

The Shountrade Scéal

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the latest edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. Firstly, well done to all the pupils who entered the Credit Union Art Competition. A special congratulations to Amy Bowler, Saoirse Higgins, James Hough and Chloe O'Brien for being selected as winners! We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Ryan, everyone in Shountrade N.S is thrilled that she is back. November was a very busy month for all the classes but 'Science Week 2020' has definitely been a highlight this year for all. Finally, a special mention to 6th class pupil Genevieve Jones who received recognition not only by Rory O'Dwyer, History Department UCC but from Minister for Education & Skills, Norma Foley. Genevieve's work even featured in the Weekly Observer and the Limerick Leader in the past fortnight. Please read below to find out more about Genevieve's amazing achievement.

'Shountrade Student Shines During Lockdown'

Genevieve Jones is a sixth class pupil who we in Shountrade are all incredibly proud of! Over the first lockdown Genevieve entered the 'Decade of the Centenaries' history competition and came first in the primary category. A few months later she received recognition from both Rory O'Dwyer (UCC, History Dept.) and Norma Foley T.D (Minister for Education & Skills), so we decided she deserved the first ever interview in 'The Shountrade Scéal'.

Q. What did you do your project on?

A. I did my project on Mary Danaher a World War 1 nurse from Athea.

Q. Why did you choose to do your project on Mary Danaher?

A. I did it on her because my Nana lives in Athea where Mary Danaher herself grew up. My nana even went to the same school as her (but many years later of course).

Q. How long did it take you to complete the project?

A. It took ages and ages to make because there was no information about Mary Danaher was not on the internet. This meant I had to do lots of research to find out about her myself.

Q. How did you feel when you won the competition?

A. I felt at first that it was not real because the feeling had not sunk in but when it did there was no words to describe it, I still can't believe it has been recognised by Rory O'Dwyer and Norma Foley.



Junior Infants

Junior's have had loads of fun as their theme throughout their subjects this month is Doctors/Nurses. They have completed activities such as role-play in the hospital and maternity, building an ambulance in construction and learning about the famous nurse Florence Nightingale in History! Junior Infants also learned about the numbers 2 and 3 in math's and in Gaelige they learned about their favourite foods. They even learned some fun poems and songs. They had loads of fun during Science Week doing projects and experiments. So far everyone in Junior Infants has really enjoyed their first year in Shountrade N.S and we wish them the best of luck in the months to come.

Senior Infants

During the month of November, the Senior Infants took part in lots of fun activities. As it was Science Week last week, they enjoyed making butter. Afterwards, they wrote a procedure on how to make butter. The Senior Infants have really been enjoying their GAA training sessions with Mr. Kilcoyne and they have been making great progress. There has been lots of beautiful cursive handwriting happening in Senior Infants and their copies are full of amazing work. Keep up the amazing work Seniors!

November





First & Second Class

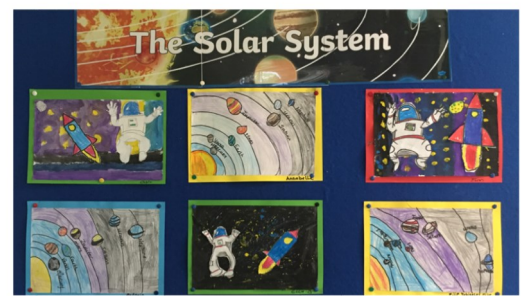
First and second class have been very busy this month! One of the main themes to their learning has been the solar system, which the children have really enjoyed. They have brought their learning to life through various art activities, songs, poetry and stories. First and second class also took some time out to appreciate and reflect on all the wonderful friends in their class. They did this by writing a special note each other to celebrate kindness week. Finally, the boys and girls got the pleasure of listening to their fellow class mate Isaac educate them on diabetes to mark 'World Diabetes Day'.

Third & Fourth Class

This month third and fourth class studied ancient civilisations in History and created a beautiful Art display based on Ancient Rome and Egypt. In STEAM they had great fun designing, creating and testing parachutes made from a variety of materials. They also have been busy publishing their procedures including some procedures 'as Gaeilge'. Finally, third and fourth class are proud to say that they all know the names and locations of all the counties of Ireland.

Fifth Class

Fifth have been busy learning decimals, fractions, and percentages. They also learned about Dr Martin Luther King's speeches and subsequently wrote their own speeches as the president of the USA. Fifth class thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of the GAA and the Olympics. 5th class even created a new game that combines soccer and rounders which they now call 'sounders'. Fifth would like to thank Mr. Morrissey for all his hard work, we really enjoyed the lessons he did with the class this month.



Feel Good Friday

'Feel Good Friday' is a brand new event organised by 6th class in order to bring excitement and joy to the children of Shountrade N.S this year. On Friday 27th of November, all children are encouraged to wear their own clothes to school to express their inner creativity and embrace 'Feel Good Friday'. Additionally, we would love if each child in Shountrade N.S would bring in a small donation of €2 for charity. This donation will be greatly appreciated and will help us spread the 'Feel Good Friday' spirit by helping others. We look forward to seeing everyone in their own clothes this Friday!



Sixth Class

6th Class have really been enjoying November. The highlight of the month has been researching ancient civilisations for our projects. An example of some of the civilisations members of our class have researched include the Ancient Greeks, the Egyptians and the Romans. We've also been creating beautiful chameleons using clay with the help of Mrs Walshe. To celebrate Science Week, we constructed our own free standing sky scrapers inspired by buildings such as the Burj Khalifa and the Empire State Building. We also improved our group work skills and used these skills to construct the schools new goals. We've had a lovely and busy month and we're looking forward to December!



Reminder: GAA Sessions

First/ Second- Wednesday- (9.00- 9.40)
Third/ Fourth Class- Wednesday- (1.50 - 2.30)
Senior Infants- Thursday- (9.00- 9.40)
Sixth Class- Thursday- (1.50- 2.30)
Junior Infants- Friday- (9.00- 9.40)
Fifth Class- Friday- (1.50- 2.30)