



Explorers: Scéal

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Dalkey School Project N.S



Teaching junior infant buddies about our creatures



We loved the project and watching the sea



had a very busy week with our sea creatures. The green table fed the fish on Tuesday and the yellow table fed them on Friday. We fed them frozen cubes of shrimp and krill, and we also fed the starfish a shellfish. It stank!!! :)

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creatures settle into the classroom. We have learned a lot. By Fionn and Ruby .

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Our creatures are feeling much more at home in their tank. The shore rockling has been showing his face much more lately and one of the blennies is showing his true colours by stealing all of the food and fighting with the other fish for space.

We've had a mixed week with our aquarium this week. Our sea creatures were very shy over the last three weeks but since Tuesday, they have become very active. We even got to see our butterflyfish swim which was very unusual for us. We think that they know they're going back to Sealife and our excited about it!

The starfish has been lying on the mussels a lot, but, he has not eaten them yet.



Our three mussels survived four weeks of being tucked up with a hungry starfish. We were afraid to name them at first but the starfish never even went near them!

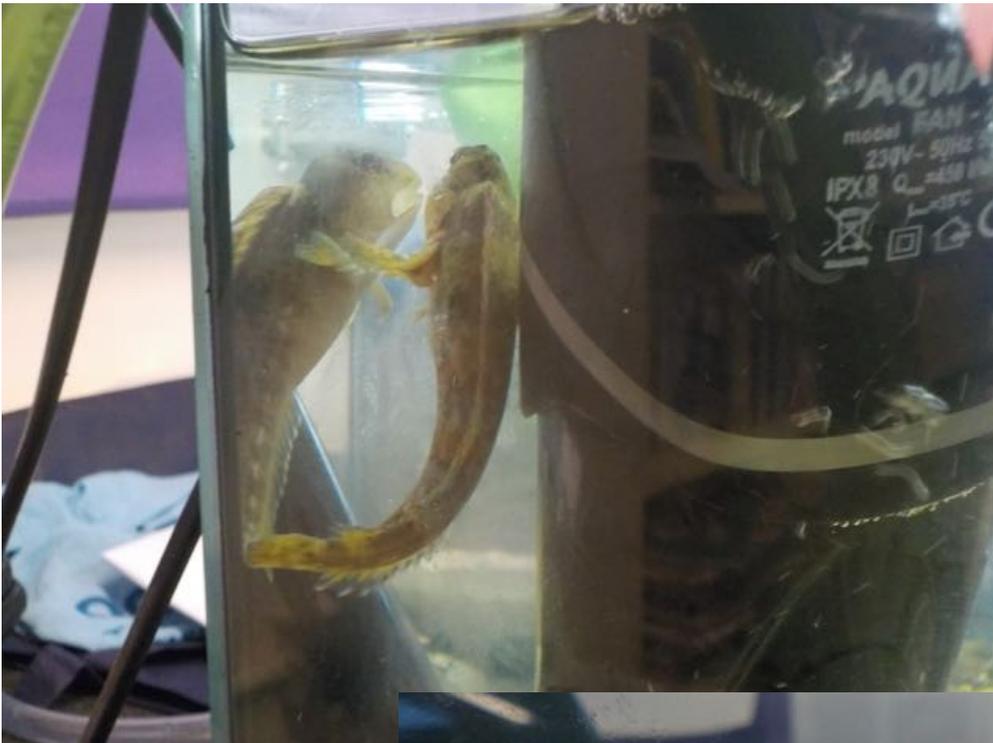
We've just said goodbye to our creatures and we want to thank everyone involved in the project and hope our mussels live to a ripe old age!!!

St Pius X GNS

We have had an incredible four weeks as Marine Explorers and we took great care of our little friends. We had turns observing the creatures three times a day. After discovering how photogenic our creatures were, we took photos daily and now have a wonderful gallery! We observed the habits of each individual daily and recorded our findings.

presentations of a creature of our choice from Sea life in Bray. The Fishing Industry was another area we investigated. We each did a diorama of an aquarium. After researching marine debris in Ireland, we learnt about water pollution and contaminants and we carried out experiments.

We are very proud of our art display depicting a polluted sea on one side, and a clean, unpolluted one on the other. We would like to thank everyone who made this project possible for us. We got very attached to our little friends and will be very sad to see them go!



Katniss and Peeta, the shannies and #Jeff love admiring themselves in the mirror. We think Katniss definitely knows Valentine's Day is on the way!

Our diagrams of each of the creatures changed a lot over the few weeks. We enjoyed presenting our Powerpoint





Decorating the wall in St Peter's

St. Peter's Primary School Bray

After what seems like the shortest four weeks we've ever had, the tank left our classroom in St. Peter's and the creatures returned to Sea Life. We had a brilliant time, over the duration of the project, getting to visit the Aquarium in Bray, learning all about the ocean environment around us and we topped it off with a visit from civil engineer, Joe Mernagh. Joe worked on the new flood plan for the Dargle River in Bray and was able to explain to us all about how water is treated and made safe to drink.

Even though the tank and sea creatures have left the classroom, our new knowledge and understanding of marine life will stay with us. Thanks for the experience.

Like News from the West Coast Explorers: An Underwater Documentary with a Difference from Claddagh NS

In November of 2014, the children of Mr. Leonard's Rang a IV in Claddagh N.S. welcomed a tankful of native marine creatures into their classroom. Over the next five weeks, they cared for and studied their new friends: Benny Blenny, Flat Pat the Flatfish, Slimin' Cowell the Butterfish, Seán Prawn and Paddy Starfish.

They also had the chance to use what they'd learned in making their first-ever nature documentary underwater!

The video they made can be viewed at vimeo.com



friendly with all the faces staring in at them for the day. We have loved having them in our class. We really wish that they didn't

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We have had such fun over the last few weeks learning about and getting to know our creatures. We fed Marmalade the last cockle this week.

He devoured it. We also spent a lot of time this week working in small groups to make posters about each of the creatures in our tank and about some of the other things we've learned about like water pollution and fishing in Ireland. Then, at the end of the week we invited our parents and all the other classes in our school up to our room to see all the work we'd

done. Our Creatures were very

have to go. GKNS 5th Class just won't be the same without them after mid-term. Thank you to everyone who was part of the Explorers Programme for giving us this opportunity.

