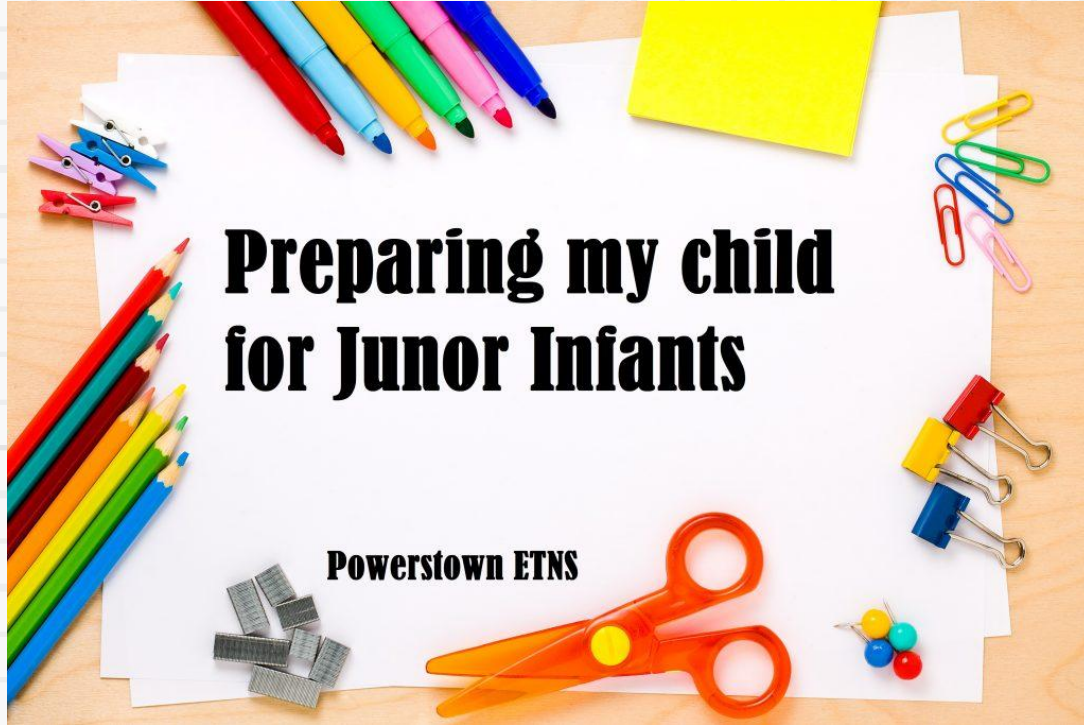
Child's Personal Details

First name:	
Likes to be known as:	
Surname:	
Date of birth:	

Primary School and Preschool Details

Primary School child is enrolled in:	
Primary School:	
Primary School contact number:	
Primary School contact person:	
Primary School contact person:	

School Website


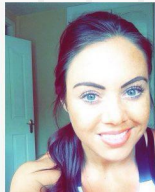





[CLICK HERE](#) for
link to all
documents on
the school
website

School Staffing Structure

- Helena - Principal
- Cróna- Deputy Principal
- 16 Classroom teachers
- 4 Autism classes
- 1 Development Language Difficulty (DLD) Class
- 6 Continuum of Support teachers
- 6 EAL teachers
- 16 Additional Needs Assistants
- Ann - School Secretary
- Alex - Caretaker

Junior Infant Staffing 2023

Grainne Ryan – Chestnut Class	Ailish McKenna – Ash Class	Anita Woods – EAL
		
Aoife McGonigle - COS	Lorraine Kelly - ANA	
		

School Times

- School Day: Opens at 8.20am with morning supervision until 8.30am
- Classes start: 8:30am
- Junior Infants & Senior Infants: 8.30am-1.10pm
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class: 8.30am – 2.10pm

Break Time for Infants: 09:50 - 10.10am

Lunch Time for Infants: 11.40-12.20pm

(these times include eating time)



Junior Infant Induction



Thursday 31st August – Friday 1st September 2023:

School starts for Junior Infant pupils at 9am – 11am

Monday 4th September – Wednesday 6th September 2023:

School starts for Junior Infant pupils at the NORMAL TIME of 8.30am – 11:30am

NEW JUNIOR INFANT PARENT COFFEE MORNING ON MONDAY 4th @8.30am

Thursday 7th September – Friday 8th September 2023:

School starts for Junior Infant pupils at the normal time of 8.30am – 12 noon.

Monday 11th September 2023– Rest of the Year

Normal School day – 8:30am – 1:10pm



School Day – Morning Routine

- Supervised Yard opens at 8.20am.
- 8 staff supervise outdoors daily from 8.20am – 8.30am
- Staff greet children at drop off gate and supervise their entrance to the Junior yard
- Enclosed yard is supervised by staff.
- On rainy days, all classes enter the hall to the right of the main entrance. They are supervised here until their teacher collects them at 8:30am.
- Children are encouraged to line up independently as induction programme details

Afternoon Collections

Children are escorted to the gate at the Junior Yard by their class teacher. Parents wait outside the by the bike shed / front of school. Class teacher releases child to parents/known adult who is permitted to collect the child.

Late collections:

If you are going to be late collecting your child, please contact the office on 01 8272018 / info@powerstownet.com or class teacher and let them know in advance.



Collecting Your Child

- ***Permission to collect my child forms are given to all parents/guardians on first day of school.***
- Only those people listed on your child's collection form are permitted to collect your child.
- If a person who the class teacher has not met previously is collecting your child, please let the teacher know in advance.
- Any adult unknown to staff collecting children (without teacher's knowledge) will be brought to the office. Parents/Guardians will be contacted to seek approval for releasing children. Adult will also have to sign collection book & give contact details to the school.

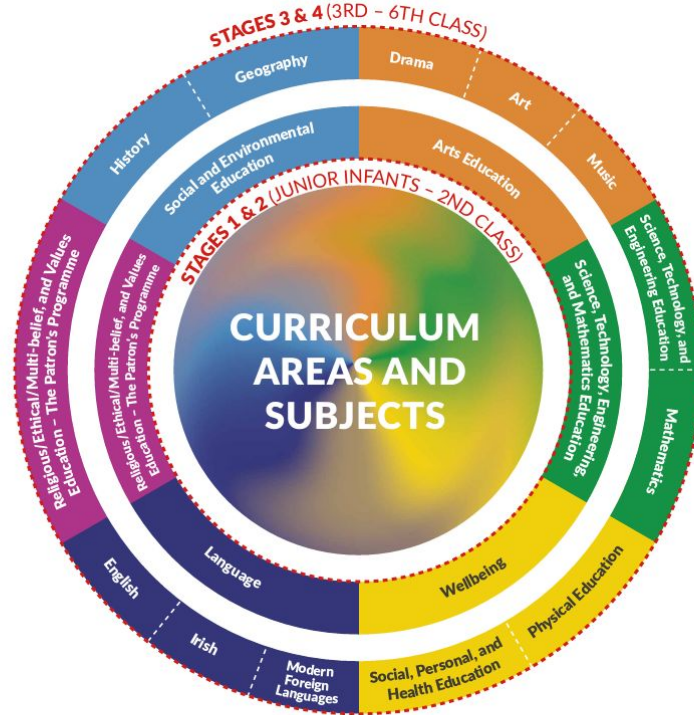
Primary Curriculum

- **Primary Language Curriculum:**
 - English & Irish (Gaeilge)
- **Mathematics**
- **Social Environmental and Scientific Education:**
 - History, Geography & Science
- **Arts Education:**
 - Visual Arts, Music, Drama
- **Physical Education**
- **Aistear Curriculum**
 - Play based, discovery learning
- **Social Personal & Health Education**
- **Ethics Curriculum:**
 - 'Learn Together Ethical Curriculum' - Updated in 2023 - Click [here](#)
 - 4 strands: Moral & Spiritual, Beliefs System, Ethics & the Environment, Equality & Justice)



New Primary Curriculum Framework launched in 2023.

[Click here](#) to view



Typical Junior Infant Day

- Hang up coat, put away school bag
- Morning Meeting
- Aistear / Play based learning
- English
- *Break (10 mins to eat lunch then outside)*
- Maths, SESE, Arts, SPHE
- *Lunch and Yard (15 mins to each lunch)*
- Gaeilge, Learn Together
- Home time – Put on coats and line up



Discovery Based Learning/Play Plan



My Little Library - Blanchardstown (Opp S.C.)

To help children to navigate starting school, libraries have put together a bag of books just for them that can be collected at any library from Thursday the 8th of June 2023.



First5 **Bags of stories and fun for every child starting school in 2023!**

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library

My Little Library Bag
Fill me up again at your library!

Libraries Ireland
Make Every Library Your Local Library

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Right to Read
at your Library

Rialtas Áitiúil Éireann
Local Government Ireland

AT HOME...

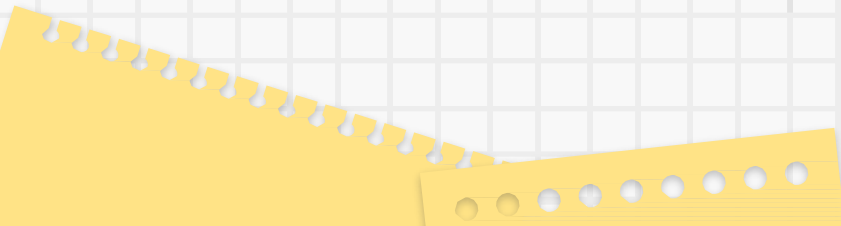
- Remember to speak your native language!
- Ask your child about his/her day!
- Explore nursery rhymes & stories in your native language with your child.
- Encourage your child to colour using crayons, pencils, markers
- Encourage your child to cut using a scissors & paste using glue.
- Encourage your child to write about their favourite stories, cartoons, what they did during the day.



(Please note that we teach cursive writing from Junior infants)

Additional Educational Needs

- If your child has an additional needs / AIMS support, please let us now.
- If your child is seeing HSE Primary Care Team or Disability Team (CDNT) please let us know
- We will assign Continuum of Support Teacher and Additional Needs Assistant to pupils when needed



A globe is the central focus, surrounded by several speech bubbles, each containing a different way to say 'Hello' in various languages. The bubbles include: 'CIAO' (Italian), 'HELLO' (English), 'HELLO' (English), 'TIPBET' (Tibetan), 'CAU' (Cantonese), 'AFRICA' (African), 'OLA' (Portuguese), 'ALOHA' (Hawaiian), 'SWAGN' (Swedish), 'BONJOUR' (French), and 'CIAO' (Italian). Hands holding markers are visible around the globe, pointing to the different greetings.

- **Reasons why home language is important** - Multilingualism is an asset! We want children to retain and develop their home language, continue reading, writing & speaking with your child in their home language. Hearing English at home from parents is not necessarily associated with faster English development.
- **School Language Questionnaire for Parents** - Information for Teachers regarding the first language your child heard, languages they speak, read or write. Some questions may be less relevant - feel free to skip these!
- **Growing our Multilingual Library!**
- **Parents involvement in school activities!** Reading home language books to children in class, bringing your home language into the class during maths week, science for fun etc.

ENGLISH language questionnaire



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- If you wish to contact the school please phone 01 8272018 / email info@powerstownet.com
- School contact parents via Aladdin. (At times by email, phone call, zoom)



SCHOOL APP - ALADDIN

- The school uses the Aladdin Schools software service www.aladdin.ie for administrative purposes and Connect will give you secure access to messages from the school and to details of your child's attendance, test results, reports cards etc via secure login from your internet browser or Aladdin Connect App

Aladdin Connect is a fantastic way to enhance a school's communication with parents. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education by:

- Accessing school calendar
- Accessing weekly newsletter
- Ensuring that the school has their most **up to date contact information**
- Keeping parents apprised of their child's **attendance and punctuality**
- Keeping parents up to date on **school and classroom news** via noticeboard & messages
- Allowing parents view their child's approved **report card**

DOWNLOADING THE ALADDIN APP



- App is FREE
- App is available for android and Iphones
- You will receive an email and text message during the first week of July.
- You will be given a unique code
- Please use this code to activate Aladdin Connect.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

Powerstown Educate Together NS

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

August '23						
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Schools Closures:

30th October- 3rd November
 25th December- 5th January
 5th February
 12th February- 16th February
 18th March
 25th March- 5th April
 6th May
 3rd- 4th June



School Closed/ Holidays



Parents- Teachers meetings



Half Day



First and Last Day of School

SCHOOL POLICIES & PRACTICES

ALL SCHOOL POLICIES ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.powerstownet.com

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



1. We monitor children's attendance & punctuality daily.
2. If a child is out we ask parents to inform the school via aladdin (by phone call, email or letter)
3. Notifications are sent home regularly to inform parents of their child's attendance and reasons given to the school for absence.
4. This information is also accessible to parents via the app.
5. TESS have attendance officers who host clinics in the school for parents/guardians

We encourage parents to book all holidays or trips abroad **outside of school term time**

UNIFORM

- No school uniform.
- School tracksuit and crests are available for purchase

You can check for sizes before you leave and place order.

- Comfortable, practical clothes
- Minimal jewellery
- Suitable footwear
- Tie hair back
- Label **all** belongings



HEALTHY EATING

We have two food breaks.

Please make sure your child has water to drink

10 minute fruit & veg snack

- Manageable bite size pieces



Lunch

- Sandwich /wraps/bagels
- Crackers / rice cakes
- Cheese, set yogurts, rice



The Lunch Bag App

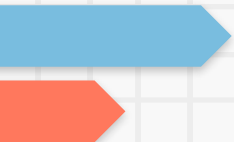
- Download app
- Order by 12noon
- Daily/weekly orders



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Informal

- Parents own skill base (art, IT, gardening, cooking)
- Enhancing learning (learning resource)
- Shared Reading & For Fun Activities
- Celebrations e.g. Diwali, Chinese New Year, Language Week, Book Week, Engineers Week
- Homework
- Coffee mornings
- Parent classes (in 2022 we had free gardening & art & crafts classes)



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Formal

- Parent Teacher Association
- Board of Management
- Fundraising initiatives
- Help on special events



Kick Start Movement Summercamp

Date: 10/07/2023 - 14/07/2023

Price: €100 per week

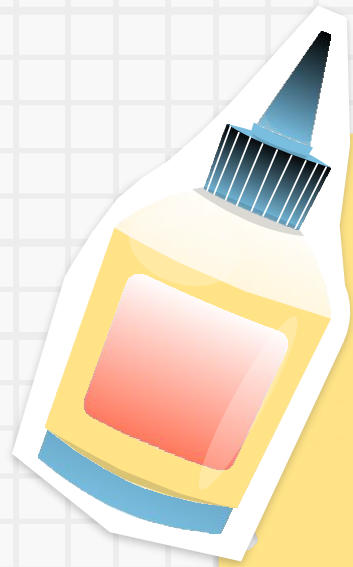
Age: 3 – 11

Hours: 10:00am – 1:30pm

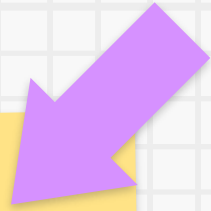
Email: info@kickstartmovements.ie



A great opportunity for your child to get familiar with peers and school grounds.



Any
Questions



To Do

- Enjoy the summer
- Promote independence skills
- Ask preschool to complete “Mo Scéal” form [here](#)
- Complete Language Questionnaire [here](#)
- Complete Child’s Interests Survey [here](#)

Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or “I can really understand why you would feel like that”



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.

