



The Shoustrade Scéal



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Welcome to the November edition of 'The Shoustrade Scéal' and what a busy month it has been for all the boys and girls in Shoustrade! Some highlights this month in our school include the mini sevens football blitz's, Peace Proms rehearsal in UL and of course the snow that fell this month!

A special congratulations to our sixth class pupils Eleanora Dowling and Bláithín Ní Ghairbhí who were victorious when representing Shoustrade N.S on the West Limerick Larkin Cup team. We are incredibly proud of both girls! Congratulations is also in order for those who were prize winners in the Credit Union Art Competition and the Adare Tidy Town Acorn Competition. We cannot wait for the month ahead as we can already feel the Christmas spirit spreading through the school.

Junior & Senior Infants

What a wonderful month of fun and learning we have had in the classroom. We have been so lucky to have had final year student teacher Mr. Twomey teaching the class.

The junior infant children started learning their sounds and have been busy writing their letters and learning to read words! They have also started learning their cursive writing while the senior infants have started learning and using cursive capital letters. It is a very exciting time to finally start reading and writing. Our theme for the month was the Hospital and 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 doctors have been very thorough with their investigations and the nurses have been very kind and caring. In History the children learned all about Florence Nightingale and how important she was to modern day nursing. In maths the children investigated and learned all about 2D shapes. Great work was carried out investigating and describing 2D shapes in the real world around them and the children made wonderful shape monsters. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the snow day. It was very exciting to get outside in the snow and make snowmen and throw snowballs. Wonderful memories were made.



1st Class

First class have been exploring the theme of food during the month of November. The children enjoyed reading and responding to the story 'Tara the Tooth'. We learned about our teeth and their function and the different types of teeth. The children wrote some excellent reports on animals of their choice. They researched facts about the animals using chromebooks. The children then presented their reports to the class.

We are now learning about recount writing and using past tense verbs.

In Maths we have been learning about Data and have been conducting surveys in our class. We made a pictogram showing our favourite pizza toppings in the class. We also researched the colours of cars in the staff carpark to make a block graph showing the data. The children developed their drawing and observational skills during art when drawing their still life fruit and vegetable scenes. We also made some lovely clay pots which we could use for the tooth fairy. We look forward to painting these next week. In PE we are choreographing and performing some creative dances. Keep up the amazing work First Class.

2nd Class

November has been a whirlwind of excitement and learning in 2nd Class! Our young readers have been soaring to new heights during "Literacy Lift Off." It's been truly heart-warming to witness their amazing progress in reading, comprehension, and phonics. In PE, the games strand has taken centre stage, with the children sharpening their throwing, catching, and kicking skills. Each session has been filled with teamwork, friendly competition, and lots of smiles! In SPHE, we've been exploring character strengths and how they can boost our overall well-being. Our class has become a team of strength spotters, finding and celebrating the best in ourselves and each other. Our talented artists continue to brighten our classroom with their creativity. This month, we had so much fun drawing the Northern Lights with chalk and creating beautiful winter scenes. Their artwork is truly inspiring!

In Gaeilge, Second Class has been proudly reciting their poems *Oró*, *Sé do Bheatha Bhaile* and *Na hAistí a Theannadh*. Their enthusiasm for the Irish language shines through in every line. As we look forward to the upcoming Christmas Carol Service, the children are pouring their energy and talents into preparations. We can't wait to share this magical evening in the church with proud parents, friends, and our school community. It promises to be a night filled with music, joy, and the true spirit of Christmas.



3rd Class

November in 3rd class has been an exciting month, filled with learning and creativity! Our theme for the month in literacy was Space, and we had so much fun exploring the wonders of the universe. We began by writing recounts of the moon landing and discussed the incredible story of astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the moon for the first time.

In Maths, we explored a new concept: division. We practiced dividing numbers and used a variety of fun methods to help us understand this important skill. It's been great to see the class become more confident with skip counting! As the colder weather sets in, we also explored the theme of éadaí in Irish. We learned how to talk about different types of clothing, perfect for the season, and practiced our vocabulary through games and activities. Our creativity was on full display this month with our space-themed astronaut art. From rocket ships to stars and planets, the class created some out-of-this-world artwork! As we move into December, we're counting down the sleeps till the late late toy show, where we have begun to explore toys and games of the past! Stay tuned for more updates in December!



4th Class

As with every month this year, November has been full of activity and learning in our classroom. In Maths, we began the month exploring lines and angles. We had great fun completing a lines and angles search around the school grounds. We also dived into fractions this month. Together using the new resources in school. We deepened our understanding of fractions before focusing on the specific maths language we needed to use. In Literacy, we focused on recount writing through an extract from 'Around the World in 80 Days'. We discussed our own adventures and travels before writing a recount of a memorable trip of our own.

During Anti-Bullying Week, we focused on celebrating our differences. This sparked insightful conversations about our similarities but also what makes each of us unique. In SESE, we delved into the world of the Ancient Romans, even bringing history to life through drama lessons where we had several pupils take on the role of gladiators. Some children even needed to passionately plead with the crowd after their gladiator's battle in the hope of surviving. We also got started on local history projects this month and we are already looking forward to presenting them to the class in December.

5th & 6th Class

I rith mí deireadh Fómhair bhí rang a cúig agus a sé ag déanamh staidéar ar an ngráinneog, madra leisiciúil, Oíche Shamhna, ainmhithe agus éanlaithe fiáine agus faoin mbulaíocht. We studied Bullying in all of its forms and how to deal with and prevent it. We enjoyed the poem 'The Listeners', and we explored the poem 'Mid Term Break'.

We studied 2 D shapes and their attributes including angle size, struts, lines of symmetry and tessellation. We have progressed to the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions while including ratio and co-ordinates. We enjoyed learning about The Land League and the Home Rule Problem. We also enjoyed exploring the work undertaken by people in many different areas of industry.

We explored the parties and candidates of the US presidential election and we are now exploring and contrasting it to the Irish political system. We compared the old and new Testaments in Religion. We are enjoying preparing for the school choir and the Peace Proms choir. We thoroughly enjoyed partaking in the recent Gaa Mini 7's competitions and Shountrade girls had great success. Thosaigh calóga boga bána ag titim i rith na hoíche le deanaí agus bhí gliondar croí ar chuile páiste idir óg agus aosta ag caitheamh liathróidí sneachta lena chéile agus leis na múinteoirí. An rud is anamh is iontach.

Christmas Carols 2024

We are all thoroughly looking forward to our Christmas Carols gathering on *Thursday December 12th in Holy Trinity Abbey Church at 6:30pm*. All of the boys and girls in Shountrade N.S are busy preparing for the service and we can't wait to perform for the parents/guardians/friends of the school.

