



The Shountrade Scéal

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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 our gaelic football sessions with Tony Dunne, Restart a Heart day for sixth class and of course the Shountrade N.S. ladies football team returning victorious from the West Limerick football blitz. We are all looking forward to our midterm holidays next week and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

Junior & Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants has been a very busy classroom this month. Earlier this month the children learned all about the farm and the work of the farmer. They explored where different foods come from and even made their own butter! They also learned all about Autumn. They went on an Autumn walk around the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn. They found different types of berries, seeds and collected beautiful red, pink, orange, yellow and brown leaves which were inspiration for all of our Autumn art lessons.

The children are expanding their Irish vocabulary every day, this month focusing on food and Halloween. In maths while the junior infants learned about the numbers 1 and 2, the senior infants learned about the numbers 6 and 7. For the past two weeks the role play area has been set up as the Witches Kitchen. The witches and wizards have been busy writing, mixing and casting all sorts of gory spells. They have been using bats, spiders, skeletons and even skulls! Small world has had a makeover as the haunted house and the construction area has seen lots of haunted castles and mansions being built. The children have learned all about the origins of Halloween and how it is celebrated in different parts of the world. The children are looking forward to a well-earned break for the midterm.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



1st Class

October has been another exciting month in first class. We have been working on our listening skills and we are getting better all the time. The class are doing super work on report writing. We wrote a report about ourselves and about a giraffe. We have started learning about space and read a report about astronauts. We read many reports about different animals and we identified the parts of the report. The children are working really well during our phonics lessons. We have been learning about compound words and open and closed syllables.

We have been learning about calendar skills in maths. We have enjoyed learning the ukulele and recorder with James Anglim. We have also had great fun learning GAA skills with Tony Dunne. We are excited to make some Halloween slime and to observe what will happen when we mix the ingredients. In art, the children created some beautiful leaf print art. We also made some lovely silver birch Autumn paintings. In Music, we listened to Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens. We enjoyed hearing the instruments of the orchestra making some spooky sounds and mimed playing the different instruments.

2nd Class

Second Class has embarked on a whirlwind of exciting learning adventures this month! Our young mathematicians have been hard at work practising all their number skills. We have enjoyed playing Connect 3 and the ever-popular Bingo. It's not just about crunching numbers; it's about having fun while boosting our numeracy skills. Our budding writers have been exploring intriguing questions like "Why do we get Goosebumps?" and "What is Marbling?" Their creativity knows no bounds as they express themselves through vivid explanations and wonderful handwriting. Artistic talents have 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, our young artists have translated their visions onto paper through captivating bark and leaf drawings. In the enchanting world of Gaeilge, Second Class takes great pride in presenting their 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! "Boo" to you all!



3rd Class

October has been jam packed with fun, learning and new experiences. We have received correspondence from our pen pals and have practiced our writing to socialise. Secondly, we have progressed to explanation and have created detailed accounts on the workings of our lungs. We made the respiratory system using recycled materials and discussed different social factors that harm our lungs. Keeping on theme with the human body, we had skeleton self-portrait inspired artwork to add a spooky touch to the classroom! The Oíche Shamhna topic has been welcomed in our class as we studied the ollpheist agus go leor traidisiún a bhaineann le hOíche Shamhna in Éirinn!

October also included maths week in which we solved emoji themed equations. We have had a super week exploring 2D shapes like never before! We are sad to see the end of swimming this month, but we all have improved immensely over the past six weeks! Halloween is within reach and we look forward to dress up and sharing our spooky horror stories that we have been creating and discussing the history of Halloween and Irish urban myths.

4th Class

October has been a fantastic month in 4th class. We are finishing up with our weekly swimming lessons in the Woodlands Hotel 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 then explored multiplication and the wide variety of multiplication questions we could face. We even managed to fit in a Zoom call with a mathematician as part of Math's Week 2024 as we joined hundreds of other schools around Ireland exploring 3D shapes.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our writing genre this October. Persuasive Writing has been our focus and we had wonderful fun completing walking debates in the classroom before putting our persuasive language techniques to the test with some opinion writing in class. In expressive arts we dived into the imaginative world of Tim Burton, exploring his unique style and famous stop-motion films like 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' and 'Corpse Bride'. Inspired by his work, we created our own haunting portraits, similar to those he used in his stop-motion blockbusters. This project allowed us to embrace Burton's distinct eerie style while adding our personal creative twists.

5th & 6th Class

Táimid tar éis alán a fhoghlaim faoi 'Beárbaiciú', 'Sa Choill', na baill Beatha, deochanna na míonna, laethanta na seachtaine agus ar aile. Léigheamar cúpla leabharín beag agus d'fhoghlamaíomar na briathra 'Ól' agus 'Iarr' agus an dán 'An Madra'.

We have really enjoyed Maths Week with lots of fun games involving logic, top view, matching, predicting next shape, maths riddles, and making changes in match stick puzzles. Tick Tock Toe Maths and Maths Bingo were huge hits and a Tick Tock Toe supreme champion challenge awaits. We made presentations to our class in Literacy and we enjoyed reading and studying the story and people involved in 'The Voyage of The Mayflower'. We have been challenged to understand strange facts and events in the 'Westing Game'.

We have practiced our football skills and Tony Dunne's help is much appreciated. We have learned A, C, F and G on the Ukulele and we love singing Peace Proms songs with Mrs. Spillane. We have learned about making friends and eliminating anxiety in 'Friends For Life' with Mr. Hannon. We have really enjoyed engaging with the Credit Union and local Tidy Towns Art competitions.