



The Shoustrade Scéal



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the 'Shoustrade Scéal'. We hope everyone had a great Easter and we are looking forward to a fantastic last term before the summer holidays! This month we are back to our usual format instead of the 'get to know us' layout from our March edition. Without doubt the highlights from this month include the amazing Jerusalema dance challenge we completed as a school and resumption of hurling and football training. The weather has been much nicer lately so we have loved being able to get on the fields and play games and sport. We hope you enjoy the March edition of the 'Shoustrade Scéal'.

Jerusalema Dance Challenge

Three weeks ago we were informed that we would be participating in the school's production of the Jerusalema dance challenge. The Jerusalema dance originated in Africa in February 2020 but went viral in January 2021 when the Swiss police uploaded a video online of their performance of the dance. Since then many frontline workers and other groups of people have



uploaded videos of themselves performing the dance. Luckily we got the opportunity to take part in this amazing dance challenge. At first we were a little taken back by the complicated routine but thanks to a tremendous effort from everyone we had it perfected in less than two weeks! On Friday 23rd of April there was a buzz of excitement around the school. As we walked down to our positions we saw the drone hovering in the air and we realized this was it, our big chance to show off our amazing dance moves. The dance went perfectly and we all felt a great sense of accomplishment as the drone flew away.

Junior Infants

The Junior Infant classrooms have enjoyed this month's theme for all subjects, 'The Puppet Show'. They have constructed a role play area set up as a Puppet Theatre, where they have been having great fun as puppeteers, ushers and members of the audience. Juniors hard work on their handwriting has paid off as they are now able to start writing their own news and short stories! In Math the children have been spending time learning about the number 5. Due to the good weather recently the Junior Infants have loved bringing lessons outdoors and playing outside using chalk, sand and water. Keep up the amazing work Juniors!

Senior Infants

Senior Infants are delighted to be back and have been learning a lot about the environment. They have been learning about plants and produce and as a class have planted tomatoes, oriental beans, beetroot, and carrots. Senior Infants have been channelling their creativity by using recyclable materials to make objects such as robots, jet planes and jewellery boxes. Another subject the Senior Infants have been learning about is the weather in English and Irish by recording it on a chart. The Senior Infants have had an amazing first two weeks and are looking forward to the rest of this exciting term.



First & Second Class

1st and 2nd Class have had a wonderfully busy April. They have been learning about the weather and have gotten into the role of meteorologists. They learnt about what causes thunder and lightning. They have also been learning about the different types of clouds and they worked in groups to create amazing projects about clouds. In science, they even created their own rainbows. They have been working hard in maths too, as they have been learning how to regroup while adding and subtracting. In music, they learned 'The Lightning Tree' and overall it has been a great month for 1st and 2nd class.

April



Third & Fourth Class

Spring is definitely in the air for third and fourth class. This month they have created a colourful Art board of all things Spring - bunnies, flowers, showery days and many more. They also used the theme of spring during poetry writing, creating a variety of cinquain and kenning poems. They also took advantage of the lovely weather and had lots of fun outdoors. They also had great fun while completing a Maths trail all around the school.

Fifth Class

Fifth class are delighted to be back at school after the Easter Holidays. They have been enjoying the beautiful weather recently, especially during lunch times! 5th class have been studying Time in Maths and in Literacy they have been reading and writing their own fables with their own animal characters. Fifth class are even embarking on a study of local flora and will be collecting samples of flowers, leaves and grasses. They are all looking forward to hurling and football activities over the next few weeks.



Sixth Class

April has been a very busy month for sixth class. We have started our new novel 'Wonder', ordered our 6th class hoodies and not to forget taking part in the Jerusalem dance challenge to raise money for our school. We have just finished up with learning about the circle and we are now learning about data which we are finding very enjoyable. We also discovered our Confirmation will be held on July 1st 2021 and we are all very excited to start our preparations. We have played lots of new games in P.E such as capture the flag, rounders and noodle tag. Overall, we have had a lovely April and we can't wait to make the most of our final few weeks as Shountrade N.S pupils.

Hurling/Camogie/Football

Gaelic games has started back in Shountrade N.S! For the remainder of the Summer term we will be lucky enough to play hurling/camogie or football every week until the end of term. This of course means everyone needs to remember their hurley and helmet or gumshield on the days they have GAA.

Junior Infants - Friday
Senior Infants - Friday
First and Second - Wednesday
Third and Fourth - Wednesday
Fifth - Thursday
Sixth - Wednesday

