

MAMJS

Steam School



Dear Parents,

Week four of STEAM Term was kicked off by none other than Nicci Daly. Nicci is on the Irish's Women's Hockey Team, who are off to the Tokyo Olympics this July. But Nicci didn't come especially to talk about her hockey career, Nicci is in fact a huge ambassador of STEAM in her own professional life. She is a mechanical engineer and has set up 'Formula Female'. The Go Girls Karting initiative is designed to give females an insight into the world of motorsport, whether it is as a driver or through a career in STEM. Nicci brought a Go Kart into assembly and some pupils even took part in a race to see who was the quickest at changing a wheel. Our quickest score was 48 seconds!

This morning, both the Junior and Montessori Department heard about the importance of bees in our world. Bees are pollinators and they support the growth of trees, flowers and other plants. 70% of worldwide crops we need for food, rely on pollination by bees. The number of bees in our ecosystem is dropping, but fear not, here in Mount Anville we hope to do what we can to help our bees survive. We'll tell you all about our bee plans next week, but in the meantime, have a look in your local area. If you see any long grass, or wild flowers, this may be there on purpose, as a place for bees to go to find nectar.

As well as discussing bees, some of our students kindly shared their knowledge from the 'Cool Planet' workshops last week. At each assembly, a selection of students stood in front of the group to tell us all about what they had learned in their science workshop. It was very interesting to learn all about polymers, ocean acidification, low carbon technology and growing seeds from the girls and boys who shared with us.

Next week we look forward to visiting the 5th class Science Fair and Parents' Science Fair.

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