



The Shountrade Scéal

MAY NEWSLETTER

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 the children's engagement with STEM this year. What an amazing achievement for the school!

We would like to take this opportunity congratulate 5th class pupil Aoife Carr who attended the All-Ireland community games cross country championship this month. We are all very proud of her! Furthermore, we would like to wish all the boys and girls representing their parishes at the community games athletics event in June every success in their event. May has been a very busy month for GAA in Shountrade N.S. 5th and 6th class pupils Mary Hannon, Donnchadh McNamara, Noah Fitzpatrick, Tadgh McCarthy, Pearce Hartigan and Páidí Evans performed superbly at the West Limerick Skills Competitions. We would also like to congratulate the boys hurling and girls camogie teams on representing the school with great pride. Both teams had wonderful fun days out with some great skills on show!

Junior Infants

What a busy month it has been in Junior Infants. Most exciting this month was the commencement of Literacy Lift-off. The children have had a wonderful time reading familiar and new books with their teacher every day, working on their handwriting and sentence building with Mr O'Connell, and building on their phonics and spelling knowledge with Ms Olive. But the favourite station most days is the chance to play literacy games on the chrome books!

This month we moved on to a theme of Birthdays. The children were very busy planning and throwing birthday parties for each other. A lot of effort went into drawing, colouring and cutting homemade cakes, invitations and decorations. The daily birthday disco was great fun for all.

In maths the children have been putting all of their learning about number into operation and are combining numbers. They used hands on learning to practise combining with their combination monsters that they had constructed in art. In science the children investigated floating and sinking. The children predicted which items were likely to float and which would sink before investigating for themselves. The rubber band left us all perplexed when it neither floated or fully sank!

In PE the children worked on cooperative games and have started some simple but fun orienteering activities. The children are looking forward to a fun filled month of June including their first school tour and Active Week.



Senior Infants

Senior infants have had a wonderful month of May. The children have been doing their best work, listening and showing kindness to their classmates. Our Aistear theme has been 'The Zoo' and we have had great fun working as zookeepers, ticket attendants and visitors to the zoo. We are also developing our maths understanding of money while selling and paying for tickets at the zoo.

Children have been working on getting their SALF books finished and selected their favourite work from the year in school. They can be very proud of all their work this year. For our active learning strategies we have continued with walk, jog, run, go noodle or yoga stretches. We have been doing gymnastics in PE and the children have been developing their balancing, rolling and stretching skills. In Music, we listened to 'Carnival of the Animals' and sang the 'Minibeast Song'. We loved how the music helped us to visualise the lion marching and the elephant plodding. We had fun creating a composition of jungle sounds. In Art, we painted animal fur patterns of safari animals. We also enjoyed going for nature walks during the warm weather! Well done senior infants for all your great work!

1st Class

The girls and boys in first class have had a fantastic month of fun and learning. We have extended our mathematical skills having learnt how to do addition with regrouping and we explored the topic of weight using estimation and measuring skills to record how heavy or light various objects were. We covered the topic of 2D and 3D shape, the children did a wonderful job at making 3D shape nets and various pictures using tangrams.

In art we covered many strands such as construction, paint and drawing. We created tissue paper cherry blossom tree's. The children had the task of creating a boat that could float. This was an extension activity after covering The Titanic in SESE. We also investigated the contributions lifeguards and inventors make to society.

We began reading our class novel 'The Owl That was Afraid of The Dark', we have had lots of practice making predictions, visualising and inferring throughout. In writers workshop we started our final writing genre of the year 'Writing to Socialise'. We are enjoying writing letters and postcards!

2nd Class

What an exciting month we just had in second class. The highlight of course was our fabulous Communion Day. We will remember this special day forever. We also really enjoyed our pre Communion ice-cream party and our post Communion party! Ms. Walsh said she was very proud of us! We have loved doing outdoor learning this month. We have just started reading the novel The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips. We explored print making in Art. We are also very busy revising all the Maths we learned this year.



3rd & 4th Class

3rd and 4th class have had a wonderful May in which we have really made the most of the weather by getting outside for Accelerated Reader, walking debates and of course our Run/Jog/Walk every day.

One of the highlights this month was getting the opportunity to create our own PE games, working in groups of four we had to create and design our own game before teaching it to our classmates during PE class. Another highlight this month was undoubtedly presenting the projects we had created at home throughout the month of May. 3rd and 4th class were tasked with completing a project on a historic figure, scientist or inventor who benefitted society. All the boys and girls completed amazing research and we loved learning about each person.

We can't wait for the month of June, in particular our school tour and Active Week.



5th & 6th Class

5th and 6th hope you are enjoying the good weather! May has been a very busy month for 5th and 6th Class. In English, we focused on Procedural Writing and 'directions' around a fictional town. In Gaelige, we are still focusing on Ag Sio-padóireacht and our Briathar Neamhrialta. In maths we have explored Weight, Capacity and Chance. In art we did two amazing lessons. Firstly, we painted a Collage of our past pupil hero Ronan Connolly- Munster and All Ireland Hurling Winner! In Construction we attempted the Triangle Challenge with Mrs. Olive.

We are excited for a busy June!

Community Games Art

Last but certainly not least all at Shountrade N.S would like to wish a massive congratulations to Annalea Ruttle (4th place U8 Girls) and Sonia Holmes (1st Place U14 Girls) for their incredible success in the Limerick Community Games Art competition. Well done girls, we are immensely proud of you!