

**DEAR NEIGHBOUR,**

Welcome to the latest edition of the Platin Local Community Newsletter. 2019 was another busy year for us in the factory, we used our full allocation of 120,000 tonnes of SRF to reduce our carbon footprint by 64,000 tonnes and we look forward to a positive decision from the EPA to allow us to further reduce our use of fossil fuel.

Our team of 140 employees achieved a new production record for the factory last year due to strong demand for our cement from customers at home and abroad.

As part of our quarry operations we will shortly be lodging a planning application to extend our overburden storage area. The current area has space to store the soil and stone which overlays our limestone until 2022, so we need to extend the storage capacity for future operations.

Please feel free to contact me if you any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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**10 YEARS WORKING  
WITH BUSINESS IN  
THE COMMUNITY**



2019 was the tenth anniversary of Irish Cement's partnership with Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI). Each year the partnership involves Irish Cement employees working with local students and their teachers to encourage the students to complete

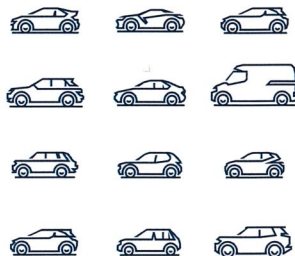
**ENCOURAGE THE  
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their education. The students also visit the cement factory to learn about employment and how best to prepare for their own future careers. Pictured above are members of the Platin management team with Kate Horton of BITCI.

**SPEED AWARENESS  
TRAINING PROGRAMME**



Safety is a key priority for us every day here in Platin and last month an employee-led initiative saw Road Safety Ireland come on site and run a week long 'speed awareness training programme'. The programme demonstrated how even a small increase in speed can have a significant effect on braking distances. The staff also had the opportunity to experience a virtual reality 'car crash' as well as simulations of what it is like to drive in wet conditions or if you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The participants found the whole experience was very worthwhile and really brought home some important lessons and how to improve driving behaviour.



**FOSSIL FUEL REPLACEMENT  
2019 FACTS**

By using 120,000 tonnes of SRF last year Platin avoided the importation of over 54,000 tonnes of petroleum coke. This reduced our carbon dioxide emissions by over 64,000 tonnes, the equivalent of taking over 13,000 cars off the road.



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**CYCLE**  
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## APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING HELD IN DULEEK

Irish Cement hosted an Open Evening in the Courthouse in Duleek for local people interested in the Apprenticeship Programmes in the Platin cement factory. The Irish Cement staff in attendance included some of the current Apprentices in the factory who have been taken on over the past few years. They were on hand to answer questions and explain the Apprenticeship application process. The visitors, mainly young people from Duleek and the surrounding



area, also saw demonstrations of equipment and processes which are typical of the operations at the factory. Each year the company takes on a small number of candidates for the four year Programmes leading to either an electrical or mechanical qualification. Recruiting high quality candidates for the Programmes is important to ensure a high level of skilled craftspeople in the factory.

## WOULD YOUR SCHOOL BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO PLATIN CEMENT FACTORY?



Pictured are students from St Olivers School in Drogheda visiting the factory as part of the 'Skills@Work' programme.



Would your school or community group be interested in learning more about Irish Cement and visiting the factory?



If so please contact us at telephone **041 987 6000** or by email to **info@irishcement.ie**



## CYCLE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Representatives from the Drogheda Branch of CF Ireland were on site to launch the Platin Boyne Valley cycle.

In April, staff from Irish Cement's factory in Platin took part in a 60 kilometre cycle through the Boyne Valley to launch the 'Malin2Mizen Cycle4CF' fundraiser in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

Two Irish Cement Platin employees, Alan Dawe and Aidan Savage, had been training to take part in the annual Malin to Mizen charity cycle.

The 640 kilometre routes started in Malin Head and in 2019 the cyclists departed in poor weather conditions. Cycling through seven counties over four days they finished in bright sunshine in Mizen Head. Well done to Alan and Aidan and all the other cyclists for raising much needed funds for such a worthwhile charity.