

**Powerscourt National School  
School News**

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**Change to School Practices for 2020/2021:**

The teachers have been working hard to assess different structures and systems in place in the school. The following changes have been made with the cost of each of these items and the benefits having been researched over the past few weeks.

**Donations:**

To reduce the cost of booklists, we have decided to remove some items from your children's book lists, in the hopes that people will donate items they have at home for the school to use!

**The items we would love to receive are:**

- Dictionaries (both English and Irish)
- Thesauri
- Atlases
- Bibles
- Recorders (these will be sterilised and assigned to one child for health and safety)

If you have any of these items, please let Ms. Honner know via ClassDojo message or email [jane.honner@powerscourtns.ie](mailto:jane.honner@powerscourtns.ie) and collection/drop off can be arranged.

**'Indoor Shoe' Abolition:**

The children in Powerscourt N.S. have had indoor shoes since the school moved into our new building. It has been decided that it is too expensive and too time-consuming to continue to have indoor shoes.

From September, all children will be expected to have one pair of **runners, which they are expected to wear every day**, that:

- are appropriate for P.E.
- are appropriate for running, jumping, skipping, football etc for playtimes.
- have completely white soles so the school floors are not damaged.

For health and safety reasons, sandals, flip-flops, boots, etc. are not appropriate footwear for school. Runners may have laces, and for children who cannot yet tie laces, they must be double-knotted so they remain on the child's foot for the entire school-day.

## Gaelbhratach:

### Frása na Seachtaine:

Cuir ort an-t-uachtar gréine' (qwer erton toohk-ter grey-nah) - 'Put on the sun cream!'

**Gaelbhratach Top Tip:**  
**'Scéalta le Spraoi' on YouTube.**



Fáilte go Scéalta le Spraoi

## Cúla4 ar Scoil -

A colorful poster for 'Cúla4 ar Scoil' on TG4. The title is in large blue letters on a pink background. Below it is the text '10a.m.TG4'. A blue banner across the middle says 'Téama seachtain a seacht: Mé Féin'. The poster is divided into sections for different days of the week, each with a list of activities and their corresponding year levels (R1-R6). The background is green with various school-related icons like paper clips, a clock, and crayons. At the bottom, there is a blue banner for the next week's theme: 'Téama na seachtaine seo chugainn: An Timpeallacht', a ruler showing numbers 1-7, and an illustration of a hand holding the Earth.

**Cúla4 ar Scoil**  
10a.m.TG4

Téama seachtain a seacht: Mé Féin

**Dé Luain**

- GAEILGE Ó BHÉAL- (Naíonáin - R2)
- TÍREOLAÍOCHT - (R3 - R6)
- MATA - (Naíonáin)

**Dé Máirt**

- LÉITHEOIREACHT - (Naíonáin - R2)
- MATA - (R3 & R4)
- GAEILGE Ó BHÉAL- (R3 - R6)

**Dé Céadaoin**

- EALAÍN - (Naíonáin - R2)
- LÉITHEOIREACHT - (R3 - R6)
- OSPS - (Naíonáin - R2)
- EOLAÍOCHT - (R3 - R6)

**Déardaoin**

- SCRÍBHNEOIREACHT - (Naíonáin - R2)
- OSPS - (R3 - R6)
- EOLAÍOCHT - (Naíonáin - R2)
- MATA - (R5 & R6)

**Dé hAoine**

- SCRÍBHNEOIREACHT- (R3 - R6)
- MATA - (R1 & R2)
- CEOL - (R3 - R6)
- STAIR - (Naíonáin - R2)

Téama na seachtaine seo chugainn: An Timpeallacht

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

## Cúla 4 ar scoil Seachtain 7 - 'Myself'

### Cúla4 ar Scoil - Theme "Myself"- Week 7- 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> June

During this week's theme "Myself" the teachers will be looking at the physical traits and personal characteristics of people. The junior classes will be reading and writing journal entries and the senior classes will be composing a character profile.

Caitríona will be helping us recognise and deal with our feelings. She will be demonstrating how our sense of sight enables us to detect information about the environment and protect our bodies while Fiachra will be presenting the structure and function of the Respiratory System. He will also explore the reasons why we make some of the important personal choices we make, for example smoking cigarettes.

We will be learning how to draw a self-portrait from observation and how to create a history journal recording the important dates and events in our lives. Fiachra will present two very different pieces of music for us to compare and contrast from a dynamic, tempo and pitch point of view and he will discuss how these musical concepts help evoke particular emotions.

In Maths this week Caitríona will play a Classifying game and present activities to develop our understanding of problem solving with subtraction. Fiachra will be drawing our attention to lines of symmetry in the environment and he will introduce a fun activity to practise our estimation and long multiplication skills.



Water Safety Ireland's PAWS (Primary Aquatics Water Safety) programme outlines the essential life-saving guidelines that every child needs to know. Learn skills that can save lives. PAWS deliver invaluable lessons that are simple common sense. Every parent is more than qualified to guide their children through them, all lessons have been adapted to facilitate home learning.

**RTE Home School Hub;** PAWS is now on the RTE Home School Hub available by clicking the link below:  
<https://www.rte.ie/learn/2020/0513/1138157-learn-skills-that-save-lives-by-becoming-a-paws-hero/>

The lessons and activities will guide children through Water Safety at home, on farms, in swimming pools, rivers, lakes and of course at the beach. Splash the Bear and River the Otter will show children how to stay safe at these locations, and how keep their family and friends safe too! By taking part not only will children be safer on or near the water, they can also become a PAWS HERO! All resources can also be found by visiting [www.teachpaws.ie](http://www.teachpaws.ie)

## Water Safety Ireland Colouring Competition:

Become A PAWS Hero. Water Safety Ireland are running a colouring competition to celebrate all of our new PAWS Heros. Enter the competition to be in with a chance of winning one of four €50 Elverys Sports vouchers. Download the picture of splash the bear and river the otter linked (you will find it on the hub) below, colour it in and send your artwork to [paws@watersafety.ie](mailto:paws@watersafety.ie). Please tell us your name, class level, school and name and we will announce the winners on Thursday 4th of June. <https://www.rte.ie/learn/2020/0513/1138157-learn-skills-that-save-lives-by-becoming-a-paws-hero/>

## FAI Resources for home



As we head into the final month of the school year, we would like to bring your attention to four resources that the FAI have developed over the past few months that teachers and parents may fi

**FAI Homeskills:** The library of all 35 skills is available on YouTube: [FAI Homeskills](#).

**FAI Guide to Healthy Eating:** Follow the link [FAI Healthy Eating Guide](#)

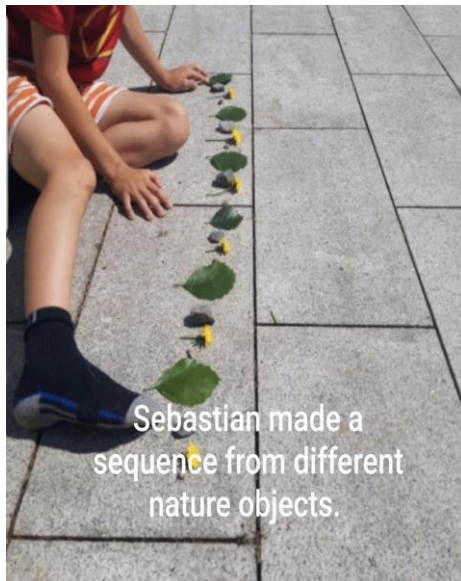
**No Barriers At Home:** Here is the students page: [Student Resources](#). Here is the information on the programme: [No Barriers At Home](#)

**We Will Draw:** We also have created some fun colouring pages of current Republic of Ireland Senior Internationals for kids, teachers may want to send this as an additional resource to parents also: [#WeWillDraw](#)

## Home Gallery



Dillon made an amazing obstacle course in his garden!



Sebastian made a sequence from different nature objects.

### Teacher Home Gallery



Ms. Kinhead's daily  
D.E.A.R. time in the sun!



Ms Kiersey spent the day on the beach with her  
mum.



Ms. Cox went for  
a lovely walk on  
the beach!