



The Shoutrade Scéal



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Welcome to the February edition of 'The Shoutrade Scéal'. We hope everyone enjoyed their midterm holidays and we are feeling Spring in the air at Shoutrade N.S. We would like to congratulate both teams who represented Shoutrade N.S in the Credit Union Quiz this month. Both teams put in fantastic performances finishing in third and fourth place. The school choir are showing great commitment and enthusiasm as we prepare to perform at the Limerick Choral Festival. Congratulations to all the children involved in our school open night who represented our school with such pride and confidence. Second to Sixth class have been electing class representatives for our newly formed student council. We will forward to seeing the work you will do on behalf of all your



Mrs. Fitzgerald's Class

February has been a busy month in junior and senior infants. We started a new learning theme of the Sports Shop. The children did a wonderful job setting up the sports shop and were busy making shopping lists, buying sports equipment and issuing receipts to customers. The children learned all about how to keep their bodies healthy and how important it is to do plenty of exercise every day. They learned about healthy eating and that treats are something to eat occasionally. In Irish the children learned how to talk about their pastimes and some of the sports they play. In History the children learned about St Brigid and for Valentine's Day they learned about St Valentine. They made beautiful love bugs planned and designed by themselves.



Mr Costelloe's Class

February was a wonderful month in Mr. Costelloe's classroom, full of fun, creativity, and busy hands! Art played a big role throughout the month, and the children really enjoyed making their Valentine's Day artwork. We explored colours, shapes, and different materials, and the results were fantastic.

We also spent lots of time in our construction zone, which continues to be a big hit. The children loved building with LEGO, magnetic tiles, marble runs, and train tracks. There was lots of teamwork, problem-solving, and imaginative play as ideas were shared and creations came to life.



Ms Olive's Class

February was a month full of fun, learning, and creativity in First and Second Class. In Literacy, we dived into the theme of Spring feasts, discovering the traditions behind St. Valentine, St. Patrick and St. Brigid. As part of our learning, the children developed their report-writing skills and produced thoughtful and creative pieces. In Maths, we explored the concept of length through interactive games and practical activities. Measuring and comparing different objects helped to bring the learning to life. In Science, we had great fun creating *Fizz Rockets*. Using small film canisters and Alka-Seltzer tablets, we explored how a chemical reaction can create gas and build pressure. The anticipation while waiting for the pop was followed by lots of laughter as the lids launched into the air! The children made predictions, observed carefully and discussed why the reaction caused movement. Some even demonstrated their findings in other classes. A highlight this month was our Student Council elections. The children prepared and delivered speeches to their classmates, sharing their ideas for the school. I was very proud of the confidence and respect they showed throughout the process. We have also been continuing our preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We were delighted to welcome Monsignor Neenan, who spoke with the class and offered lots of encouragement. It has been a productive month and we look forward to all that March will bring.



Ms Ryan's Class

February has been a busy and productive month in 3rd and 4th Class. The pupils completed Literacy Lift-Off and made excellent progress in their reading, with great improvements in confidence and fluency. In Literacy, they learned about the North and South Pole, exploring polar animals and extreme climates. In Maths, the focus has been on fractions and decimals, and the children have worked very hard to develop their understanding. Beautiful palm tree paintings brightened our classroom in Art, while in Music the pupils learned about the instruments of the orchestra. The boys have also been training enthusiastically for their upcoming hurling blitz in Newcastle West. Well done to everyone for their continued effort and positivity throughout February.



Mrs Spillane's Class

Our class has been very busy this month! In English we have been reading our class novel 'The Wildflower girl'. We have started the poem 'I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud'. We have also been working on our persuasive writing. In music we have been making a music composition to the story, "The Lion And The Mouse" with percussion instruments. In maths, we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We elected two class representatives for our new student council. It was a great exercise in formulated our thoughts and presenting our manifesto to the class. The process showed what active citizens our pupils are becoming. We enjoyed completing our gymnastics strand in P.E. Our garden has been coming to life with daffodils and crocuses. We also did beautiful Valentine's art. February has been a great month for us in 6th Class and we can't wait to see what March brings!

Mr O'Connell's Class

Bhaineamar lán taitneamh as an lá saoire bainc. Ansin rinneamar crois Bhríde le luachra úra. Rinneamar staidéar ar naomh Bhríde agus an gclochiar a bhunaigh sí. Rinneamar staidéar ar an sorcas freisin. We held a full application procedure followed by interviews for the positions on our student council. We created a powerpoint on Accelerated reading which we presented to parents on our open night. We studied the advantages and disadvantages of gaming for children. We discovered lots about lines, angles, measuring and drawing angles and triangles. We also learned about prime and composite numbers. We studied conditions in World War 1 trenches. We investigated magnets. We have been learning all about red and green emotions in friends for life and we have been exploring conscience and social justice in religion. We learned lots about staves, clef, time signature, pitch and rhythm. In gymnastics and our flexibility and skills have greatly improved.

