



# The Shountrade Scéal



## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the April edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We hope everyone had fantastic Easter break and we are all looking forward to the Summer term here in Shountrade N.S.

April has seen the return of after school Hurling/Camogie training for third to sixth class pupils. It has been great to see so many boys and girls having fun and developing their skills every Wednesday after school. The annual football summer league has also commenced this month and promises to be action filled! 'Friday Fun Circuits' have also began this April and it has been incredible to see the boys and girls of Shountrade N.S enjoying getting active before school starts. Reminder Friday Fun Circuits run from 8:45am - 9:00 am every Friday for the summer term.

Finally we would like to congratulate our 4th class pupil Bláithín Ní Ghairbhí who this month was victorious in the under 11 Limerick Community Games Cross Country competition. We are very proud of Bláithín's achievement and indeed of all the Shountrade pupils who represented their parish on the day.

### Junior Infants

This month we started a new theme of the Emergency Services. We have giant cardboard houses in the classroom and the children have been rescuing each other from the burning buildings.

There are very brave firefighters in Shountrade this month! The children will go on to learn about many other emergency service providers including paramedics and the gardaí.

In History the children learned about the history of firefighting and compared and contrasted the uniform, tools and fire engines used long ago with those available now. Our literacy lessons have continued to be very playful. We got active learning our heart words with our headbands and pass the parcel games in the school hall.

With the good weather we were able to get outside for PE lessons. The children loved our parachute games and we have started to learn and practise some simple tennis skills.

The children were very excited to receive their vaccinations this week. They were all incredibly brave. All of the children returned to class with big smiles feeling very proud of themselves!



### Senior Infants

April has been a short but busy month in senior infants. The children have been doing brilliant work on their handwriting and have now learned nearly all the letters in cursive style. Keep up the great work at using these letters whenever you are writing. We have continued our aistear theme on the garden centre and flowers. In science we named the different parts of flowers and did some drawings of spring flowers. In art, we learned about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh. We looked at his painting of sunflowers and we did our own sunflower pictures using oil pastels. The children listened to a piece of music called Spring from The Four Seasons by Vivaldi. The children composed their own piece of music in groups in response to the story 'The Giant of Jum'. The children are enjoying the song 'I like the Flowers'. In Irish our theme is 'An Teilifis'. In maths we are combining up to 10. In P.E. we have started gymnastics. Last week we enjoyed P.E. in our school field. We are exploring travelling in different directions, in straight and curved lines and using hoops. One of our favourite active learning strategies has been singing our morning hello song while marching and jumping in time with the music. Keep up the fantastic work senior infants.



## 1st Class

The boys and girls have had a very busy start to their final term in first class! With Earth day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our SESE and Art lessons have been based around celebrating the planet Earth. The children made informative flip books where they wrote about ways we can reuse, recycle, save electricity and save water. In Art, they constructed colourful Earths with flower crowns.

In Maths we have been busy developing our skills to tell the time at o'clock and half past intervals. We explored 2D shapes and had lots of fun creating 2D shape scenes collaboratively with their peers. We have moved on to a new theme in Irish 'An Teilifís', the children are doing a great job at learning the new vocabulary and reciting our poems and songs as Gaeilge.

In PE we have been making the most of the fine weather and of the ample space outside working on teambuilding games. The girls and boys have been working so hard with their cursive writing. They are so proud of their beautifully presented writing.



## 2nd Class

There is a lot of excitement in second class as we are busy getting ready for our First Holy Communion. We have been practising our prayers, songs and responses and we are really looking forward to our special day!

We have started to learn about persuasive writing and we all thoroughly enjoyed writing our first persuasion "Children Should Have Less Homework". In Art we drew and coloured the cockatoo. Our theme for this month in SESE is Africa. We learned about the wildebeest, a folktale from Africa and the country Ethiopia. We have also learned about the dangers of smoking.



## 3rd & 4th Class

Third and fourth class were straight back to business when we returned from our Easter break. We used the Chromebooks to research a person of historic importance/inventor/scientist who made a positive contribution to society. Over the coming weeks the boys and girls will be completing projects on the people they selected to research. We got outdoors this month for Art as we worked with a partner to create a nature sketch by noticing and communicating details and then interpreting and recording this information. We have continued our amazing progress in Gaeilge this year and have even been exploring an irregular verb this month while learning all about 'Sa Bhaile'. We loved getting out onto the field this month and have been using it for our Walk/Jog/Run daily as well as for our P.E lessons in which we played zone ball. Finally, we have really enjoyed our work in Maths this month. We have been busy estimating and measuring objects in our classroom and have been calculating the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes!



## 5th & 6th Class

As we approach summer Fifth and Sixth class would like to say hi to all. This month in maths, we have covered money including VAT, Value, Interest, Profit and Loss. We have especially been focusing on value for money and the circle. In Gaelige we have been covering the topic of Éadaí. We have also had an Aiste in this topic which we have learned. Éadaí is one of our last topics this year. This month in PE we focused on athletics. This involved getting into groups and running as fast as we could holding a baton to the finish line. We also had to go through several obstacles in these relays. In music we have been learning a famous folk song. It tells the story of a fishmonger from Dublin-Molly Malone. In our art lesson we were moulding clay with Mrs. Olive. We were moulding clay tropical birds using the 'score and slip' technique.

This month in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, we have started infant games. At small break from Monday to Thursday we lead these games- it is optional for all. We are really enjoying it so far! It has been a busy month.

