



National Tree Week Clare

National Tree Week is an annual, week-long festival celebrating all positive aspects of trees in our lives and environment. It is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland. National Tree Week ran from the 3rd - 10th March. During tree week SWS Forestry Foresters provided trees to their local schools. Local SWS Forestry representative Neill O'Brien returned to his local school Kilkishen National School to plant the tree and talk to the children. Neil was joined by local hurley maker John Torpey. John spoke about hurley

making with ash trees and showed the children an ash board that a hurley is made from and a finished hurley. The children enjoyed the opportunity to dig the hole and plant the tree on the school grounds, Along with the 2 silver birch trees donated by SWS Forestry to Kilkishen National School, SWS Forestry also donated an oak sapling to the children. Neil O'Brien SWS Forestry said "this was a good opportunity for SWS Forestry to do something positive for my local area and the local school I attended, the children really enjoyed hearing about the trees and being involved in planting them"