

MSD in Brinny presents cheque for €26,000 to the Irish Cancer Society

60 Pupils from 11 local schools attend presentation ceremony

Brinny, Co. Cork, 12th June 2018: MSD in Brinny has raised €26,000 to support the local branch of the Irish Cancer Society. The money was raised through a combination of activities that took place to mark Daffodil Day, with the cheque being presented to the Irish Cancer Society at a recent ceremony hosted at the Inishannon site.

Over 60 schoolchildren attended on the day including pupils from: *Innishannon National School*, Inishannon; *Goggins Hill*, Ballinhassig; *Kilmurry National School*, Lisardagh; *Scoil Phadraig Naofa*, Rochestown; *Dunderrow National School*, Horsehill Beg; *Kilbonane National School*, Aherla; *Castlelack National School*, Bandon; *Knockavilla National School*, Knockavilla; *Guarranes National School*, Inishannon; *Laragh National School*, Bandon and *Presentation Primary School*, Bandon.

To support the Daffodil Day fundraising, employees took part in a range of events organised by MSD in Brinny to raise awareness and much needed funds for a deserving cause. The competitive juices were flowing with ‘Tour de Brinny,’ an event which pitted departments against each other to see who could rack up the most kilometres on a spinning bike. Other fun activities that took place on site included a table quiz, cake sale, raffle, basketball challenge, as well as a special ‘Brinny Bingo’ event for all employees.

Twelve brave volunteers took part in a ‘Shave or Dye’ event, which saw Brinny employees Keith Jeavons and Philip Singleton shave their heads, Scott Goggin shave his eyebrows and James Murphy, John Hamilton, Liam McNamara, Scott Goggin and Apurva Malkan shave their beards. Mark Moloney and Rory Murray dyed their hair to mark the occasion, and John O’Mahony and Fergal O’Mahony had their legs waxed to raise money for the charity.

In addition to the fundraising efforts, a number of Brinny employees visited 11 primary schools in the locality to raise awareness of the Irish Cancer Society amongst pupils. Daffodil Day is the biggest and longest running fundraising day for the Society, Ireland’s national cancer charity. Funds raised support life-saving cancer research and helps the Irish Cancer Society deliver essential services for patients.

Speaking at the cheque presentation, Bandon local Barry Mulcahy who is Site Lead at MSD, Brinny said, *“We’re proud to support the work of the Irish Cancer Society, which undertakes such valuable work both locally and nationally. This donation wouldn’t have been possible without the dedicated efforts and enthusiasm of our employees at MSD in Brinny, who willingly gave up their time to organise a host of fun events on-site, as well as visiting local schools to raise awareness of the Irish Cancer Society amongst students in Cork.”*

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 almost 700 staff, and has been a vibrant part of the local Innishannon community for 35 years.

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