



The Shoustrade Scéal

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the November edition of 'The Shoustrade Scéal' and what a busy month it has been for all the boys and girls in Shoustrade! Some highlights this month in our school include the boys and girls representing our school at the Mini 7's football competition and each class beginning preparation for the upcoming Christmas Show, our first show since 2019! We cannot wait for the month ahead as we can already feel the Christmas spirit spreading through the school.

Junior & Senior Infants

What a wonderful month of fun and learning we have had in senior infants. We have been so lucky to have Ms. Linehan teaching our class. We have been learning all about food. The children played in the café and pizzeria for roleplay. Great fun was had making pizza from playdough. All sorts of toppings were put on the pizzas. The children learned about procedural writing in English. The children learned all about 'Bossy Verbs' and played detectives finding bossy verbs in their procedures for pancakes and rice krispie buns. They had great fun making their own rice krispie buns and writing the procedure before tasting the finished product! The children created beautiful still life drawings of fruit and vegetables in art. In maths the children investigated and learned all about 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography children learned about different types of food in cafes all around the world. For science week the children did lots of experiments including the skittles experiment, the ghost glove and the volcano. There has been great excitement for the upcoming Christmas Show. We have been learning all our lines and songs for our performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel.' It has been a fantastic month in seniors and we are very thankful to Ms. Linehan for all the fun and interesting lessons.



1st Class

First class had an amazingly jam-packed November. In Maths we started a very exciting topic of Time. The pupil's enthusiasm continued to grow with this topic and we even played a classic game of what time is it Mr Wolf! We loved completing various experiments for 'Science Week'. We really enjoyed looking at our fingerprints with balloons and markers. In S.E.S.E we have been learning about our Solar System in which had great fun learning through play and songs. We integrated some artwork by painting the different colour planets. In SPHE we looked at the wonderful Colour Monster book in which we loved looking at the various monster teddies that can help us with describing our emotions. In Music, we have been working really hard in preparation for our Christmas nativity which we will be doing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. We can't wait to perform in December.

2nd Class

November has been an absolute whirlwind of excitement and learning in Second Class! Our young readers have soared to new heights during the five weeks of 'Literacy Lift Off'. Witnessing their progress in reading, comprehension, and phonics has been truly heartwarming. Michael Morpurgo has found a special place in some of our hearts, as his stories have captivated the imaginations of our students. Our classroom has transformed into a mini science lab, buzzing with the enthusiasm of budding scientists. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the explosive ghost rockets that sent giggles echoing through the corridors, accompanied by a splash of water here and there. Lava lamps brought another element of fun and discovery to our scientific explorations.

In PE, the games strand has taken centre stage, with children honing their throwing, catching, and kicking skills. In SPHE, we've been delving into character strengths and their role in improving overall well-being. Gratitude has become a daily practice as we recognize and appreciate the positive aspects of each day.

Artistic flair has flourished as we explored the vibrant world of Wassily Kandinsky. Our Christmas baubles, inspired by his iconic concentric circles, brought festive cheer to our creative endeavours. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Christmas Play, we can't wait to showcase our hard work and talents to the proud parents and friends of our school. It's sure to be a magical night filled with laughter, joy, and the spirit of the season!



3rd Class

Third class have had a jam packed November! There has been a wonderful buzz of excitement amongst both students and teachers since beginning our Literacy Lift Off initiative. The boys and girls are making incredible progress in their literacy skills, their enthusiasm and love for reading and writing continues to grow each week. All of our budding scientists came to life during 'Science Week', the children loved carrying out experiments and working cooperatively. The kids found it very interesting observing the effects various liquids have on our teeth. Our class favourite was the exploding rockets, most likely because it was the messiest!

We have been working on our games strand in P.E, the children have had great fun challenging themselves with a variety of throwing, catching and running skills. In art we began some winter art. The children created some beautiful pictures using chalk pastels and black sugar paper. In Gaeilge we have been really focusing on our reading and have thoroughly enjoyed reading the fiction book 'An Pláinéaid Zog'. We have studied the journey Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took to the moon during our recount lessons. In maths we have had great fun learning all about symmetry and frac-



4th & 5th Class

As has been the case all year November has been an eventful month in our classroom. The undoubted highlight has been preparing for our first Christmas Show since 2019! We are thoroughly enjoying the process of putting the show together and have had a particularly enjoyed learning the songs. In Maths class we spent the early part of November exploring 2-D Shapes before diving into fractions. We have had some great fun playing games with our classmates as together we explored maths language linked to fractions. This month we also engaged with narrative writing in Literacy. As a class we came up with some entertaining characters, intriguing settings and captivating plots that led to very enjoyable narratives.

We had some wonderful discussions about our 'emotion scales' in SPHE this month. In SESE we spent some time learning about Leonardo Da Vinci and how his inventions changed the world, whilst also investigating the physical features of North America, South America and Asia. In music this month we investigated 'Carnival of the Animals' an incredible piece of music composed by Camille Saint-Saëns. We had great fun trying to identify the instruments used to portray each animal in the piece.

6th Class

November has been a particularly busy month for 6th class. We have enjoyed studying Óiche Shamhna, we have also enjoyed delving into the depths of the poem 'The Listeners'. We have been working on the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions and we have linked them with ratio. We are now working on 2-D shapes and their various properties.

We are making progress with Vex robotics and all our teams are working hard to progress the building and programming of our robot. Our boys and girls have been very busy playing football in the Mini 7's competition and the boys were narrowly beaten by Broadford in the final. 'Bah Humbug' our Christmas play has fostered a lot of excitement. Now that the parts have been assigned we are focusing on the learning of lines and the expression of our lines. We absolutely enjoy the wide variety of songs and we can't wait for the big night to play our part.

Christmas Show 2023

We are all thoroughly looking forward to our Christmas Show gathering on *Thursday December 14th & Friday December 15th*. All of the boys and girls in Shountrade N.S are busy preparing for the show and we can't wait to perform for the parents/guardians/friends of the school. There will be a Maths Curriculum Donation Box at the entrance door for both show and donations are greatly appreciated.

