



**Powerscourt National School
School News**

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Hello All!

Welcome back and welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It was a pity that the Easter Bunny had to deliver in the rain, but the rest of the amazing weather has made up for it. We are all looking forward to this coming term, we are hoping that we get back to school for some of the term so we will keep our fingers crossed. As ever stay safe and well.



Happy Earth Day 2020! If you would like to take part in an #EarthDayAtHome Challenge. You can share images, videos and drawings of how you are #DrivingSustainability from your home. The theme of the 50th Anniversary of the Earth Day Network is #ClimateAction. Climate actions such as planting flowers or trees, cycling or walking, growing fruit & vegetables, recycling and upcycling materials, all contribute to the current climate challenge we are facing. Feel free to tag 3CEA in all of your creative #ClimateActions so they can share them on their page and website, promoting climate action! Facebook and LinkedIn: 3 Counties Energy Agency 🌍📷📱🖋️

RIDDLE ME THIS!



Mr. Middleton is a huge fan of a good riddle; he has sent the below 10 for you all to have a go at!
Answers will be in next week's newsletter!

1. A cloud is my mother, the wind is my father, my son is the cool stream, and my daughter is the fruit of the land. A rainbow is my bed, the earth my final resting place, and I am the torment of man.
2. What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?
3. I am taken from a mine and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?
4. What goes up the chimney when down, but cannot go down the chimney when up?
5. What is it that has a bottom at the top of them?
6. What is full of holes, but can still hold a lot of water?
7. What is put on a table and cut, but is never eaten?
8. What kinds of stones are never found in the ocean?
9. As I went across the bridge, I met a man with a load of wood which was neither straight nor crooked. What kind of wood was it?
10. The Smith family is a very wealthy family that lives in a big, circular home. One morning, Mr. Smith woke up and saw a strawberry jam stain on his new carpet. He figured out that everyone who was there that morning had a jam sandwich. By reading the following excuses, figure out who spilled the jam. Billy Smith: "I was outside playing basketball." The Maid: "I was dusting the corners of the house." Chef: "I was starting to make lunch for later." Who is lying?

Bibi's Marathon!

We are all so proud of Bibi Devereux who over the month of April has run a marathon of 26.3 miles and raised an amazing €628 for Barnardos. Fantastic Bibi, very well done.



Cúla4 ar Scoil - An entertaining school program covering elements of the primary curriculum with different themes each week. Week one theme: Communication

Ar Scoil is broadcasting lessons through Irish every weekday at 10.00 am. Check out content at:
<https://www.cula4.com/en/shows/cula4-ar-scoil/>

Gaelbhratach:

Frása na Seachtaine:

An bhfuil tart ort? Tá/ Níl - (On will tart ert?/ Taw/ Neel - Are you Thirsty? Yes/ No

Food Dudes at Home!



Our Food Dudes programme was to start again from this coming Monday the 27th. As we are not in school Food Dudes are pleased to invite pupils to join Food Dudes Fun at Home via their website <https://www.fooddudes.ie/food-dudes-fun-at-home/>

Each week on Food Dudes Fun at Home, they will be providing free online, curricular linked resources, activity sheets, games, challenges and brand-new Food Dudes videos for the whole family to enjoy. The resources will be fun and educational and cater for children of all levels. New resources will be online every Wednesday in both English and Irish. The activities will cover a range of different themes each week and cover a number of curricular areas to encourage children to continue learning and having fun with fruit and vegetables.

COMPETITION TIME - There are plenty out there but here are 3 I thought you might like.

COMPETITION TIME - With REEL LIFE Science

With the support from NUI Galway and Science Foundation Ireland, ReelLIFE Science is launching an online science video competition for schools and youth organisations called '[ReelLIFE SCIENCE @ HOME](#)'. The programme encourages



young people to think about the science and technology in their everyday lives in a creative way, while learning some new communication and digital skills at the same time.

While practising social distancing at home, students can research a STEM topic such as '*Healing the Body*', '*Climate Action*', '*How Things Work*', '*Science on the Farm*' or '*Science and Me*', and produce a one minute video to engage and educate the public. Videos can be in English or Irish and from just one student, or many, if video clips are edited together.

The best video will **win €1000 for the school or youth organisation** they are representing and will be screened for the public at the Galway Science and Technology Festival in November.

Since 2013, more than 13,000 young people have taken part in ReelLIFE SCIENCE in over 400 schools and groups around Ireland, and we have awarded over €25,000 directly to schools and youth organisations.

Closing date for entries is Friday May 29th and, on our '[How to Enter](#)' page, you will find lots of information about taking part, including links to previous years' winning videos and advice on producing and submitting a video to the competition. I've attached our 2020 Flyer, How to Enter guide and Brainstorming/Storyboarding sheets here, while you can view a one minute '[What is ReelLIFE SCIENCE @ HOME](#)' video on our [YouTube channel](#) demonstrating the different styles and approaches taken by previous participants.

Toyota Ireland launched the 'Build a Better World Art Competition'. This was inspired by the company's global initiative 'Dream Car Art Contest'.

The fourth week of the competition will begin today (20th April) and the deadline for entries is Friday 24th April at 12pm. This week's theme is "Dream Car"



How to enter?

An image of the artwork must be emailed to dreamcarart@toyota.ie before 12pm Friday 24th April 2020, along with a completed entry form. All of this can be downloaded from toyota.ie.

Every week one winner in each age category will be announced and receive a prize of a €100 Art & Hobby gift voucher. The age categories are: Under 8, Age 8-11, Age 12-15



The Dogs Trust Short Story competition.

The Dogs Trust Education team have decided to host a short story competition. Creative writing is a wonderful way to express ourselves and stretch our imagination. Although we may have to stay at home with our bodies, our mind can take us wherever we desire. For dog lovers, it can be particularly difficult, because we can't bring our companions out on the long walks they love so much.

So...we want you to write a short story for us (500 words) that begins with this sentence

My dog and I were stuck inside on lockdown, but little did we know...

Take that sentence and let your imagination fly. Do you go on an adventure in the confines of your house? Do you teach your dog a trick? A magical trick? Does a spell suddenly swap your brain with your dogs!!!??? As long as your story starts with that sentence, we want to read it.

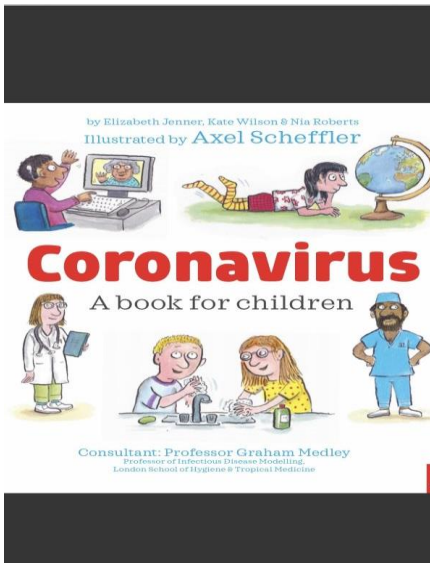
Anyone between the ages of 5 and 13 can enter, and there will be two winners.

One winner will be selected from the 5-8 age category, and one winner between the 9-13 category, and we will then have one overall winner. The winning stories will be published on our blog, and will each receive a Dogs Trust school bag.

<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.ie/whats-happening/>

At Home resources

Coronavirus - A book for children



Free book for Children by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson and Nia Roberts.

Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

https://issuu.com/nosycrow/docs/coronavirus_ins/1?ff&hideShareButton=true

There are many other free resources on this website, worth a look.

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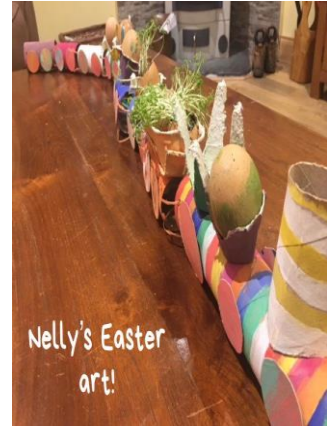
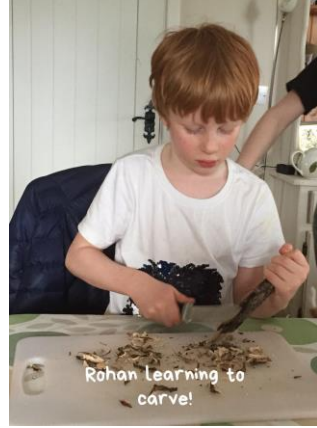
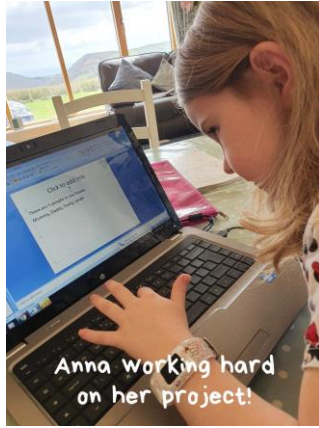
Home Gymnastic Course for Kids

<https://coachjanegymnastics.thinkific.com/>

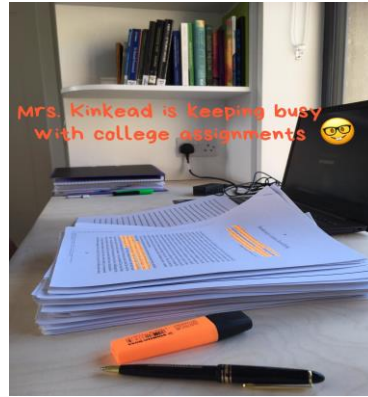
There is a beginner and intermediate level course which gives you video tutorials and sheets to download and practice skills such as balance challenges, rolls and cartwheels.



Home Gallery



Teacher Home Gallery



**POWERSCOURT WITH
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**WORSHIP
WITH US
ONLINE!**

Every Sunday Morning
on our Website and Facebook

Powerscourt with Kilbride (Website))
The Grouped Parishes of Powerscourt with Kilbride
(Facebook)