



The Shountrade Scéal

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. This month everyone in Shountrade N.S has been really busy decorating the school for the All Ireland Hurling final and preparing for the upcoming Christmas holidays! Every pupil is eagerly anticipating the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Shountrade in early 2021. We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the pupils in Shountrade N.S to wish every family a merry and safe Christmas. We would also like to thank all the teachers and staff in Shountrade N.S for making this school year possible.



On the 26th of November 2020 6th class took part in an extremely fun day engaging with Microsoft Dreamspace in their Dublin headquarters. They told us all what it was like to work with Microsoft and answered all of our questions. We were given a challenge to think of inventions that could help make the world a better place. Some of our inventions included a robotic cleaner diver that swims around the sea collecting waste. Another was a human detector that senses when poachers are coming and alerts animals that humans are coming through a high pitch sound. We were so proud of the amazing ideas we came up with and overall Microsoft Dreamspace was an amazing experience!

All Ireland Champions

Firstly, as we all know as part of preparations for the All Ireland Hurling final last Sunday RTÉ came to visit our school. We would like to say a massive well done to all the boys and girls for representing the school so well on national television!

Secondly, on the 13th of December Limerick and Waterford battled it out for the Liam McCarthy cup in Croke Park. Limerick were victorious on the day and we are immensely proud of the team, in particular our past pupil Ronan Connolly who became the first past pupil of Shountrade N.S to get his hands on the Liam McCarthy!



JUNIOR INFANTS

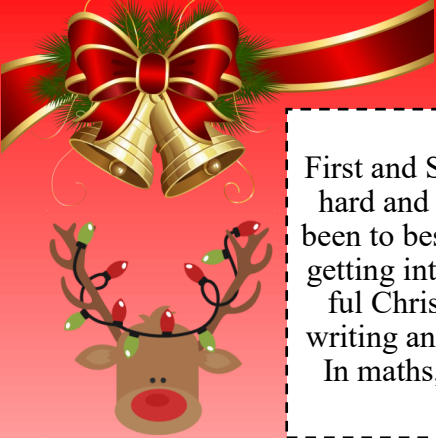
Junior Infants have loved all things Christmas this December! In Aistear, the children have been busy little elves in Santa's Workshop designing, building and wrapping toys. Tying in with the theme of Christmas the children have even acted out 'The Nativity' story. There has also been lots of wonderful Art going on in Junior Infants, the children have drawn fantastic reindeers and also made wonderful clay decorations for their Christmas trees! The most exciting thing this month in Junior Infants is that the children are starting to read. They have all been working very hard to learn their sounds and are now reading words as well as writing letters and even words! Finally, station teaching has started in the Junior Infants classroom with the children really enjoying fun and hands on activities with Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Kilcoyne.



SENIOR INFANTS

There has been plenty of Christmas excitement and wonder in Senior Infants this December. It all started when an elf called Ernie arrived from the North Pole! Ernie has visited every day and has been reporting back to Santa on all the great listening and work being done in Senior Infants. The Aistear Post Office has been very busy with the Christmas rush. There has been lots of Santa letters and Christmas cards posted. The children have also created some beautiful Christmas Art as well as learning some wonderful festive songs.





FIRST AND SECOND CLASS

First and Second class have had a fun-filled Christmas so far! They have been working really hard and are really enjoying the countdown to Christmas. Their classroom elf Dash has not been to best student as he is up to some mischievous tricks! First and Second class have been getting into the Christmas spirit through fabulous art and by going outside to perform beautiful Christmas carols. The children have also worked incredibly hard with their procedural writing and have even published their favourite piece in the classroom 'Book of Procedures'. In maths, they have really put on their thinking caps while learning about money, data and capacity.

THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS

Third and Fourth class have had lots of fun and excitement this month. Their classroom elf Ed has been up to his usual antics but this year has been joined by his friend Edwina! Together they've been causing lots of mischief. The children have loved creating wonderful Christmas Art which is displayed around the school. In STEAM this month our challenge was to design, build and test a raft which would carry the weight of 15 cubes. This was a really fun challenge that encouraged everyone to think critically.



FIFTH CLASS

Fifth class are looking forward to Christmas and can't wait to celebrate with their families. They have listened to parish mass to help prepare for this special time. Fifth class enjoyed studying the life and times of John Lennon and really enjoyed listening to the music of the Beatles. As well as this they have been very active this month, practicing hurling and football with Mr. Kilcoyne and also improving their basketball skills with Mr. O'Connell. Everyone in 5th class was overjoyed at the success of the Limerick hurling team and are so proud of Declan, Timmy, Ronan and all the team.

Luimneach Abú!



SIXTH CLASS

We have been especially busy this past month with some highlights including the Microsoft Dreamspace workshop and the visit from RTE. We would like to thank everyone for engaging in 'Feel Good Friday' with the school raising over €360. This helped us spread the 'Feel Good' spirit as we donated the money raised to two charities, Pieta House and the Irish Cancer Society. We have been super busy over the last few weeks both decorating the school in Limerick colours and also decorating our classroom as we prepare for Christmas. We would like to thank all the classes for keeping us up to date with all the wonderful work going on in their classrooms and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from all the team at 'The Shountrade Scéal'.

BEST WISHES

Everyone in Shountrade N.S would like to wish Mrs. Spillane the very best wishes as she begins her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays. We will all miss having Mrs. Spillane around but would also like to welcome Mrs. Lynch who will be joining us after the holidays.

