



The Shountrade Scéal

MAY NEWSLETTER 2024

Welcome to the May edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We are delighted to announce that our school achieved the SFI Curious Minds Gold Award for our children's engagement with STEM this year. What an amazing achievement for the school! May has been a very busy month for GAA in Shountrade N.S. It has been great to see so many children honing their skills at after school training every Wednesday. Congratulations to the 6th class pupils who performed superbly at the Limerick GAA Skills Competitions. Another highlight this month has undoubtedly been the return of 'Fun Friday Circuits' every Friday morning from 8:45—9:00. It is amazing to see all the boys and girls enjoying exercising together every week!

A special thank you to all those who helped out in the Adare Garden Fete. Well done to the children in Shountrade N.S who competed and won medals in the Adare Community Games athletics day. Finally, congratulations to the boys and girls received Communion Day this month. It truly was a wonderful service with the incredible Shountrade choir adding to a very special day.



1st Class

First class had an amazing fun filled May. Ms. Mc Sweeney finished up with the class by rewarding us with an ice cream party outside when the sun came out. In maths the pupils are back to the topic of money. The pupils used real money to play various games. In Literacy we have been focusing on letter writing. First class worked really hard and wrote a letter for a classmate.

In Gaeilge this month we looked at different colours. Pupils learnt about different colourful landmarks around the world including the Great Barrier Reef and Rainbow mountain in Peru. Following the enjoyment of this, the pupils painted lovely Rainbow mountains which we displayed all around our classroom. In SESE pupils looked at different materials. We made posters with how we can protect our world and what is recyclable. In first class we are all looking forward to a busy and enjoyable last month of the term!

Junior & Senior Infants

What a busy month it has been in Junior and Senior Infants. Most exciting this month was the completion of Literacy Lift-off. The children have had a wonderful time reading with their teacher every day, working on handwriting and sentence building with Mr Kilcoyne, building on phonics and spelling knowledge with Ms Walsh and developing oral language and storytelling with Geraldine. But the favourite station most days was the chance to play literacy games on the chrome books! The literacy power hour in the mornings has undoubtedly boosted the children's reading and writing skills.

Our theme this month was The Campsite. The children have been practising their camping, foraging and mapping skills at the Teddy Bear Campsite in our role play area. The children also made wonderful campsites in the small world play area as well constructing fabulous tents, forests and campervans. Our writing genre of writing to socialise tied in perfectly with the Campsite theme. The children have been writing camping lists, beach lists as well as postcards and booking forms. In maths the children have been putting all of their learning about number into operation by combining numbers. While the juniors are combining numbers up to 5, the seniors have been combining up to 10. The children are looking forward to a fun filled month of June including their exciting school tour to Kilmeady Social Farm, Active Week as well as the School Walk.



School Fun Walk

Reminder our annual school fun walk will take place on Friday June 21st. Last years walk was a tremendous outing for Shountrade N.S and was enjoyed by all! If possible please return sponsorship cards by 14th June.

2nd Class

The girls and boys in first class have had a fantastic month of fun and learning. The highlight of course was our fabulous First Holy Communion Day. A special thank you to Monsignor Neenan for all his help, we will remember this special day forever. We have extended our mathematical skills having learnt how to do subtraction with regrouping, worked on time and money. In art we covered many strands such as construction, paint, drawing and clay. We had lots of fun creating clay puppies and dragon eyes. We enjoyed drawing sports for the community games and all children did a wonderful job on their drawings and colourings. Our theme for this month in SESE is Africa. We learned about the wildebeest, a folktale from Africa and the country Ethiopia.

3rd Class

May has been an eventful month in the classroom! In Maths we started the topic of weight and had a tense game of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' and managed to secure the million-euro question! We have finished our novel Stanley and engaged in a fantastic drama activity in which pupils had to act out a parent teacher meeting! Our novel Stanley also has been the focal point for our comic book that we are making, the pupils are excited to produce our very own comic book full of illustrations and hilarious dialogue.

There has been great excitement surrounding our learning on water pollution this month and pupils have taken a proactive approach by creating awareness posters for our classroom. As a class we were shocked to see that there is almost 200 million tonnes of plastic in our oceans currently! We have promised to be mindful this Summer when visiting beaches to have a zero-waste attitude. In art we have been inspired by the famous artist Eoin O'Connor and we created our very own cow paintings. We have created our very own farm in Shountrade N.S! Speaking of farms, we were thrilled to take a tour to Kilmeeady Social Farm as we saw an array of farm animals, perhaps this could inspire future artwork!



4th & 5th Class

May has flown by in fourth and fifth class this year! Many of the boys and girls enjoyed representing the school in the Cumann na mBunscoil hurling/camogie competitions. Having spent time revising our verbs this month in Irish class we got the opportunity to create our own narrative stories. It was amazing to see the progress made by the boy and girls this year.

We are loving our class novel 'Wonder' by R.J Palacios. Throughout May we spent time linking 'Wonder' to our drama lessons with freeze images, interviews with characters and diary entries. We have also been busy in SESE this month as we explored matter and discussed the different materials that changed the world. Finally, in music we explored the music genre Rock 'n' Roll this month! We had great fun listening to a wide variety of performances before learning about Queen in greater detail. Having explored their style of music and the front man Freddie Mercury we had great fun performing 'We Will Rock You' together as a class.



6th Class

May has been a really exciting month in 6th class. The Shountrade hurling team narrowly missed out in the Cumann na mBunscoil hurling competition. However the boys returned victorious from the Scoil Mhuire Askeaton football blitz. Our girls have been very successful too. Again, narrowly missing out in the Cumann na mBunscoil camogie competition but winning the shield at the Scoil Mhuire Askeaton football blitz.

We have been studying Area, Perimeter, the Circle and Weight in Maths. We have been enjoying our novel 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' in English along with the antics of Tom Sawyer and others. We have been profiling the characters of Mr. Tom and Willie as we continue to learn about them throughout the novel. We have continued studying irregular verbs in Irish and we have continued enjoying reading Cosán na Gealaí novels in Irish.

We have discovered the different types of wild flowers and grasses in our environment and we have learned about perennial, annuals, biennials etc. We have been studying the beatitudes and contemplating the values that contribute to better life choices.

