



“Timmy the Tunneller” Arrives at £7 Million Flood Alleviation Project in Belfast...

Local schools in the Ravenhill area took part in an art competition to help name this state-of-the-art tunnelling machine, which was won by Downey House Primary School’s P7 student, Rory. Well done Rory! Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon MLA visited our site to witness the arrival of the tunnelling machine and is pictured here along with Paul Harper, NI Water’s Director of Asset Delivery.



The machine, which is over 2 metres in diameter and 2.5 metres long will tunnel below the busy Ravenhill Road and help reduce disruption to the public and commuters during construction. The tunnel will extend 75 metres from the edge of Ormeau Park along Ravenhill Avenue. We are also undertaking additional ground investigation works on Ravenhill Avenue at this time which are nearing completion. Once the tunnelling works are completed, the more traditional open cut method will be used to construct the remaining sewers and manholes. The tunnelling commenced last week and is expected to continue for another nine weeks.



Health & Safety Presentation and Poster Competitions for Schools



NI Water and GEDA Construction visited St Michael's Primary School and Park & ERC to deliver our joint Health & Safety presentation to the pupils utilising GEDA Goodbear, GEDA's Safety Mascot who reminds the children to always 'Be Aware & Take Good Care!' The presentation aims to make children in the local area aware of the dangers of construction sites but also the benefits for the local community. We also invited the children to take part in a poster competition to showcase what they had learned from the presentation. The winning pupils received medals in recognition of their fantastic artwork, one of NI Water's reusable water bottles and a water butt for the school. The winning pictures have been displayed on the site fencing at the construction site.



St. Michael's Primary School Ravenhill Site Fencing Artwork Project



NI Water and GEDA Construction have collaborated with St. Michael's Primary School in Ravenhill to produce these wonderful Artboards for our Construction Compound site fencing. We had previously been involved with the school delivering Health & Safety talks, ensuring the pupils are made aware of site safety and to always 'Be Aware & Take Good Care' when near a construction site. Materials were supplied by MacBlair's our materials supplier.



The pupils were asked to come up with themes for their Artboards. We decided on the vitality of water and how important it was to protect it as it is necessary for life. The Key themes were, 'As the Archangel Michael protects us, We need to protect our water'. Because - 'Water Connects', 'Water Cycles around the World', 'Water is Life' and 'Water creates Colour'. These boards display how vital water is to our everyday lives and that we should celebrate it, not take water for granted and to do our best to conserve and protect our water. Well done to all the pupils at St. Michael's for creating such beautiful artwork!



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