



The Shountrade Scéal

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the February edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We hope everyone enjoyed their midterm holidays and we are already looking forward to Spring time in Shountrade N.S.

Firstly, all the boys and girls would like to wish our under eleven quiz team the best of luck as they compete in the regional finals on Friday 3rd of March. We are immensely proud of them! Third to sixth class had a tremendous experience engaging in a creative film workshop this month. It was incredible to see what goes into making a film and we all thoroughly enjoyed the creative experience. Finally, it has been fantastic to see all the pupils in Shountrade N.S enjoying our weekly hurling/camogie lessons with Limerick GAA. The boys and girls have made tremendous progress already and have had great fun doing so!



Junior Infants

Once again the juniors have been busy throughout the month. We have been very lucky to have had Ms Aislinn Stokes teaching the class and she planned and taught some wonderful hands-on and engaging lessons with the children. A very big thank you to Ms Stokes from all in junior infants.

The theme across all subjects was the 'The Vet'. The children learned all about the important work of the vet. The role play area was set up as the Vet's Surgery and all sorts of tame and wild animals were treated for various illnesses and ailments. The vets were also very busy at the Small World Farm, where they looked after all of the sick farm animals.

In the construction area the children built many different animal enclosures, farms and even a tractor. The children are continuing to learn new sounds and are gaining confidence in reading week by week. Cursive writing is also progressing nicely among the children. In Maths the children got hands-on learning all about capacity, length and the number 5. Great messy fun was had investigating which containers held more and less water and rice. The children also made long and short snakes out of play dough. In History the children learned all about St Brigid and designed their own version of her magical cloak. In Science the children investigated a daffodil. The children learned about and labelled all the outer parts of the flower.



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 cards for Valentine's Day. 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 are designing their own characters for narrative stories. We are writing narrative stories as a class. We 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 cubes and numicon shapes. The senior infants are doing wonderful work and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Mrs. Fitzgibbon who did wonderful work with our class in February.

100th Day in 1st Class



1st 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 revolving around the number 100. Children were encouraged to complete challenges such as writing down 100 words, racing to 100 with their dice, designing a tower using 100 blocks, and building a structure using 100 plastic cups. To make matters even more exciting each activity had to be completed before the timer rang out!

In history the children enjoyed learning all about Shrove Tuesday and where the tradition came from. The highlight was getting to eat their own pancakes! Maths has been all about Data this month, the children gained ample opportunity to explore data, they did a wonderful job collaborating together representing their data on graphs and presenting them to their peers. In Gaeilge we have loved learning some catchy new songs and poems in our topic of Éadaí. Our sceál for this month was An Gréasaí agus na síoga, mor commonly known as The Elves and the Shoemaker. In PE our gymnastics came to an end with the children showcasing their self-choreographed gymnastics routine.



2nd Class

The theme for February in second class was Spring and “Eadaí”. In Science we learned all about The Dandelion, Food in Season and How We Use Our Senses in Spring. We went on a lovely Spring walk to identify signs of Spring. Our class have done a lot of work for this years Discovery Primary Science Entry. This month we focused on technology. We had great fun taking part in Hour of Code and other online Minecraft activities. We have also applied our Maths skills and knowledge by using our online Maths learning platform Zearn.

We had amazing fun in Art while exploring fabric and fibre. We created a 3-D collage of a scarecrow using cloth, wool, straw and string. We also made a collage of an elephant using hessian. Finally, using a wide variety of fabrics we designed an outfit which we would wear.

This month we starting the writing genre of narrative writing. We are really looking forward to this as we love to write stories. We are doing a lot of revision in Maths at the moment and Ms. Walsh says she is delighted with our progress. In Music we enjoyed learning to sing the songs Zip-a -dee -doo-dah and Kookabarra.

3rd & 4th Class

February was a fantastic month in third and fourth class. In Literacy, we spent February investigating Report Writing. We enjoyed writing a variety of reports. Firstly writing a report together as a whole class, then with working partners and finally creating our own individual information reports. We particularly enjoyed using the Chromebooks to gather information about our chosen historic civilization.

Another enjoyable activity we began this February was hurling/camogie lessons with Tony Dunne. We have already made great progress and have had great fun each week! The undeniable highlight of February was on the day of our midterm holidays as we took part in a filming workshop. We spent our morning engaging in the creative process of developing a plot, before later going on to create our own short scenes which we recorded. We really had a wonderful experience and we particularly enjoyed learning about perspective and green screen special effects.



5th & 6th Class

Hello everybody! The week before our midterm holidays, 5th and 6th class got a visit from a filming workshop to make a short film. Everyone had their time to shine and we all enjoyed it thoroughly! In Art, we drew a Saint Bridget's cross on an A4 page to celebrate Saint Bridget. We were able to use a picture of the cross we found online to help us. We found this a little tricky but it was also fun. We focused on shading. This month we focused on time in Math class. This involved 24 hour digital time and 12 hour am/pm time. We also used the Chromebooks to play maths games in which we had to answer questions around the maths topics we have covered so far this year. In History, we learned about the 1916 rising, which people might refer to as the Easter rising. We also learned about the song 'Grace' and how the lyrics are connected to the rising and Kilmainham jail. We used Danny O'Reilly's version of this song which he preformed in the prison when learning about this incredible song. We would like to wish everyone a lovely Spring.