

Recycled Christmas Decorations Competition - Success for Primary Schools in North Tipperary

Deirdre Cox, Environmental Awareness Officer of North Tipperary County Council presented prizes to the winners of the North Tipperary County Council Recycled Christmas Tree Decorations competition. All of the decorations were made from recycled materials. A large number of children from around North Tipperary participated in the competition for Primary school pupils, which aims to get children and their parents thinking about how to reuse and recycle materials that might otherwise be thrown away. The competition is run annually by North Tipperary County Council to encourage the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle of materials in schools and homes.

“Entries included decorations made from sweet wrappers, old boxes, plastic bottles, yoghurt cartons, old pieces of material and cardboard.” said Deirdre Cox. “The school children who participated in this competition have shown us all how to reduce waste by making unusual Christmas decorations from everyday household materials and displayed great imagination in designing the entries. “They are a wonderful example to us all and I congratulate them, their teachers and their parents for their efforts. Reusing items such as these is a timely reminder of the need to protect our environment and the Christmas season is well known for the amount of waste produced.”

The competition winners are:

- 1st Prize Katie Manicle, St. Mary’s Covent Primary School, Nenagh, made a recycled Advent calendar.
The judges were very impressed with the innovativeness of this decoration. Not only was this decoration made from recycled materials, each day had a Green Message for Christmas!
- 2nd Prize Niamh Ryan, Socil Isogain, Upperchurch, won second prize for her recycled Christmas tree. This was a very simple but very striking and colourful Christmas tree made from plastic bags and card.
- 3rd Prize Sarah Madden, Lissenhall National School, Nenagh, made a very colourful and attractive Christmas tree decoration from sweet papers.

This competition drew a high standard and a large number of entries, the following decorations received a highly commended:

April Glasheen (Junior Infants), Drom National School – Manger (old cardboard and tinfoil)

Oliwia Walenciuk (1st Class), St. Mary’s Covent Primary School, Nenagh, - Angel

(Made from a plastic bottle, forks, mug, old hat and old wool)

Cian Mc Gee, Lisa Malone, Liam Byrne, Conor Heaney and Joe Delaney (Class 4), St. Anne's Special School, Roscrea – Christmas bauble – made from a re-used jar and ribbon

Wiktorija Burman (1st Class), St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh (made from pasta, old decorations and re-used paper)

Toni Crowe (3rd class), St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh – Snowmen (made from lightbulbs, old material and garden wire)

Eva Smyth (3rd class), Ballina Primary School – Rudolph (made from toilet roll holders)

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