



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Platin Local Community Newsletter.

We successfully completed our main overhaul earlier this spring. During those weeks we carry out detailed inspections, upgrades and repairs to many of the large industrial systems and pieces of equipment in the factory. It is a very busy period, and every year safety is our key concern. Thanks to great teamwork by our staff and the specialist contractors who come to site we had a safe overhaul again this year.

Sticking with the theme of safety, congratulations to Ann McEleavey, Health & Safety Officer in Platin, who was honoured with a CRH Safety Award in the Safety Professional's category at a ceremony in Amsterdam. This award recognises Ann's outstanding contributions to safety and the business.

We have been working over the past few months on a new solar project to fit a series of solar panels to the roof of one of the buildings on site. The work is underway and is due to be completed during the summer.

So far in 2025 we have had over 200 students from local schools and colleges visit us in Platin and learn about how we make cement. We are always delighted to welcome these groups, and we are very proud to take them on a tour of our cement factory. Well done to all the team on site who are involved in organising and leading these site visits.

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

Yours sincerely,

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MARIA GORETTI FOUNDATION



On Monday 31st March, James Devereaux, Ian McDonnell along with his wife Fiona McDonnell and son Joe McDonnell, went to visit the Maria Goretti Foundation in Lordship, Louth to present a cheque on behalf of Platin employees to Deirdre Quinn, manager of the respite centre. Since early 2024, the Platin team has raised over €1,500 for the foundation through the Deposit Return Scheme, by collecting used bottles in canteens and recycling them locally. The Maria Goretti Foundation, which offers vital respite care to children with disabilities and their families, was chosen as the charity due to its personal impact to many employees, including Ian McDonnell, whose son Joe previously benefitted from their services. Platin is proud to support the foundation's incredible work in the local community.

ON TOUR IN PLATIN



Tenure National School 6th class came for a tour of the site to learn about the production of cement. They were accompanied by Ms Carolan and Mrs Healy, and it was a special visit for Mrs Healy as her son Mark works here as a shift supervisor!

Another familiar face on the tour was Zach Martin, whose dad Damien Martin works in our quarry. It was great to see them together during the visit!

A big thank you to the students and teachers for visiting and to everyone who helped organise the tour!



SAFETY AWARD



Congratulations to Ann McEleavey, our Health & Safety Officer in Platin Works, who was honoured with a CRH Safety Award in the Safety Professional's category at a ceremony in Amsterdam. This award recognises Ann's outstanding contributions to safety and the business in Platin Works throughout 2024.

The awards were presented by Peter Buckley, President of CRH International, and Ann later reflected on the moment: "There was a real sense of pride to be part of it and I'm proud to have been selected for an award. It felt like my efforts were well and truly appreciated."

A huge well done to Ann and to all award recipients!

DAFFODIL DAY



Friday 28th March marked Daffodil Day, a special day where people across Ireland raise vital funds for the Irish Cancer Society, a charity close to our hearts. To mark the occasion, we celebrated Daffodil Day by having a coffee morning in Platin, where everyone gathered for a chat and some well-deserved sweet treats.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money to this incredible cause. We raised €1,000 for Daffodil Day and it's amazing to see such strong support.

Many thanks to Helen Bennett, Sinead Garavan and Leanne Caffrey for organising the coffee morning in Platin Works. You did a fantastic job and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

DROGHEDA HOMELESS AID

Over Christmas, a breakfast morning was organised by Johnny McArdle from Irish Cement Platin Works to raise funds for Drogheda Homeless Aid. The morning was a huge success, with Platin Works raising vital funds for the charity. Johnny cooked breakfast for all employees and was assisted by Ian Finglas.

Johnny went to Drogheda Homeless Aid to present Sue Fitzgerald from the charity their cheque for €1000. Well done to everyone who helped raise money for this great cause!



MARIE KEATING MOBILE UNIT VISITS PLATIN



The Marie Keating Mobile Unit visited Platin Works on Tuesday April 1st, a visit funded by the company as part of its ongoing commitment to employee health and wellbeing. The unit was stationed outside the Medical Centre and staff had the opportunity to attend an informative talk delivered by the Oncology nurse, Áine Finn.

The session focused on cancer prevention: smoking, skin, diet, weight, alcohol, vaccination and screening. The aim of the Marie Keating Foundation is to bring life-saving messages on cancer prevention and early detection to as many people as possible and we were proud to support this initiative.

Promoting open and honest conversations in the workplace about lifestyle changes, health screenings and the importance of early detection is an important step in supporting the overall wellbeing of the team. A big thank you to the Marie Keating Foundation for their visit and everyone who attended the talk!