

MSD, Brinny brings the wonder of engineering to over 500 local Cork students

Brinny, Co. Cork, 27th March 2018: MSD, Brinny recently visited nine Cork schools to promote careers in engineering to over 500 primary and secondary school students as part of a wide range of activities conducted by the company to mark 2018 Engineers Week.

During the visits pupils had the opportunity to engage and interact with a range of fun engineering demonstrations, which included how to make a functioning engine using just a battery, wire and magnet, and the process of designing and building a water pump. Over 500 Cork students took part in the activities, with an engineering based colouring competition rounding off the week's entertainment.

In Belgooly's Scoil Naomh Fionán, MSD volunteers Cathy McAuliffe and Kevin Mac Carthy brought a group of almost 50 pupils through a number of fun, practical and engaging games, designed to showcase the world of engineering. Students also learned about what it's really like to be an engineer, the skills they use everyday at work and the future of engineering in Ireland.

Other schools visited during by MSD, Brinny to mark 2018 Engineers Week included: Bishop O'Brien N.S. Bartlemy, Kilcolman N.S., Scoil Mhaoilisa Knockavilla, Belgooly Central School, Kinsale Community School, Colaiste na Toirbhite and Hamilton High School.

An annual week-long festival of nationwide events celebrating the world of engineering in Ireland, Engineers Week is coordinated on a national basis by Engineers Ireland's STEPS programme and is aimed at encouraging young people, their teachers and parents to explore the fun world of engineering.

Barry Mulcahy, Site Lead at MSD, Brinny said, "The team in MSD, Brinny, are proud supporters of Engineers Week each year and thoroughly enjoy devising lessons and programmes that they feel will surprise and engage the classes they visit. Engineers Week is a key milestone in our calendar and we feel it's a really important opportunity to give school children an insight into the work that engineers do. We hope that our staff visits to local schools have inspired an interest in Science amongst students and that this will in turn encourage pupils to study STEM subjects and pursue exciting, challenging careers across a wide range of industries."

MSD, Brinny has a long and proud tradition of manufacturing excellence as well as a strong legacy in the biopharmaceutical sector. It's one of the region's largest employers, with more than 500 staff and has been a vibrant part of the local Innishannon community for nearly 35 years. The site specialises in development and commercial supply of biotech products including some of MSD's life-changing products for oncology, hepatitis C and rheumatoid arthritis.

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