



The Shoustrade Scéal

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the March edition of 'The Shoustrade Scéal'. What an incredible month it has been in Shoustrade N.S! Firstly, we would like to congratulate the 5th and 6th class pupils who were Confirmed this month. Everyone in attendance on the day or watching online will agree that the Shoustrade pupils represented the school tremendously. We also celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of March. It was great to see everyone dressed as characters and having fun.

We also had teams representing the school at the West Limerick indoor hurling and camogie tournaments this month. Both teams gave terrific accounts of themselves and were unlucky to lose out in the group stages. This week we even had teams competing at the mini sevens hurling/camogie blitzes.

Another highlight this month was undoubtedly the Science Fair in which all classes got a chance to see the work that was completed by their fellow pupils. We all thoroughly enjoyed the morning in the hall. Finally, Seachtain na Gaeilge also took place during March this year. It was fantastic to hear the boys and girls using Gaeilge throughout the day.

Junior Infants

What a busy month March has been in junior infants. The children have been learning all about fairy tales and have been putting on puppet shows in the puppet theatre daily. They also built their own puppet and recreated their favourite fairy tales. Our writing focus has been on narrative writing and the children are learning how to use their five senses to develop a setting, and to use descriptive language to develop interesting characters. We have now completed six of our seven sets of sounds! The children learned all about the story of Saint Patrick and made wonderful art for Saint Patrick's Day. Our 'Lá Glas' was a wonderful end to Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children have also been learning the Story of Easter.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the Science Fair. Junior Infants made incredible pan pipes as their STEAM project. The children used their mathematical skills when cutting and lining up the straws by length. Science was integrated by investigating the sounds made by blowing into the different length pipes and comparing the force used to make loud and soft sounds. Finally, constructing the pan pipes incorporated Visual Arts.



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Senior Infants

March has been full of excitement for senior infants. Our aistear theme is the garden centre. The children enjoyed planting cress seeds and investigating what plants require to grow. We discovered that plants need water and light to grow. We can then sell our cress plants in the class garden centre. The children are doing great work on maths. We are learning how to use the number line and we are working on the skill of counting on. We are also making ten in different ways using our ten frames. The children were doing hurling training with our visiting GAA coach Tony Dunne and with Mr. Kilcoyne. They have made great progress. Senior infants had a wonderful opportunity to have our artwork displayed in Limerick Museum thanks to Marco's Mum Zara who is a curator there. Our artwork on the theme of St Patrick was displayed and many museum visitors admired their pictures. Another March highlight was the STEAM fair. We enjoyed showcasing our plant pots and cress plants. It was wonderful to see the projects from all of the other classes in the school too. The children made beautiful thumb and finger print floral bouquets for mother's day. Well done senior infants on all the fantastic work!





1st Class

March has been a jam packed month in 1st class, from World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge and our STEAM showcase, it's no wonder that the time has flown!

The girls and boys did an incredible job throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge, speaking Irish to each other, to the teachers and on yard. We had plenty of laughs acting out the poem of 'Mo Mhadra'.

Our STEAM challenge of creating a fun game using magnets brought with it innovative ideas, creative skills and cooperation between the children as they worked together on their projects. We really enjoyed exploring with different magnets and designing the games.

In writers workshop we began procedural writing. The children have become experts in this writing genre. They are very proud of their procedures in their copies.

In Geography, the children have been extending their learning by identifying the continents and the provinces of Ireland. In Art we have embraced Spring time and created beautiful 3D flower paintings. They have added lots of vibrancy and colour to our notice boards.

In preparation for Easter, the children sequenced the Easter story, decorated Easter Eggs and developed their map reading skills during an Easter Egg hunt! All the girls and boys in 1st class would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter break.

2nd Class

What an exciting month March was! The highlight for us was our STEAM Fair where we got to display and explain how we constructed our rafts and musical instruments. Ms. Walsh is now in the process of gathering all our work for this year's Discovery Primary Science entry and she is confident we are going to earn our plaque again this year. In Art we had great fun sculpting our faces from clay. We also looked at the Artwork of George Seurat and learned about the technique of pointillism. We then used this technique to express our own Art ideas.

We have been very busy planning and writing lots of adventure narratives during our English writing lessons. We went marching into March this month through music. We learned lots of marching songs and chants and we watched a variety of march performances which we thoroughly enjoyed. Finally during Seachtain na Gaeilge we all tried to speak "cúpla focail as Gaeilge".

3rd & 4th Class

Third and fourth class were lucky to have past pupil of Shountrade Ms. Stokes teaching us for the majority of the month March. We had great fun as Ms. Stokes planned many engaging and fun lessons. Some highlights of our lessons with Ms. Stokes include learning all about Australia, dressing up while learning about éadaí in Gaeilge class and identifying 2d shapes while completing a maths trail around the school grounds. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Stokes for her time in our classroom.

The boys and girls in our class have been very busy March taking part in extra curricular activities. Firstly, the choir represented the school incredibly as they performed at this years confirmation service. Also, several of the boys and girls represented the school with great pride at the indoor camogie/hurling tournaments. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter from all in third and fourth class.



5th & 6th Class

In March we practised for our Confirmation. We also practised the songs for the Confirmation with Mrs Spillane and the choir- thank you Mrs. Spillane and Lynda for your super work. We had an amazing ceremony and we enjoyed celebrating with our family afterwards.

In maths we learned about area and how to get the area of regular and irregular shapes and how to get the perimeter of a shape. We also revised fractions, decimals and percentages, their relationship to each other- using all 3 to get a part of the whole and getting the whole when we have a part!.

We did a lot of science this March with Ms Cuddihy. We made CD hovercrafts. We also created boats for our school science fair. We decided on the three representatives for 5th and 6th class by testing the stability of their boats with unifix cubes until the boat capsized. The highest cargo was 236 unifix cubes. We were very impressed! As Gaeilge we have been focusing on Sa Bhaile during March- describing our houses and our area.

