

Mrs. Spillane's Class

The academic year is off to a good start in sixth class. Geoff Hunt visited us and we went pond dipping in Adare park and learned lots of interesting facts about the river food cycle .We also have James Anglim coming into us every Wednesday. We learn lots of fun songs on the ukulele. In sixth class we have lots of new responsibilities like closing the gates and doors and jobs for Mr Kilcoyne. We have started after school football and we have football coaching each Wednesday with Tony Dunne. Many secondary schools have also visited us as we think ahead to the next stage of our education. The class are working hard on learning new strategies for addition and subtraction of very large numbers. We are also enjoying reading our class novel 'Because of Winn Dixie'. We were invited by Golf Ireland to Adare Pitch and Putt this week on the build up to the Ryder Cup. We are feeling optimistic about making the most of our final year in Shountrade N.S.

Mr Morrissey's Class

What We've Been Up To in 3rd Class! We've had a super start to the year in 3rd Class and have already been very busy! In English, we've been working on our comprehension skills, learning lots of new vocabulary and getting started with Accelerated Reader. The class have been really enthusiastic about choosing their books and getting stuck into reading! In Maths, we've done plenty of revision and have been busy learning about place value and addition. We've also enjoyed lots of maths games along the way! In Gaeilge, we've been practising our reading and having fun with different cluichí Gaeilge. In Science, we made our very own paper helicopters and had great fun testing them out! In Geography ,we've been learning about habitats and animals and testing our Irish geography with Know Your Ireland. In History, we enjoyed discovering the story of The Salmon of Knowledge. One of our biggest highlights has been starting swimming in Askeaton, which the class have really enjoyed! We've also had great fun getting started with Music and PE. In SPHE, we worked together to come up with our class rules and talked about how we can make our classroom a happy, kind and respectful place for everyone .It's been a busy few weeks with lots of learning, games and fun. We're looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings!

Mrs Fitzgibbon's Class

We have had a fantastic start to the school year in 4th and 5th Class! We had a brilliant day out with Geoff Hunt, enjoying pond dipping in the park and discovering lots of interesting creatures. In Gaeilge, we have been working hard on Mé Féin, learning how to talk about ourselves, our families and our interests. In Maths, we have been having fun exploring place value, creating our own place value houses, as well as practising our tables. It has been a busy and enjoyable September, and we are looking forward to lots more learning and fun!



The Shountrade Scéal

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to the September edition of 'The Shountrade Scéal'. We are so pleased that everyone is back in Shountrade N.S safe and healthy after what we hope was a fantastic Summer holidays. As always September has been a very busy month for all the boys and girls in Shountrade. Some highlights this month include opening our second autism class, a visit from Geoff Hunt, music classes with James Anglim and the commencement of swimming lessons for 3rd and 4th classes. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new junior infants class in Shountrade N.S Lily, Faye H., Sean, Doireann, Liam, Mia, Sadie, Maddy, Faye M. Rhys, Lucy, Noah, Daire and Clodagh. We are also delighted to welcome our new pupils Aaron, Fia, Julianne, Zara and Cheeko who have joined us this year.

Mr. Costelloe's and Ms. Olive's Class

September marked another exciting milestone for Shountrade NS as we opened our second autism class. We are incredibly proud of the wonderful start the children in both classes have made. They have settled into the new school year with great enthusiasm, bringing so much happiness, fun and positive energy to our school community. Through drama, imaginative play and lots of fun together, the children have been getting to know their classrooms, teachers and friends. They have been developing their literacy and numeracy skills through activities suited to their individual interests and learning needs, as well as enjoying a variety of playful, hands-on fine motor activities. Both classes have also made the most of the lovely September weather in the school garden, enjoying bubbles, games, swinging and climbing. It has been a joyful and busy beginning for everyone!

Mrs Fitzgerald's Class

What a fantastic first month it has been in Junior and Senior Infants! The classroom has been filled with excitement, curiosity, laughter and lots of busy learning as the children settle into their new routines and get to know one another. Our new Junior Infants have made a wonderful start to school life, learning our routines, making new friends and exploring their new surroundings. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow. This month, we have been learning all about ourselves and our families, discovering what makes each of us special and unique. We have also been exploring our five senses, including a fun taste test with lemons, dark chocolate, Tuc crackers and jellies! In Maths, we have been discovering and creating patterns, while our Gaeilge has got off to a great start with phrases such as *Dia duit* and *Is mise....* We are so proud of how the children have settled in and look forward to another month of learning, friendship and fun!

Mrs Gloster's Class

September has been a busy month in 1st and 2nd class. The children are delighted to be back to school with their friends and have been so welcoming to Ms Gloster. We have started literacy lift off this month where the children will be working on reading, phonics and writing. We have been working hard on addition in first class and subtraction in second class in maths using hands on materials. Bhíomar ag foghlaim na co-danna coirp as Gaeilge, ag imirt cluichí agus ag canadh amhráin. We have learned some new songs such as "Count on me" and "You've got a friend in me" and, have been inspired by Autumn for our art, where we were doing finger painting. We are very happy to have Tony back coaching us for Gaelic football and James teaching us music. Overall, it's been a very busy and enjoyable month and we're looking forward to more fun times ahead.

