

MAMJS Steam School



Dear Parents,

Firstly we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We kicked off our new year as we always do here in Mount Anville with STEAM Term. This year's theme is Climate Change & Sustainability. Given the topical nature of the subject, we thought it was only right that we educate our pupils and indeed ourselves on how best we can help our planet.

This week we had a special visit from a remarkable young lady, Chloe O'Loughlin. Chloe is a 3rd year Computer Science student in Griffith College. Chloe had always loved technology and told us how her favourite present as child was her Xbox, which she still uses! Chloe explained that her course is very much male dominated, and out of 100 in her course only four are girls. Chloe has created her own project "Women in Tech Ireland" whereby she visits schools in order to promote STEM subjects among girls. Being a former Miss Ireland contestant, Chloe reminded us that having varied interests can lead us on exciting journeys.

Friday began with a visit from Shana Bernad from Arckit. Arckit is a freeform architectural modelling system that allows you to physically explore designs and bring your ideas to life with speed and precision. Shana also spoke about sustainable architectural design and how it is much more beneficial for our environment. She showed us many examples of sustainable designs around the world.

Our week ended at the Montessori assembly where we read an exciting story about a girl called Greta who wants to save her forest from the Giants. We will have to wait until next week to find out if the giants will listen to someone as small as Greta!

Have a lovely weekend

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With many thanks to our STEAM committee.