



The Shountrade Scéal



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to the March edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. March has been a marvellous and action packed month. Our new student council are working on deciding which flag award our school will pursue. We had the mini sevens hurling and camogie tournaments. Both teams played really well. The camogie team got to the final. We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and Mr O'Connell organised a GAA tournament. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as. Míle buíochas leat, Mr O'Connell. Congratulations to 6th class pupil Lucy McNamara on being selected for the Limerick Primary Game Team. We have started hurling training in school with Tony Dunne every Thursday. We also had a STEAM fair where all classes presented their STEAM projects. It was amazing to see the science, creativity and engineering. We had fun celebrating enjoyment of reading when we dressed up as characters from books for world book day. Well done to second class who had a very special day when they received the sacrament of reconciliation. Congratulations to our incredible choir who performed at the Limerick Choral Festival and were awarded a certificate of Merit. Wishing Everyone a very happy Easter!



Mrs Fitzgerald's Class

March has been a very busy month in Junior and Senior Infants. Our theme this month has been the Garden Centre. We have been learning all about plants and what they need to grow. We investigated this by growing our own cress plants. We learned that plants need light, air, water and food from soil in order to grow. We showcased our learning at the STEAM Fair by showing our cress plants. It was wonderful to see all the other class projects at the Fair. We also investigated signs of spring around the school grounds. Seachtain na Gaeilge was another highlight of the month. The children made an extra effort with their Gaeilge and we had a fabulous time learning Irish dancing. All of the children made a fantastic effort with their World Book Day costumes and enjoyed showing off their costumes at the School Assembly.



Ms Olive's Class

In First and Second Class, March has been a very busy and exciting month, full of fun activities and special moments. From celebrating World Book Day to taking part in Seachtain na Gaeilge and exploring our STEAM projects, the weeks really flew by! The children made a fantastic effort during Seachtain na Gaeilge, speaking Irish with their friends, teachers, and out on the yard.

We had great fun acting out the poem *Na Leipreacháin* and even designed our own leprechaun traps! Our STEAM challenge was another highlight, where we explored creativity and problem-solving by designing balloon-powered cars. It was wonderful to see them racing across the hall!

One of the most special moments this month was receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which was a lovely and meaningful experience for all the children.



Mrs Ryan's Class

It has been a very busy and enjoyable month in third and fourth class. In English we have started expanding our vocabulary even more by doing some dictionary work. We were working hard reading everyday and celebrated our favourite books on "World Book Day".

In Maths, we have worked on fractions and decimals with Mr Kilcoyne and began looking at Time. Bhíomar ag caint as Gaeilge i rith seachtain na Gaeilge agus bhaineamar an taitneamh as an gcomórtas peile agus iománaíochta! We looked at "Floating Boats" this year for our Steam Fair and enjoyed constructing our boats while also testing out if they float.



Mr O'Connell's Class

Bhain rang a cúig an taitneamh as na comórtaisí peile agus iománaíochta i rith seachtain na Gaeilge. Rinneamar staidéar ar Lá Fhéile Padraig agus bhaineamar taitneamh as rinncí gaelach freisin. We investigated fractions, decimals and percentages. We applied our knowledge to problem solving involving all three forms of number. We investigated why things float by researching densities of various materials and compared these to the density of water. We built boats from various materials excluding plastic and we showcased our discoveries and creations to all other classes during our STEAM fair. Meanwhile our boys and girls represented Shoustrade N.S. in both mini sevens competitions in hurling and camogie. Our class representatives in Mrs Spillanes choir were hugely rewarded for their hard work and dedication by winning a merit in the recent choral competition. Thanks To Mrs Spillane and Mr. Morrissey for their hard work and dedication.



Mrs Spillane's Class

Sixth class have been working on being amazing role models for our younger pupils. The pupils are leading by example with respect, listening and politeness. The 6th class pupils will be observed showing kindness and good example to the younger pupils in our school on a daily basis. We are delighted to see the garden in bloom and all our work with planting is showing results. In maths we are learning algebra. The children find it very satisfying to find the value of the variable. For English and history, we have been reading about World War II. The children all agree about the futility of war. We had a visit from a civil engineer and quantity surveyor from Sisk-Sorenson to tell us all about the Adare Bypass. It was so interesting to get an insight into the world of construction and to learn about how the project is progressing. We have made the most of the spring sunshine by reading our novel and doing yoga outside.



Mr Costelloe's Class

March has been a terrific month in our class, full of fun, learning, and exciting activities. Our highlight this month was taking advantage of the beautiful weather with a trip to Curraghchase. We had a wonderful day exploring the forest trail, enjoying a picnic together before finishing up playing in the playground!

Back in school, we also had great fun preparing for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. To celebrate these special occasions the children put lots of effort into creating lovely artwork and enjoyed picking flowers thanks to our lovely neighbours in the local area. It has been fantastic to see how much progress our class is making, both academically and socially. We are all now looking forward to a well-deserved break and the upcoming Easter holidays!

