



Powerscourt National School School News

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Hello All!

Week 3 and I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Yesterday I heard a Woodpecker. I have to say that in all my 4 decades of living I have never been lucky enough to hear one. The sound is amazing, it is a drumming and it is so loud. I didn't get to see the bird despite me hanging around the base of the tree to warrant warnings of loitering. Although in saying that the bird that I was looking for resembled Woodie Woodpecker rather than the Great spotted Woodpecker that is most common within my 2 km allowed radius. I will return and report back in due course!



Most of us have lost jobs and businesses and our worlds have been turned upside down. We all miss the normality of life and it is very hard to see that we will come out of this, but we will. Good things are still happening, and our wonderful Powerscourt Family will reunite stronger than before.

This will be our last newsletter before the Easter Holidays. Hopefully in the next newsletter we will have some news of when we can all return to School.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Duck Eggs in First and Second Class

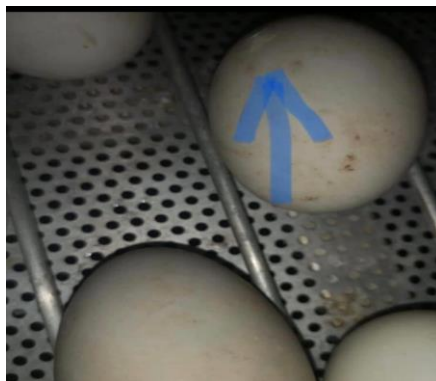
The Corrigan's are continuing to take amazing care of the duck eggs. The latest update is that the ducks are due yesterday, Tuesday 31st March. They have been beginning to rock and one had pierced a hole in the shell. In the clip below you can hear a very faint cheeping.

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Since that update yesterday we have a new arrival. The video of the occasion can be viewed on the PTT FaceBook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/PowerscourtPTA/>

It is truly amazing what the joy of new life brings to us all. Thank you so much Liam, Dan, Billy, Rebecca and all the Corrigan Gang.



Snowflake in his new home waiting for his brother and sisters to arrive.

Gaelbhratach:

Futa Fata - will be reading an Irish Story every day on FaceBook. <https://www.facebook.com/futafata/>

Frása na Seachtaine

'An bhfuil ocras ort? - Tá/ Níl - (on will uck-riss ert? - Taw/Neel)

Are you hungry - Yes/ No

REELING IN THE YEARS

Eight years ago, this week Powerscourt National School, started classes in the new school building.



Photo Credit: Natasha Devereux

THE PRIMARY PLANET - FREE ONLINE MAGAZINE

The Primary Planet, *News Flash* and *Eipic* will be published as an online magazine from April onwards, while related exercises, quizzes and activities will be posted on the website daily, much like our monthly resource pack. This, we hope, will help inform, engage and inspire our readers (and your pupils) through these difficult times.

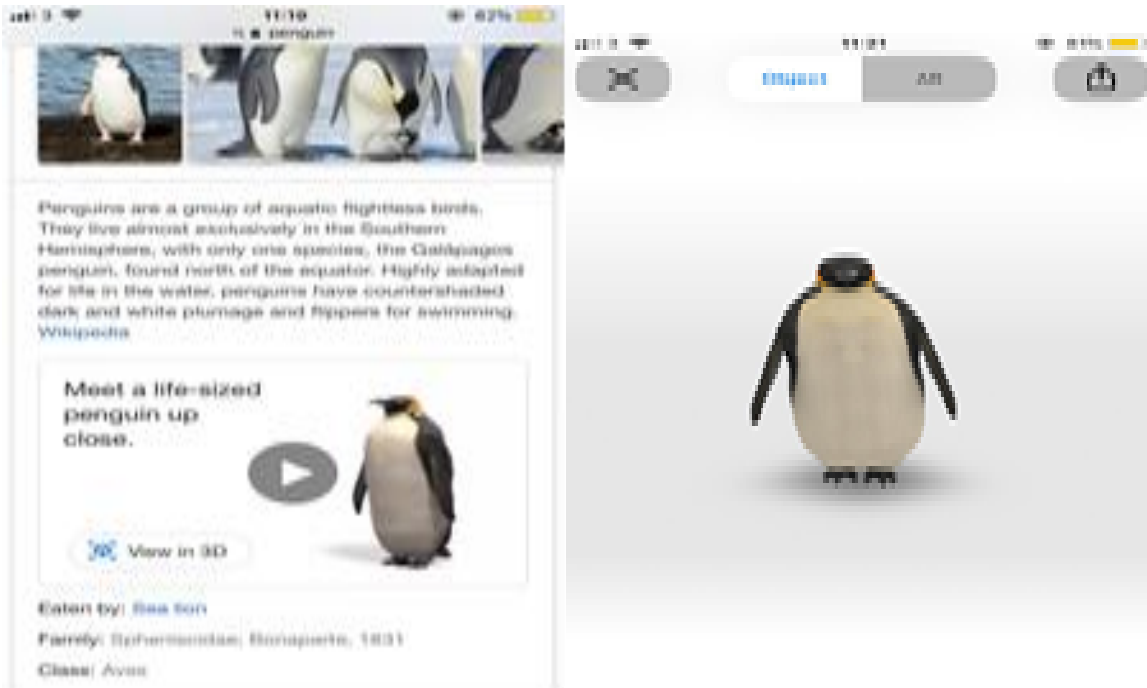
Therefore, future issues of *The Primary Planet*, *News Flash* and *Eipic* will be available for all pupils of your school to read on our website www.newsmagmedia.ie until schools reopen.

- APRIL ISSUE ONLINE - APRIL 1
- MAY ISSUE ONLINE - MAY 1
- JUNE ISSUE ONLINE - JUNE 1

GOOGLE 3D ANIMALS

If you type an animal's name into Google (on an iPhone or Android) and then press 'View in 3D'. It brings up your camera and then 30 seconds later you have a tiger in your house! You can take a photo of the kids with them and they can walk around it.

We've tried lion, bear, shark, penguin, horse, pony, octopus and cheetah too but am sure there are more.



This little guy was sitting on my bed!

what's Fit activity for kids your name!

SPELL OUT YOUR FULL NAME AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY LISTED FOR EACH LETTER. FOR A GREATER CHALLENGE INCLUDE YOUR MIDDLE NAME & DO EACH ONE TWICE! FOR VARIETY YOU CAN USE A FAVORITE CHARACTER'S NAME OR A FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME.

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| A jump up & down 10 times | N pick up a ball without using your hands |
| B spin around in a circle 5 times | O walk backwards 50 steps and skip back |
| C hop on one foot 5 times | P walk sideways 20 steps and hop back |
| D run to the nearest door and run back | Q crawl like a crab for a count of 10 |
| E walk like a bear for a count of 5 | R walk like a bear for a count of 5 |
| F do 3 cartwheels | S bend down and touch your toes 20 times |
| G do 10 jumping jacks | T pretend to pedal a bike with your hands for a count of 17 |
| H hop like a frog 8 times | U roll a ball using only your head |
| I balance on your left foot for a count of 10 | V flap your arms like a bird 25 times |
| J balance on your right foot for a count of 10 | W pretend to ride a horse for a count of 15 |
| K march like a toy soldier for a count of 12 | X try and touch the clouds for a count of 15 |
| L pretend to jump rope for a count of 20 | Y walk on your knees for a count of 10 |
| M do 3 somersaults | Z do 10 push-ups |

CONSULT A DOCTOR BEFORE STARTING AN EXERCISE PROGRAM - WWW.THEYSMELL.COM



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KILBRIDE

WORSHIP
WITH US
ONLINE!

Every Sunday Morning
on our Website and Facebook

[Powerscourt with Kilbride \(Website\)\)](#)

[The Grouped Parishes of Powerscourt with Kilbride
\(Facebook\)](#)



'I miss my Granny Annie'

I miss my Granny Annie and her funny little ways,
She's tucked away in her own house and never here these days
She isn't good at texting as she finds it hard to type
She can't hear when call her and she is TERRIFIED of skype!
And so I got to thinking, ('Cos I love my Granny so)
That, I would have to find a way to let my Granny know!
And so I found the answer and I thought I'd share my ways
If you've got a Granny Annie who you haven't seen for days.

You see, I planned to trust in God and send upon the breeze
The HUUUGEST prayers I've ever said, to put her mind at ease
He'll mind her while she boils her egg, (I know he'll hear my prayers)
He'll mind her little wonky leg as she goes up the stairs.
He'll mind her while she makes her tea and while she sleeps at night
I know he'll mind her carefully and keep and hold her tight
So! Send your prayers upon the wind for those who aren't about
And God bless my Granny Annie 'til it's safe to let her out!

By Rev. Cathy Hallissey

Home Gallery



Anna has been getting creative this week!



Nelly has been helping on the farm!



Penny learned to iron!



Elliot learned to be a Michelin star chef



Nelly flying her kite!



Emily and Louis on their daily walk!



Milo homeschooling in pyjamas!



Elsa and Milo made a delicious drink from pomegranates!



Zara was busy gardening and being pampered



Zara made Easter decorations and loved doing work



Rosie doing some research for her project!



Cian's virtual birthday party!



Ben helped to paint the coffee shop!



Róse dyed eggs for Easter!



Odhran busy working from home with his dad!



Odhran made pancakes for breakfast!



Kaia learned about spring and checked on sheep!



Kaia riding Louis at her grandad's

Art Gallery - Featured Artist: Noah Fortune



Teacher Home Gallery

A Very very special Teacher Home Gallery this week because

