

**Powerscourt National School
School News**

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Booklists 2020/21

This year we will be using the Baggedbooks.ie service from Michael Doherty. Just follow the below link and order your schoolbooks for next year.

Here's the link to our booklists and stationery lists. <http://baggedbooks.ie/index.php?>

[BaggedBooks.ie - Home](#)

Simply enter your school code below to display your book list on screen and select the books and stationery you require. Add items to your bag to create your order. Once you are happy with your order then proceed to the checkout. At the checkout it is important to enter your child/children's name(s) and valid contact information.

baggedbooks.ie

Our school code is **powerscourt20**

- Your child's books are delivered directly to the school and the school will label them for you if ordered on BaggedBooks.ie.
- All books need to be covered - please ensure you select this option.
- Stationery items are listed underneath the books. If you already have some items, please only select the items your child needs for their pencil case (1st to 6th Class).

School Calendar

I have attached our school academic calendar for 2020/2021. I will post this up on our website too for later reference. We will return to school on **Tuesday 25th August**.

We are still awaiting guidelines from the department of Education and Skills regarding 'Back to school' COVID-19 policies.

Carlingford Trip - Fifth and Sixth Class

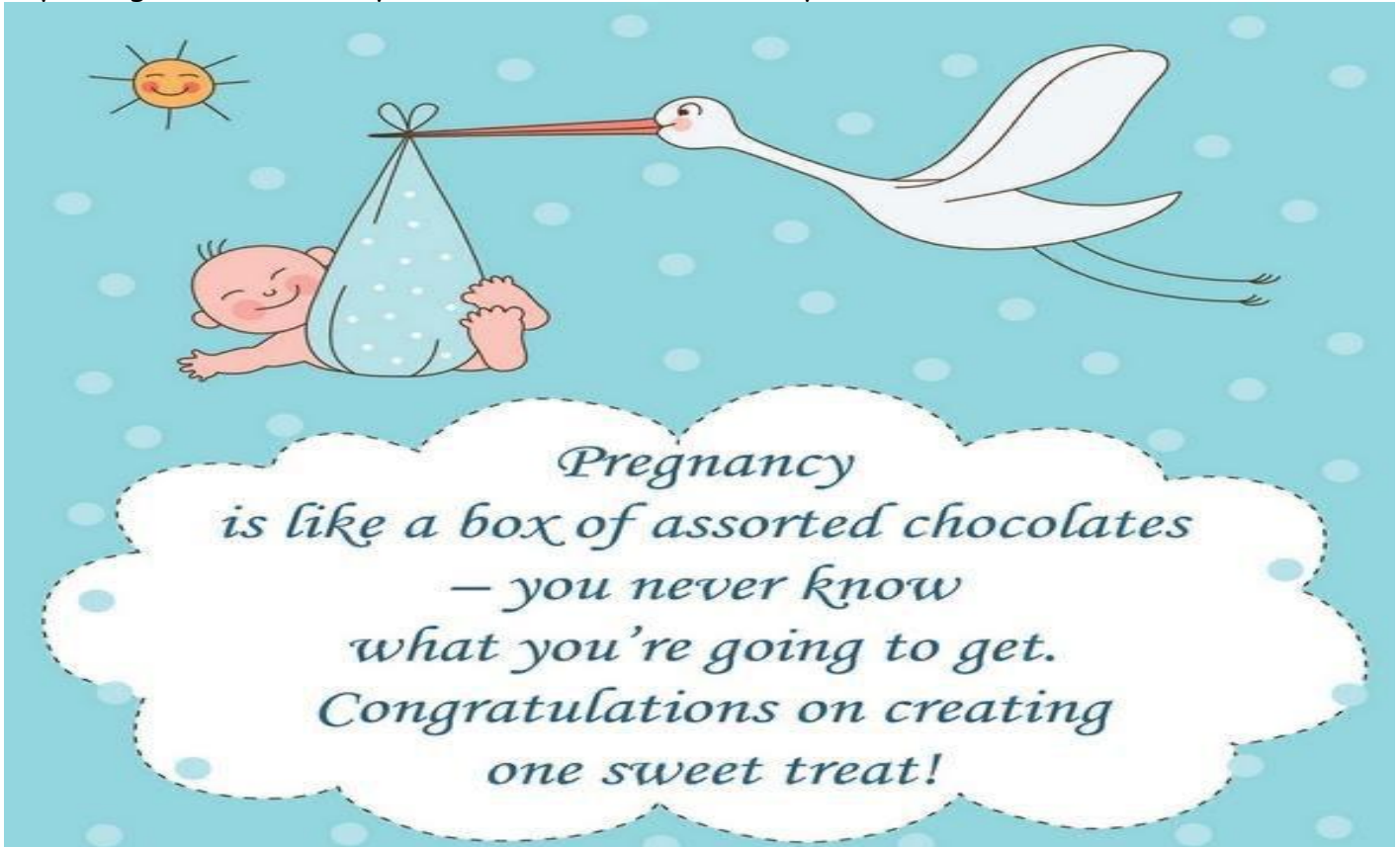
Our fifth and sixth class were scheduled to go on our bi-annual trip to Carlingford adventure center this month. Unfortunately, our date was cancelled but we have managed to secure a date in August after the center has re-opened. Mr. Middleton and Ms. Honner will be accompanying the classes on the trip.

Could I please ask parents of 5th and 6th Class to confirm your child's place for the new date via email to the office. For those who have still to pay for the trip please transfer to the BOM

account and send the office an email confirming payment. I have a few overpayments and I will be in touch with those families to arrange refunds.

VERY SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to send heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Kinkead and her husband Jack who are expecting their first baby in October. We are all truly over the moon for them both.



Writers Week - Creative Writing Competition

Thank you to all that took part and entered the Powerscourt National School Writers Week, Creative writing competition. Congratulations to the winners, we hope you enjoyed celebrating with your families:

Winners:

Jane Maloney - Junior Infants

Issac Heatly - Second Class

Emily Brady -Third Class

Hannah Cleere - Fifth Class

Below are the winning entries:

I love my family

They are nice to me, maybe not last night but most of the time they are.

My dad loves me. He bought me a 99 with sprinkles, marshmallows, blue sauce and a flake. He brings me cycling on the big roads and he loves bringing me to playgrounds when the virus is not here.

I love my mum. She lets me use her lipstick and perfume. We always do things together all the time. She reads good stories to me. I help her get jobs done. We go to the river for a dip.

My hugeets brother is Occi, I love him so much he gives me stuff everyday he finds them behind my ear, like chewing gum and jellies, he goes on dates with his girlfriend and one day he's going to bring me with them too.

Next we have Harry. He's sometimes mean to me but he loves me, a week ago he gave me a cool red lego lad with a super cool gun and an army man, he always helps me put orbeez in water.

Joe loves me but he annoys me too. He's kind, he lets me go on his playstation and cool skateboard. When I had no skateboard gear he lent me his, then I got my own. He's my best friend.

Buddy (Budzer) sometimes makes a ruff, when he stops ruffing I play with him and rub his head. He was a good boy at Christmas. He likes to escape and go on adventures. He always sits beside me on the sofa and keeps me cozy.

Sheila my hen is sitting on eggs at the moment and we are hoping for some chicks in 7 days, she lives beside the vegetable patch, where we have lots of stuff growing. I water them everyday. We could make rhubarb pie and salad as the lettuce grew the fastest. I like to pick Radishes but I don't like the taste, but I'm also so glad bananas aren't only for monkeys. I love them.

By Jane Maloney age 5 Jr. Infants.



THE MAGIC PORTAL

By Emily Brady

Once upon a time there was a lovely girl called Kate. She did anything and everything her mother told her. Kate had black hair and blue eyes and she loved science.

One morning Kate woke up and put out the bins. When she got to the bins, she saw a jar full of purple liquid. She brought it back with her to the apartment where she lived with her mother. Kate decided to try an experiment with this strange liquid. She figured out it was magic. If you drink it, you can create portals with your finger and teleport to different lands.

Kate became very curious about this liquid. When she went to drink it – her Mum called from the kitchen. "Kate, come help me make some cakes for the school fair", OK replied Kate.

They baked 20 cupcakes for the school fair...well 19 as Kate had to sample one. Kate had a great idea...when her Mum left the room, she poured the liquid onto the cupcake and ate it.

Next Kate and her Mum travelled to the school to drop off the cupcakes. Kate's Mum started talking and Kate was bored, so she decided to start walking home. On the way Kate discovered an old house that she had not noticed before. She entered the spooky old dark house. Inside the house was a strangely large wall, with a purple circle on it. It was the same purple colour as the liquid near the bins. Kate ran her finger over the purple circle.....the next second Kate was on the MOON. Kate began to panic until she found another purple circle. Once again Kate ran her finger around the circle. Kate was transported to THE DESERT. It was hot and sandy and lonely. Another circle appeared and next Kate was on top on MOUNT EVEREST. She began to get excited to see where the portal would take her next. Kate explored many places, but her favourite being the SKY CASTLE, meeting the King and Queen and riding unicorns.

After the best day ever, Kate enters her final purple circle and teleports back to the strange old house where this all began.

Kate makes her way home to tell her Mum about her wonderful adventure.

THE END

Poem by Isaac

Ninjago is so cool,
Its better than going to school.
My favourite ninja is Nya,
I always thought her name was Mia.
Lloyd, the green ninja, is strong,
He can hold the plank for so long.
The white ninja, Zane,
Can't feel any pain.
Jay, the blue ninja, can fire lightning,
It can be very frightening.
Sensei Wu is very old,
And lord Garmadon can be bold.

'Untitled': I'm not naming it

I don't want to do a poem,
But they don't have to rhyme,
They only need to be one verse,
I don't know what to do for this line.

Maybe I'll do another verse,
I don't want to be eaten alive,
Cheese and Crackers don't taste nice,
My name is Micheal Chive.

I spelt Micheal wrong,
I'm too stuck up to fix it,
I like fizzy strings,
How about rhyming lit or git,

Why are poem always so "deep"
It could literally be, blue fire is cold, touch it,
Oh no now I have to rhyme it,
Want a chocolate digestive biscuit?

Now I think Mr. Middleton gets the message,
This is the last verse I'm going back to bed,
I like complaining,
I'm writing this on me Mam's head.

By
Hannah Cleere

Gaelbhratach:

Frása na Seachtaine:

Ar chodail tú go sámh? Chodail/ Níor chodail (air huddle too guh sawv? Huddle/ neer huddle)
Did you sleep well? Yes/no.

Gaelbhratach Top Tip: Irish at home, Instagram account



Cúla4 ar Scoil -

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10a.m.TG4

Téama seachtain a hocht: An Timpeallacht

Dé Luain

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

Dé Máirt

- MATA - (R1 & R2)
- GAEILGE Ó BHÉAL - (R3 - R6)
- TÍREOLAÍOCHT - (R3 - R6)

Dé Céadaoin

- LÉITHEOIREACHT - (Naíonáin - R2)
- MATA - (R3 & R4)
- EALAÍN - (Naíonáin - R2)
- LÉITHEOIREACHT- (R3 - R6)

Déardaoin

- TÍREOLAÍOCHT - (Naíonáin- R2)
- MATA - (R5 & R6)
- DRÁMAÍOCHT - (Naíonáin - R2)
- SCRÍBHNEOIREACHT- (R3 - R6)

Dé hAoine

- CORPOIDEACHAS- (R3 - R6)
- SCRÍBHNEOIREACHT- (Naíonáin - R2)
- OSPTS - (R3 - R6)
- EOLAÍOCHT - (Naíonáin - R2)

Téama na seachtaine seo chugainn: Bia

Cúla4 ar Scoil Week 8 - The Environment - (8th-12th June)

This week's theme '**The Environment**' observes and explores the different ways in which plant and animal behaviour is influenced by, or adapted to, environmental conditions.

Fiachra will identify the basic requirements of living things for survival and look at the interdependence between plants and animals in local and other habitats. He will introduce the concept of food chains and webs. He will illustrate the vital role of bees to our ecosystem and to food production and encourage us to become more active in looking after our environment.

Caitríona will help us describe animals in relation to their diet, habitats and how they move. She will be demonstrating how Arctic animals' thick layer of blubber allows them to survive in one of the most extreme climates in the world. She will explore the role of colour and pattern in protecting certain animals by camouflaging them and show us how to use a paintbrush and sponge to recreate some of these patterns. Caitríona will also identify some simple recycling and reusing strategies to protect, preserve and improve our local environment.

In Maths, Caitríona will be using sand, water and a variety of standard and non-standard units to explore Capacity. Fiachra will collect data on rainfall and living things in his own garden and show us how to record this data using a graph and pie chart.

Home Gallery



Teacher Home Gallery



Ms. Honner did some hiking



Ms. Kinkead's Wicklow Walks



Ms. Cox went horse riding!



Ms Kiersey helped feed the cattle with her dad.



Mr Middleton got a special Birthday delivery!!