

Bright Stars Wk5

Working in partnership with Cumbria River Trust

This week as part of our Bright Stars campaign on pollution, some of our Yr5 and Yr4 children had a fantastic day walking around Longlands Lake and learning about the adverse affects that pollution has to our rivers. The children especially enjoyed working with Cathy, from 'The Cumbria River Trust', River dipping and checking the quality of the water in the River Ehen. They found out that this was especially important, as "The Fresh Water Pearl Mussel," an endangered specie, is found here and in order for them to survive, they require a cool, clean, well-oxygenated water that is free from pollution. The children worked really well together and used a dichotomous key to identify the rivers inhabitants, which could then give them an indication to the quality of the water. They were amazed at the amount of organisms they found and this indicated that the quality of the water was good. We definitely have some budding scientists among us!



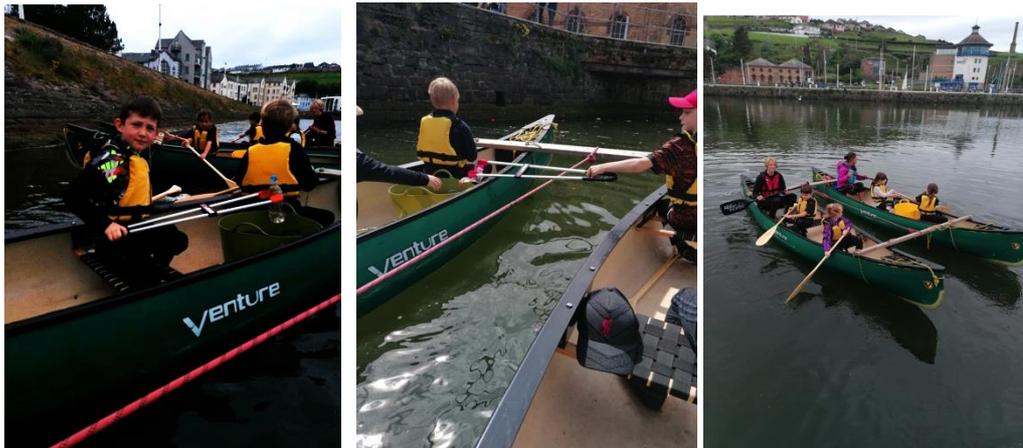
Public Awareness

Also this week our poster competition winner and a small team went into Whitehaven town centre to promote public awareness about littering. They politely asked our local food places to display the litter poster he designed in their shop windows. The team had a successful afternoon and many of our posters were promptly displayed.



Litter picking around the harbour.

It was the turn of our Yr2 children to help remove any litter from the sea with their litter pickers whilst canoeing around the harbour. They also viewed the sea bins in action. It was a fabulous experience searching around the harbour for plastic and they noticed lots of jelly fish too!



Our Recycled Bottled Greenhouse.

Our team have continued to build the green house this week and the children just need to construct the door and insulate it with bubble wrap. It looks fantastic and they can't wait to finish it next week so we can put it to use. It's amazing what you can do with over 850 plastic bottles!

