



The Shountrade Scéal

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the October edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. October has been another very busy month for all the boys and girls in Shountrade N.S. Some highlights this month include pond dipping in Adare village, our trips for school gaelic football matches, the commencement of gaelic football sessions and Vex robotics starting in 6th class with special thanks to Brian Jones and Mr. O'Connell. We are all looking forward to our mid-term holidays next week and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

Junior & Senior Infants

The junior and senior infant classroom has been full of spooky fun this month. Our theme has been all things Autumn and Halloween. The role play area was set up as the Witches Kitchen. The witches and wizards have been busy writing, mixing and casting all sorts of gory spells. Small world has had a makeover as the haunted house and the construction area has seen lots of haunted castles and mansions being built for the ever popular hot wheels cars to explore. The children have learned all about the origins of Halloween and how it is celebrated in different parts of the world. We have had fun singing our Halloween songs 'There was an Old Witch' and 'Sé Ulcabhán'.

The children have also been learning all about Autumn. One of our favourite things this month was exploring the school grounds for signs of Autumn. The children found red, orange, green, pink and brown leaves as well as berries, seeds and even some mushrooms. In Maths the children learned all about patterns and the senior infants were excited to start using their ten frames. The children are very excited to dress up for Halloween and enjoy their well earned rewards of an ice-cream party, Halloween disco and Halloween movie with popcorn.



Thank You

A special thank you to past pupil Wayne McNamara for donating his 2014 Munster Senior Championship winning jersey to the school. We are very proud of all Wayne achieved during his time with Limerick and his continued commitment to Adare. His jersey will take pride of place alongside the Limerick jerseys of past pupils Paul Maher, Robbie Bourke, Hugh Bourke and Ronan Connolly.



1st Class

The children in 1st class had a wonderful October in the lead up to midterm.

The class completed the Credit Union competition on the theme of 'My Community'. The pupils drew lovely art pieces including pictures of their friends and shops in their village. Throughout many subjects we moved onto the theme of Halloween. In SESE we learned about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin and investigated the different parts of a pumpkin which was lots of fun. We also discussed their Halloween traditions and how Halloween is celebrated in different parts of the world. In Music, we learned the song 'Winnie the Witch', the students loved creating spooky actions.

In Maths, we focused on the Numbers of 14,15 and 16. We then moved onto patterns. We made various patterns using different coloured playdough, lego and counting links. In Literacy, we continued report writing and we wrote wonderful reports on our friends. Linking with our Literacy in SPHE we read a fabulous book called 'Have you filled a bucket today?' which promotes random acts of kindness. We can't wait to dress up for Halloween and continue to learn and thrive together after midterm!

2nd Class

Second Class embarked on a whirlwind of exciting learning adventures this month! We have been hard at work practising all their number skills, playing Connect 3 and the ever-popular Bingo. Our budding writers have been exploring intriguing questions like "Why do we get Goosebumps?" and "What is Marbling?"

Artistic talents blossomed as we dived into the realm of creativity, crafting intricate spider webs with salt and glue. Patterned Pumpkins hang on the walls and we tried marbling and made beautiful designs. Inspired by the renowned artist Jim Dine, we translated our visions onto paper through captivating bark and leaf drawings. In the enchanting world of Gaeilge, we presented our Halloween Poem, "An Pumpkín," and the melodious Irish song "Ó Dhoras go Doras." As we bid farewell to October, Second Class wishes to extend heartfelt Halloween greetings to all our friends and families. May your Halloween be filled with spooktacular moments and joyous celebrations!

3rd Class

Third class have had a wonderfully busy October. Our topics in math this month have been 2D shapes and data. It was great fun making a variety of tangrams using 2D shapes. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different types of graphs and representing information on their graphs! We covered the interesting topic of the Stone age in history and got the opportunity to complete mini projects based on what we learned! Our trip to Adare Park was a major highlight for us. We thoroughly enjoyed our pond dipping experience and collecting a wide variety of insects, creatures and bugs! It was a bonus that we got to splash around in the water! We have been super busy writing explanations in Writers Workshop including explanations on the Water Cycle, How plants Grow and we read about how everyday household items work in our Read Aloud 'Until I met Dudley'. In art we focused on learning about Surrealism and studied the artist Joan Miro, we created our own beautiful colourful surrealist art. In Gaeilge our theme is Oíche Shamhna. We've really enjoyed learning about Halloween Traditions. We want to wish all our friends and families very happy Halloween break.



4th & 5th Class

October has been a fantastic month in 4th and 5th class. 4th class are finishing up with their weekly swimming lessons in the Woodlands this week. Everyone loved the lessons and made amazing progress. In maths we spent the start of the month collecting, representing and analysing data. We had great fun learning the 'Ka Mate' haka this month. We were hoping the quarter final would be the last time we saw it but unfortunately that wasn't the case.

This month we also explored the work of Tim Burton before completing some ghostly self-portraits. We have thoroughly enjoyed our writing genre this October. Through the story of '43 Old Cemetery Road: Dying to Meet You' we had great fun writing letters, notes and impersonating the characters of Olive, I.B Grumpy, Seymour Hope and Anita Sales. Continuing the theme of Halloween we spent some time this week exploring and performing iconic Halloween music in the form of the Addams Family and Ghostbusters theme tunes.

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Well done to boys and girls who proudly represented our school in the Cumann na mBunscol football competition. Additionally, gaelic football with Tony Dunne will continue for all classes every Thursday throughout November.



6th Class

6th class have been very fortunate to be taught by Ms. Lenihan for the last few weeks. We studied data in great detail with particular focus on the Irish rugby team, their ages, their weight and their height. We surveyed 4th and 5th and recorded our results in bar graphs and trend graphs. We studied various aspects of space including Mars, Black Holes, The Sun and Asteroids.

We wrote mystery stories in English and we wrote persuasive letters in order to get our desired part on the Vex Robotics team. We made lava lamps using vinegar and baking soda. In gaelic football, the boys reached the semi-final whilst the girls had a fantastic blitz which included a victory over Dromcollogher. We had so much fun dressing up for our final Halloween as Shountrade N.S!

