



# The Shountrade Scéal

## APRIL NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to the April edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and is ready for the final term of the school year. We welcome our new pupil Leo to first class. It has been great to see the children enjoying our beautiful school grounds in the spring sunshine. The girls from 4th, 5th and 6th classes have started the Cumann na mBunscol camogie league. Thanks to Mr Costelloe, Mr Kilcoyne and Mr Morrissey for after school training. Ryder Cup excitement is really building in the school. This month we enjoyed a golf workshop with Cathal from Golf Ireland. Team Europe captain Luke Donald came to visit Adare and we are very proud of our pupil representatives who had the opportunity to meet with Luke Donald who shared some golfing tips with the children. All the children are delighted with our new climbing frame, swing and slide set which has provided great fun during movement breaks. We are all excited about the summer term.

### Mrs Fitzgerald's Class

Junior and Senior infants started literacy lift-off this month. The children have been very busy working on their phonics, reading and writing skills every day as part of this intensive literacy programme. Their incredible work is evident already in their improved reading and writing. Our theme this month is the Zoo. The role play area is set up as a Zoo and the children have been visiting the animals, as well as caring for them as zoo keepers and at the vet clinic. We took advantage of the warm weather and took our play outside. The children love playing on our wonderful new climbing frame, slide and swing. Following on the theme of animals, the children have been learning about different animals and writing reports about them. We have researched and written about the lion and the humpback whale. For Art we were inspired by the wet weather early in the month to print and paint rainbow wellies in puddles. In Music the children have enjoyed singing and developing actions to the song 'Listen to the Animals' as well as listening to and guessing the sounds that different animals make. Camogie and hurling training with Tony Dunne has been a very enjoyable PE lesson every week. The children are improving in their striking skills week on week through fabulous games based learning.



### Mr Costelloe's Class

April was a tremendous month in our classroom, filled with activity, learning, and plenty of smiles. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the arrival of our new climbing frame. It has been a huge hit with everyone in the class providing great opportunities for fun, movement, and teamwork throughout the day. Our infants have been making excellent progress in their phonics, which has been terrific to see. Their growing confidence and enthusiasm for reading and sounds is really developing each day. The older boys and girls in the class have them setting an excellent example for the younger students.

We also enjoyed a wonderful trail walk around Curraghchase Forest this month. The children spent the morning exploring nature and took in the beautiful surroundings. After a quick visit to the playground, the outing was rounded off with a lovely picnic together, making it a memorable experience for all. Overall, it has been a joyful and productive month, and we are looking forward to more exciting times ahead.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Ryan and her family on the arrival of their baby girl. We are thinking of them at this special time



## Ms Olive's Class

We have been busy with lots of wonderful activities across all areas of our learning. In Maths, we have been exploring weight, angles, and addition.

We had a blast weighing our shoes and sorting them from lightest to heaviest. During PE, we are having fun playing games and developing our GAA skills. In English, we have been exploring procedural writing and dreaming up all kinds of creative plans — including how to turn our teacher into a goat! The boys and girls have also been working incredibly hard on their handwriting. This month in Art, we tried our hand at paper weaving.

It was a wonderful way to develop fine motor skills and patience, and the finished pieces looked brilliant. Our second class pupils are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We would also like to extend a very

warm welcome to our newest member of First Class, Leo!



## Mrs Ryan's Class

We were very busy in 3rd and 4th class after coming back from the Easter holidays. In English we have started procedural writing as well as revising synonyms to help us with our vocabulary. In Irish we are continuing to learn our verbs and improve our reading. In Maths we are revising are long multiplication and division. We are still enjoying PE outside with the lovely weather and more spring Art. For music we are looking at performing and we played our instruments for another class concert this year. We also welcomed Miss Twoomey our current student teacher who has made a huge impact in our class and will spend the next five weeks teaching fun and enjoyable lessons.

## Mr O'Connell's Class

Fáilte romhaibh ar ais don triú téarma. Rinneamar staidéar ar “Timpiste” agus “Gorta in Éirinn “. D’fhoghlamaíomar a lán faoi méarbhia,bricféasta ,torthaí agus glasraí. We studied “Space Exploration” and “Volcanoes” in literacy and we wrote explanation articles. We studied “the Fighting Spiders of Japan” and “Life Support”. We read about the amazing journey of the Sitka Spruce tree.

We enjoyed discovering lots of facts about 3D Shapes. We learned lots about Time , Area and Perimeter. We explored the Resurrection of Jesus and his appearances to his friends and apostles afterwards. We created our own representations of the Stations of the Cross. We sang our favourite songs . We learned about peoples

different feelings about the same matter. We learned about staying safe at home.



## Mrs Spillane's Class

Sixth Class are making the most of their final term in primary school and enjoying this special time together. They have loved reading their novels outdoors and tending to the class garden. In History, the pupils enjoyed researching their great-grandparents using the 1926 census archives, gaining a fascinating insight into life in Ireland long ago. Creativity has been flourishing in the classroom, with pupils creating beautiful 3D floral relief tiles in clay. In Maths, they have been exploring chance and probability, while in English they have been learning about Asia and developing their letter-writing skills. We also enjoyed doing a class debate about whether or not children should get homework. In Music, the class enjoyed exploring film music by composers such as Hans Zimmer and Ennio Morricone, and they are also busy preparing a special song for graduation. We look forward to the final few weeks of learning and special memories.

