



The Shountrade Scéal

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the April edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We are so pleased that everyone is back in Shountrade N.S safe and healthy after a fantastic Easter holidays.

Since we have only been back in school for a few days the April newsletter will be a little bit different to our usual monthly newsletter. Instead of telling you what each class in our school has been up to in Shountrade N.S we are going to focus on a couple of highlights in our school that occurred this April.



Confirmation

Firstly, we would all like to congratulate the boys and girls in sixth class who made their Confirmation on the 8th of April. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Spillane, Mrs. Walshe and Mr. Kilcoyne for the amazing work they did in preparation for the special day. The boys and girls represented the school wonderfully and Monsignor Neenan led a beautiful service.



Our School Garden

You might not have noticed yet but this year as part of the work done on our new multi-purpose area we also created a school garden in Shountrade N.S. This month 4th and 5th class with the assistance of Mr. O'Connell set about making use of our new garden. We spent some time preparing the garden before finally getting the opportunity to get our hands dirty! We planted a wide variety of vegetables including chives, spring onion, potatoes and lettuce. We can't wait to keep an eye on the progress over the summer months in school.



Cumann na mBunscol & Primary Game

What an incredible month it has been for Shountrade N.S with several of our pupils selected for West Limerick Schools teams. Firstly, congratulations to Donal Ryan who proudly captained the Mackey cup (hurling) team while also representing the school on the Sarsfield cup (football) team. Further congratulations are in order for Ava Williams-O'Dowd, Isbéal NíUígin and Hazel Gleeson who were part of the victorious West Limerick Neville (camogie) cup side, with both Isbéal and Hazel also representing the Larkin (ladies football) team too!

Incredibly Donal and Hazel were also selected to represent their county on the Primary Game team. Donal togged out in Pairc Uí Chaoimh during half time in the Limerick vs Cork Munster Hurling Championship while Hazel will be representing Limerick when Limerick senior hurlers face Clare in the Munster Championship. There is no doubt the future of Limerick GAA is in safe hands!



Accelerated Reader

This school year has been our first year using Accelerated Reader. This initiative runs from third class through to sixth class and was introduced in September 2021 to encourage the children in our school to engage with and enjoy reading. It is great to see so many boys and girls enjoying reading every day in school and we have seen amazing progress so far. This term the students in fourth, fifth and sixth class were placed in teams and competed against their classmates to achieve the highest reading points total. Each group did a fantastic job and a special mention must be given to the 'George's Marvellous Medicine' team who emerged victorious. You can see their team picture after they were presented with book vouchers at our first ever Accelerated Reader assembly. We look forward to doing it all again in the summer term.

