



The Shountrade Scéal

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. Everyone in Shountrade N.S has been incredibly busy this month with some highlights including dressing up as characters for World Book Day 2022, the STEAM fair, First Confession and Seachtain na Gaeilge! We have all had so much fun this March and everyone is looking forward to the remaining months in the school year.

STEAM

Everyone in our school is playing a vital role in this years' Discovery Primary Science Project. Each class group has been busy with their own projects in recent weeks. Junior infants have created their own panpipes, senior infants have designed schools for the future, first class constructed board games using magnets, second and third class designed and constructed rafts, fourth and fifth class created marble runs to investigate the force of gravity and finally sixth class constructed and tested their own boats. These amazing projects made up a thrilling STEAM fair in our multi-purpose area which each class got to visit. We have all loved engaging with the Discovery Primary Science Project as it promotes an interest in areas related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

First Confession

15th March 2022 marked a special day for many boys and girls in our school. Congratulations to those in second class who made their First Confession.



Junior Infants

It has been a very busy month in Junior Infants. Our theme this month has been the Puppet Theatre with a focus on Fairy Tales. The children have been exploring lots of fairy tales, retelling and sequencing them, with a view to understanding narrative writing. There has been great fun in the role play area where the children have been performing their own puppet shows for each other. The children also made their own paper plate theatre with stick puppets of Little Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf and Granny.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the school STEAM Fair. In preparation for the Fair the children made pan pipes. They cut their straws to different lengths, taped them together and explored and investigated how to make different sounds. In addition the children discovered that the harder they blew through the straws the louder the sound. The children have also been learning about spring and the changes that happen in the environment. The good weather has been the perfect opportunity to get outside and hunt for signs of spring in the school grounds.

Senior Infants

March has been full of excitement for senior infants. Our Aistear theme is the garden centre. The children enjoyed planting cress seeds and discovering that plants need water and light to grow. We can then sell our cress plants in the class garden centre.

The children are doing great work in maths. We are learning how to use the number line and working on the skill of counting on. We had lots of fun for Seachtain na Gaeilge. There was great excitement while watching the hurling final and observing the skills of the senior classes. Another March highlight was the STEAM fair. We enjoyed showcasing our junk art houses, plant pots and cress plants. It was wonderful to see the projects from all of the other classes in the school too. The children made beautiful thumb and finger print floral bouquets for their Mum's for Mother's Day. Well done senior infants on all the fantastic work! The class are looking forward to working hard and having fun for the remainder of the school year.

First Class

March has been a jam packed month in 1st class! The girls and boys did an incredible job throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge, speaking Irish to each other, to the teachers and on yard. We had plenty of laughs acting out the story of 'Na Trí Mhuc'. We learned the hocaí pocaí as gaeilge and a dance to the well known Irish tune 'An Dreoilín'. First class loved learning about all the various Irish instruments and especially enjoyed Eoghlan playing his grandad's Bodhrán!

Our STEAM challenge of creating a fun game using magnets brought with it innovative ideas, creative skills and cooperation between the children as they worked together on their projects. We really enjoyed exploring with different magnets and designing the games. In writers workshop we began procedural writing, the children have become experts in this writing genre.

In the midst of St. Patrick's day celebrations we wrote our very own fact file on St. Patrick. We extended our learning during geography where we carried out a lovely activity that allowed us to delve a little deeper into the country of Ireland, the provinces, counties and our parish.



HAPPY
Easter

Fourth & Fifth Class

We had so much fun in school this March with so many highlights such as STEAM fair, SnaG and World Book Day. In Science we investigated forces before designed our very own marble runs in the multi-purpose area. In Gaeilge class we have been placing a special focus on our conversation skills and now enjoy beginning each lesson with a comhrá. We have made the most of the nice weather this month getting outside for Accelerated Reader, Science and of course P.E. This month we analysed and improved our running technique in P.E and have brought these skills into zonal games which also highlight the importance of communication and teamwork.

Second & Third Class

What a busy month we have had in second and third class! Ms Walsh was delighted with our project work which was based on the theme of the *Person who I Really Admire* or my *Favourite Animal*. We are very proud of them and Ms Walsh says that the standard is probably one of the highest she has ever seen for second and third class.

We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge. We had great fun doing drama "as Gaeilge" playing cluichí agus decorating our Sean Fhocail.

The highlight for us was possibly our STEAM Fair and of course second class made their First Confession. Preparations are well under way for our First Holy Communion. We cannot contain our excitement!!



Scoil Sean tSráide
Shountrade N.S.



School Hurling/Camogie

Everyone in Shountrade N.S would like to congratulate our pupils Donal Ryan, Hazel Gleeson, Isbéal NíUígin and Ava Williams-O'Dowd for their selection on the West Limerick Schools teams. We are very proud of their achievements to date and wish them the best of luck in representing our school. It's great to see all the training in school is paying off!



Sixth Class

March was an exciting month for us in 6th class. We started the month with Seachtain na Gaeilge. We loved the week, in particular the hurling tournament we all took part in. This month in Maths we have focused on length, area and perimeter. We loved getting out and about on the school grounds using trundle wheels, metre sticks and rulers.

We were busy throughout March with preparation for our confirmation which takes place next week. We're all really looking forward to do day now and would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Spillane and Mrs. Walshe for their help in preparation for our confirmation day.

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