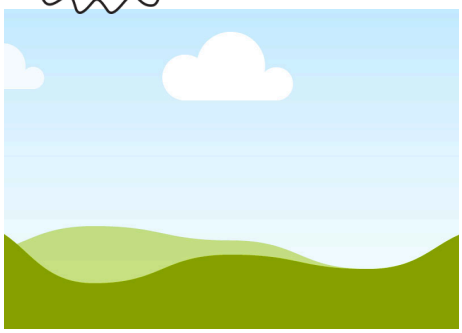
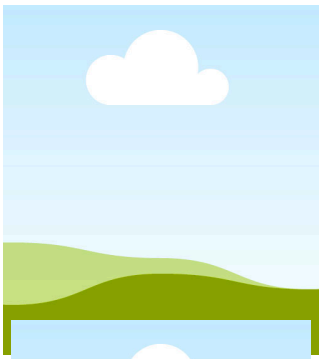


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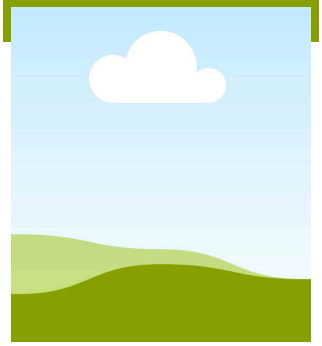












OCTOBER 2026

Welcome to the October edition of The Shountrade Scéal! A highlight this month was the Cumann na mBunscol, with our 5th and 6th class boys winning Division 3, while the 4th, 5th and 6th class girls narrowly missed out on the Division 1 final. Across all classes, pupils have been busy learning, creating, playing sport and exploring nature. Everyone is also working hard on Accelerated Reading, developing their reading skills and enjoying a wide range of books. There is great excitement for our Halloween dress-up day this Friday. We wish our whole school community a happy and well-deserved midterm break!

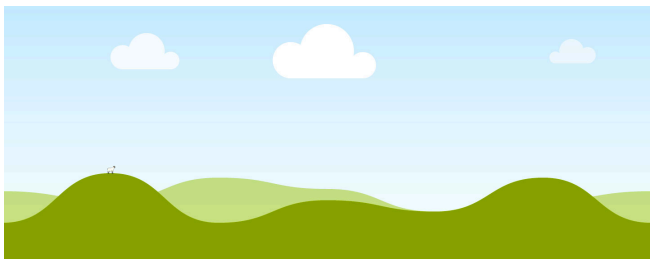
MRS FITZGERALD'S CLASS

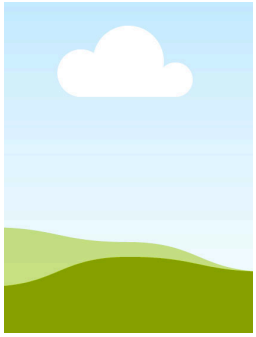
Junior and Senior Infantshave hadavery busy month! We have been lucky to have final-year student teacher Mr. Heffernan teaching the class. The children learned about farm life, where our food comes from and the work of the farmer. They also explored the signs of Autumn on a walk around the school grounds, using their five senses.

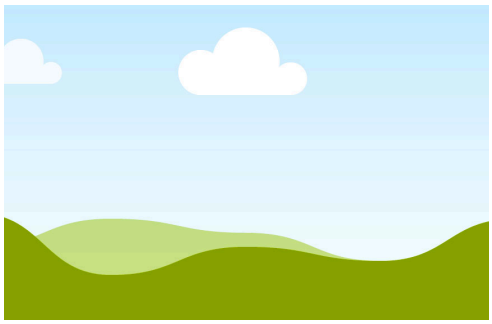
In Gaeilge, the children have been expanding their vocabulary through food and Halloween themes, with new classroom friends Páidí Péist and Cara. In Maths, they explored 2D shapes in the world around them and created wonderful shape monsters. The classroom has been full of Halloween excitement, with a Witches' Kitchen role-play area, spooky castles and mansions, and learning about Halloween origins and traditions in Ireland and around the world. The children are now looking forward to a well-earned midterm break!

MSGLOSTER'SCLASS

It's been anotherbusy month in Ms Gloster's class! We enjoyed a visit fromGeoff Hunt, learning about trees and leaves before exploring our local area and recording our findings. We also learned about clocks past and present and continued our successful Literacy Lift Off programme. Bhíomar ag foghlaim faoi 'Oíche Shamhna' as Gaeilge trí chluichí, amhráin, dánta agus drámaíocht. In Maths, we explored months, seasons and calendars. We started learning the recorder in Music, practised our GAA skills and athletics in PE, and enjoyed reading about Winnie the Witch and Wilbur. We also created Halloween watercolour art and entered our "World of Colour" artwork in the Credit Union colouring competition. We're looking forward to dressing up for Halloween!





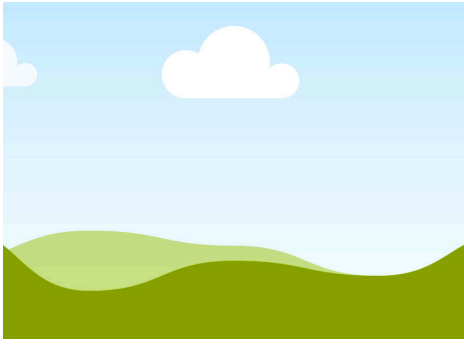


MR COSTELLOE'S CLASS AND MS OLIVE'S CLASS

October has beena busy andexciting month in bothclassrooms, with lots of fun activities, new experiences and wonderfullearning taking place!

One of our highlights was heading outdoors for a nature trail with Geoff Hunt, where the children had the opportunity to explore their surroundings and enjoy the beauty of the autumn season. We also took part in a picture search for autumn items, helping us to spot and recognise the many changes happening in nature at this time of year. There has been plenty of creativity in the classrooms too, with some baking adding an extra sprinkle of fun to our learning! These activities have provided lots of opportunities for the children to explore, discover, work together and develop new skills.

Both classes have made a fantastic start to the school year, and it has been lovely to see the children settling in, growing in confidence and enjoying their learning. We look forward to many more exciting adventures in the months ahead!





MR MORRISSEY'S CLASS

WhatabusyOctober we've had in 3rd Class! In English, weexplored explanationtexts, the water cycle and famous inventors, while Accelerated Reading is going brilliantly. In Maths, we worked on addition, subtraction and 2D shapes, and in Gaeilge, enjoyed verbs, Halloween poems and songs. We continued learning about stories in History and our counties in Geography. Music was a highlight, with pupils bringing in their own instruments to perform. We also created colourful artwork for the Credit Union Art Competition and finished our swimming lessons, celebrating everyone's growing confidenceand skills. We're looking forward to the Halloween break and dressing up!

HALLOWEEN PHOTOS

MRS FITZGIBBON'S CLASS

Ithas been abusy and exciting fewweeks in4th and 5th Class! We havebeen learningall about recountwriting and have been working hard toplan, write and create our very own recount pieces. In Geography, we have been exploring the rivers of Ireland and learning lots of interesting facts. In Gaeilge, we have been learning all about Oíche Shamhna and developing our Irish vocabulary. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved Halloween break and are excited toreturn to school for more learning, fun and adventures after the holidays. We wish everyone a very happy and spooky Halloween!

MRS SPILLANE'S CLASS

This month, 6th class have been busy working in our school garden, planting daffodils, alliums and a rose plant. In Music, we explored the dramatic sounds and dynamics of O Fortuna and continued learning the ukulele and recorder with James Anglim. We have also improved our Gaelic football skills with Tony Dunne. In Art, we studied Frida Kahlo and Vincent Van Gogh, creating our own self-portraits inspired by their styles. W.B. Yeats' poem The Wild Swans at Coole inspired our autumn tree paintings. In Maths, we practised strategies for multiplying large numbers and explored prime and composite numbers.