



Two Skerries schools and one giant mural...

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PUPILS of Milverton National School and Scoil Réalt na Mara have been working together for some weeks on an unusual project which can now be viewed by all. In fact, at 15 feet high, it's hard to miss and is mounted on a wall behind SuperValu at the entrance to the car park.

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The vast mural, highlighting climate change, came about after Milverton principal Johnny Tyndall went to Nicaragua on a study visit with NGO Trocaire. Says Johnny: "We visited Estelli in the north, where Trocaire's partner 'Funarte' works with the local community to explore climate change and gender violence through art. Estelli, a key battleground in the war in the 1980s, is a town of murals. Seeing the work I thought it would be a great project to do in Skerries in relation to Climate Justice."

Realt na Mara 6th class and Milverton 5th and 6th have worked on it Wednesdays and Fridays at Milverton school. *Skerries News* dropped in to watch them in action and Johnny told us: "It is lovely to see the students from different schools all getting on so well. I think it's the way forward."

Before starting the mural all 79 students met up for workshops. The Milverton students went to Realt na Mara and vice versa. They had workshops on climate change with Lydia McCarthy and Deirdre Walsh, education officers from Trocaire and workshops on art with artist Eimear McNally.

The mural was finished last week when a large crowd saw it unveiled. It is now high on the back wall of SuperValu opposite the Bowling Club. The project is supported by Trocaire and sponsored by Moriarty's SuperValu, Skerries Hardware, Image Depot and Skerries Chamber of Commerce.