



The Shountrade Scéal

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the November edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal' and what a busy month it has been for all the boys and girls in Shountrade! Some highlights this month in our school include Science Week, Anti-bullying Week, the choir trip to U.L for Peace Proms and our colours day in support of the Adare Camogie team. Finally, we would like to congratulate Chloe O'Brien, Lucy O'Mara, Donal Óg Ó'Ghairbhí and Lucy Murphy who were selected as winners of the Credit Union Art Competition 2022! We are very proud of our students and the incredible artwork they created.

Junior Infants

November has been a very exciting month in Junior Infants. The children started learning their sounds and they have been busy writing their letters and learning to read words! The children have even started writing cursive letters already. Great fun has been had writing letters with chalk, making letters with play doh and playing lots of sound games to help us learn. The theme across all subjects this month has been The Hospital/Doctors. Our Role Play area has been set up as the hospital – children have been attending the hospital with various ailments including broken bones, head injuries, tummy upsets etc. The babies were a great hit with the children and were well taken care of getting their check-ups and vaccinations. The nurse calling to check our hearing and eyesight was perfect timing to tie in with our theme of Doctors. In History the children learned all about Florence Nightingale and how important she was to modern day nursing. Our theme in Gaeilge was Bia and the children have loved learning all their favourite foods in Irish and have had lots of fun learning Irish rhymes and songs. Science Week was great fun with lots of exciting experiments throughout the week – plenty of fun chemical reactions!



Christmas Carols

We are all thoroughly looking forward to our Christmas Carol gathering on December 15th in the Holy Trinity Abbey Church. All of the boys and girls in Shountrade N.S are busy preparing for the wonderful night ahead and we can't wait to perform for the parents/guardians/friends of the school.



GAA News

Everyone in Shountrade N.S would like to wish a massive congratulations to the Adare Intermediate Camogie team who were crowned Munster champions this month. They now have progressed into the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final!

Senior Infants

November has been great fun in senior infants. We have been so lucky to have final year student teacher Ms. Mc Namara teaching our class. We have been learning all about food. The children played in the café and supermarket for roleplay. In Science they made butter and planted peas. The children learned about procedural writing in English. They had great fun reading the procedures to make jelly and to make pancakes. The children especially enjoyed tasting the finished products. They created beautiful still life drawings of fruit and vegetables in art and learned about perspective while looking at some of the work of Vincent Van Gogh. Children had great fun learning An Damhsa Mór in PE. In music we learned about tempo and beat while listening to March Past of the Kitchen Utensils. In maths senior infants learned about 2D shapes and the number 7. In Geography children learned about different types of food all around the world. We are also learning our song for our Christmas Carol Service. Our song is called 'How Far is it to Bethlehem' and the children are making great progress. It has been a fantastic month in seniors and we are very thankful to Ms. Mc Namara for all the fun and interesting lessons.

1st Class

First class have had a jam packed November! There has been a wonderful buzz of excitement amongst the students since beginning our Recount Writing. The boys and girls have made incredible progress in their writing skills. Their enthusiasm and love for reading and writing continues to grow each week.

All of our budding scientists came to life during 'Science Week'. The children loved carrying out experiments daily and working cooperatively within their pods. Our class favourite was the exploding volcano, most likely because it was the messiest!!

We have been working on our games strand in P.E, the children have had great fun challenging themselves with a variety of throwing and catching skills. In music we have been learning about different instruments and have gotten the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments where we practiced the concept of beat and rhythm.

In S.E.S.E we have been learning all about our Solar System. The children completed projects where they amalgamated their report on the planets with some artwork they completed during a drawing lesson.



2nd Class

In Religion this month we have been learning about Advent and how we can prepare for Christmas. We cannot believe how quickly the time has flown since we have started second class. Ms Walsh says time flies when you are having fun and working hard! Our theme for Gaeilge this month is "Bia" and we have been learning lots of vocabulary, songs and poems. We have started the planning and design stage for our S.T.E.A.M projects. We are very excited about creating and constructing our boats and musical instruments. In Geography this month we have been investigating materials used to construct homes, learning about homes around the world and homes of various animals. We also learned about homelessness which we found interesting. In S.P.H.E. we have been learning all about character strengths and how we can use these to improve our well-being. We discovered that gratitude is an extremely important character strength and that we should be grateful for our lovely homes and the people who look after us.

We also looked at the paintings of the artist Gustav Klimt and were inspired to create our own patterns based on his style. We are proud of our colourful praying mantis and our garden backgrounds. In English we have been writing lots of procedures. We particularly enjoyed writing the recipe for making toffee apples.

Ms Walsh says there could be a visitor in our classroom next week. She seems a little worried because last year when this visitor arrived at her classroom he created a lot of mischief!



3rd & 4th Class

World Cup fever has taken over in third and fourth class! Over the course of November each child was designated a country competing in this years FIFA World Cup. Following this each child spent time researching their country before putting together a poster to be presented to their classmates. Following our fantastic presentations we put together a gallery of our projects in the school hall. Another highlight this month was Science Week 2022. Early in the week we spent some time following Science Foundation Ireland's coverage which included discovering how vaccines were discovered. Following this we explored skyscrapers around the world and undertook our own STEM challenge to build our own free standing skyscrapers in class. Anti-bullying week was another highlight this month! One activity we loved was letting each our classmates know our favourite thing about their personality.

5th & 6th Class

Fifth and Sixth Class boys and girls have been very busy this month. We have all completed our projects on Greece and learned so much information about the country! In maths we have been very busy investigating and exploring all different Lines and Angles around the school. We worked in groups and identified all the different types of angles we pass every day in our own school yard. We spent a lot of time perfecting our angle constructions in class too. We are really enjoying our class novel and hope to have it finished and reviewed before the Christmas Break. In SESE and Oral Language we have put a tremendous amount of work into our World Cup Projects. Each pupil in Fifth and Sixth was randomly assigned a World Cup Country. We have prepared a Personal Project each, with a set category of Facts and information. Each pupil presented their Project from home and uploaded them through SEESAW. We watched all presentations together as a group in class. It was a great experience and a fantastic digital skill to develop!

