



The Shountrade Scéal



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Welcome to the October edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. Some of the highlights this month include the Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football League where our 5th and 6th classes boys and girls represented our school very well in our new jerseys sponsored by Regenron. Mrs. Ryan's, Mr. O'Connell's and Mrs. Spillane's classes really enjoyed our trip to Adare town park where we went pond dipping with Geoff Hunt and learned about the biodiversity in our locality. Choir rehearsals on Mondays are off to a great start and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm from all our new and existing members. It will be an exciting year for the choir who are already sounding really well and learning to sing in two parts. All classes are enjoying our Gaelic Football Training sessions with Tony Dunne on Thursdays. There is great excitement for our Halloween dress up day this Friday. We wish all our school community a very happy and well deserved midterm break.



Mrs. Fitzgerald's Class

This month our classroom has been full of Autumn magic! Children explored the season on an Autumn walk, spotting colorful leaves and the signs of change. They also learned about the origins of Halloween. Creativity was in full swing as children made and painted their own clay pumpkins. Adding to the excitement, our role play area became a witches' kitchen, where little witches and wizards have been busy mixing potions, casting spells, and letting their imaginations run wild. A month of exploration, creativity, and magical fun!



Ms. Olive's Class

Second Class has been on a whirlwind of learning this month! Our young mathematicians have been busy practising number skills and learning about time. In English, we explored *Explanation Writing* through fun topics like "Why do we get goosebumps?" and "What is marbling?" Our *Literacy Lift-Off* sessions have really taken flight — we're loving the chance to read, write, and learn in exciting new ways each morning! In Gaeilge, we've been embracing the spirit of *Samhain* by performing our poem "An Pumpcín" and singing "Samhain Scanrúil." We were lucky to have Ms. Kate O'Donnell teaching with Ms. Olive for a few weeks. Kate, a past Shountrade pupil, brought wonderful lessons and great enthusiasm to our classroom.



Mr. Costelloe's Class

What an amazing month October has been in our class. Our highlight this month was our first trip of the school year as we visited the Manor Fields. We all had a great time playing in the playground and to top it all off, we enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate together in the cafe. Everyone in the class has been doing such fantastic work, bringing creativity to everything we do. It's been a joy to see how much fun we're having while learning together. We can't wait to see what adventures the next few months will bring and we're looking forward to plenty more trips together!



Mrs. Ryan's Class

We have had a wonderfully October in third and fourth class. Our topics in math this month have been 2D shapes and data. It was great fun making tangrams using 2D shapes as well as exploring all the characteristics of 2D shapes on our geo-boards. Our trip to Adare Park with Geoff Hunt was a highlight for us. We have been super busy writing explanations in 3rd class 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 4th we have been practising our persuasive writing skills, engaging in lots of interesting debates and listening to each others opinions and views on topics such as 'animal cruelty', 'environmental awareness' and 'why you should come visit Adare'.



Mr. O'Connell's Class

Bhíomar an ghóthach i rith mí an deireadh fómhair. D'fhoghlamar alán faoi, "Leabharlann", "Geit" agus "Taibhse". Bhaineamar lán taitneamh as na dánta "Éirigi a Pháistí", "An Chailleach" agus "Púca". We enjoyed Maths week and the Department of Education inspector was very impressed by our examination and recording of facts about tetradecagons and other 2-D shapes. We enjoyed the poems "Homework oh Homework" and "Mid Term Break" while enjoying writing to socialise. We enjoyed learning about the prophets both from the bible and modern. We learned about our abilities and how effort is also needed to prosper in life.



Mrs. Spillane's Class

October has been a productive month for sixth class. We planted tulips and crocus bulbs. We continued with yoga. Another highlight was going to Adare village Park with Geoff Hunt where we gathered pond creatures. Geoff helped us to identify these creatures and we used a microscope to get a better view. We are absorbed by our class novel 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' which gives us an insight into life during the Famine in Ireland. We have developed an appreciation for the poetry of W.B. Yeats through his poem 'The Wild Swans at Coole'. We had a poster design competition for our school's new anti bullying procedures called 'Bí Cineálta'. Congratulations to Hannah who was the winner and her poster is now on display throughout the school.

