



# The Shountrade Scéal



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### Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been very busy this month. The theme across all subjects has been the Vets. We have been learning all about the Vet's Clinic including the people who work there, the patients the vet cares for and the treatments the animals may require. The children have been treating all sorts of animals at the clinic including rabbits, dogs, snakes, mice and owls. In construction the children have been designing and building wonderful animal hospitals, vet clinics and even animal enclosures. There has been great sensory fun painting and washing small animals in all sorts of colours. In Maths the children have enjoyed more water play by exploring capacity. They have investigated which containers hold more or less and explored the idea of most and least as well half full and half empty. In History the children learned all about St Brigid and her magical cloak as well as the history of Valentine's Day. The children were very creative this month drawing and printing Valentine's art as well as making beautiful clay hearts with their fingerprints embedded. The children are looking forward to a well-deserved week off school for the midterm break.



### Senior Infants

In senior infants our Aistear theme for February has been the sports shop. Children have been building sports grounds during construction play and have been making hurleys, helmets and sliotars from playdough. The children did a great job of setting up the role play area as a sports shop. The children made beautiful painted hearts for Valentine's Day working with blending warm colours. We enjoyed the story of Setanta for history. The class are gradually learning more cursive style letters. Once they have learned a new cursive letter they can always use this when writing. We have been listening to and reading lots of narrative stories and the children even wrote their own narrative stories. They first made a plan for the story and decided on what characters and story setting to use. We learned how narrative stories have a problem and a solution. In maths children have been learning about the number nine and have been really good at making nine in different ways using numicon shapes. The senior infants are doing wonderful work and should be very proud of themselves.

### First Class

February has been a fun filled month in 1st class! I think all the kids would agree that the highlight was our 100th day of school celebration! The children were super excited to reach the milestone of being 100 days smarter since beginning their journey in first class. The festivities began with the girls and boys making colorful crowns fit for kings and queens. The learning continued with a variety of stations all revolved around the number 100. Children had to complete challenges such as writing down 100 words, racing to 100 with their dice, designing a jenga building using 100 blocks, completing a writing activity titled "What I could and could not do when I am 100 years old" and building a structure using 100 plastic cups. To make matters even more exciting each activity had to be completed before the timer went out! We ended the celebrations with a mega P.E lesson where the kids got to display their skipping, throwing, striking and bouncing skills all centered around the number 100 of course! The kids loved learning all about the Chinese New Year. They were engrossed in the various traditions celebrated each year and loved finding out what animal they are in the Chinese zodiac. Math has been all about measuring this month, the children gained ample opportunity to explore length, units of measurement and how to use a variety of measuring tools. In Gaeilge we have loved learning some catchy new songs and poems in our topic of Éadaí.





## Second and Third Class

Second and third class were celebrating all things spring this month. Our theme for Gaeilge was “An tEarrach”. We learned the Irish words for lots of bláthanna and really enjoyed learning the poem An Luchóg.. For English writing we wrote a variety of poems based on the theme spring. On February 1st we learned about our patron saint.... Saint Bridget. Second class even wrote a report about her. Third class have written reports about many amazing people this month including Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie and of course Daniel O'Connell. For Art we looked at the wonderful Kente Cloth which originates from Ghana and we were inspired to design our own Kente Cloth Abstract Art. Finally in science we learned about buildings and bridges. We looked at many famous bridges throughout the world. We then constructed our own bridges and had great fun finding out how much weight each bridge would support.



## Fourth and Fifth Class

Fourth and Fifth class have been lucky to have Miss MacSweeney in our classroom throughout the month of February. In Gaeilge, we have been learning all about Caitheamh Aimsire. We have played some wonderful games and covered some enjoyable poems during Gaeilge lessons. In Maths, we have been busy measuring this month. One highlight of our length lessons was the estimation and measurement trail we did around the school grounds. In Expressive Art lessons we have been focusing on the themes of 'The Winter Olympics' and 'Our Local Area'. This meant we created an incredible skiing slope scene and used the thatched cottages in Adare to inspire our pointillism art. We would like to thank Miss MacSweeney for the past month and wish her the best of luck in her studies!

## Sixth Class

We have been very busy through the short month of February. In English, we have been exploring the skill of debating. We have debated informally through oral debates and formally through written debates. Some of our motions included, Homework is A Waste of Time and Children under 12 Should Not Own Mobile Phone's. In music we have started to prepare with Mrs. Spillane for our Confirmation ceremony. In Art we are exploring the Fruits and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Maths we are having great fun working with Profit and Loss. A busy month in 6th!

