



Dear Parents,

Today we find ourselves at the end of STEAM Term, and what a week to finish on! On Monday morning we had Conor Roche from NTR in. Conor spoke about renewable and sustainable infrastructure. He explained how the population has rapidly grown since human civilization and with that so has carbon emissions. We need to make changes by utilizing solar panels and wind turbines in order to protect our planet.

Paul O'Donnell visited us on Wednesday and reinforced the important message of becoming greener. Paul works with wind farms and informed us that there are 350 of them here in Ireland. In 2019, wind provided 37% of our electricity. The Government hopes to get 70% of our electricity from wind and solar power by 2030. Here in Mount Anville, we hope that our new Government will commit to this.

During the week, 5<sup>th</sup> class designed and created their own sustainable towns with the help of Arckit. They used their knowledge they gathered from STEAM Term to create sustainable churches, sports centres and restaurants. Their architecture included solar panels, wind turbines and flat roofs with a grass covering. Some buildings had their very own beehives at the top. The towns created depicts just how much our pupils have absorbed during these past six weeks.

On Thursday we all braved the cold and made our way to “Buggingham Palace”. On the grounds, with the help of Claude, we threw our BeeBombs onto our wild area. We were so “buzzed” knowing that as a whole school we are not only helping the bees, but also helping our environment.

Today, Anthony stole our hearts. Anthony Mc Elheron, a former Park Ranger for 32 years, came into us and spoke about his role in the conservation of wild animals. Anthony spoke in great detail about the Merlin bird, the smallest of the falcon species. He explained how farmers had burned their habitat due to heather preventing the grass from growing. It was a privilege to have Anthony in with us today and share his happy memories, while also showing us the importance of loving what you do.

And on that note, we have loved every minute of STEAM Term! We have loved the enthusiasm of our pupils, the support from our fellow staff and teachers and the endless help from our parents. Thank you!

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With many thanks to our STEAM committee