

## **Recycled Christmas Decorations Competition - Success for Nenagh, Borrisokane & Roscrea Primary Schools**

Mayor Denis Ryan of North Tipperary County Council presented prizes to the winners of the Christmas Decorations competition. All of the decorations were made from recycled materials. A large number of children from around North Tipperary participated in the Christmas Tree Decorations 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 light bulbs, egg shells, plastic bottles, yoghurt cartons, cardboard and more unusual materials such as CD’s and cotton wool,” said Áine Mc Carthy, Environmental Awareness Officer, North Tipperary County Council.

“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,” said Mayor Denis Ryan. “They are a wonderful example to us all and I congratulate them, their teachers and their parents for their efforts. Reusing is the best form of recycling and the Christmas season is well known for the amount of waste produced.”

The competition winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize      Ciara Harding, Scoil Mhuire, Borrisokane made a Christmas Tree decoration from recycled cardboard.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize      Erin Bourke, Lismackin National School, Roscrea made a decoration from an old light bulb.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize      Nicole Kelly, St. Mary’s Secondary School, Nenagh made a snowman from recycled plastic & paper

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