

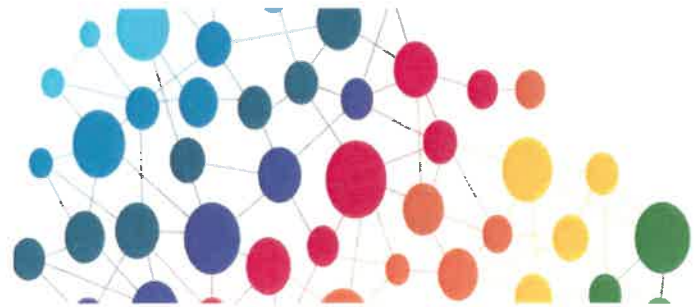


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Newsletter

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Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have been collaborating together to enhance their science learning and understanding culminating in a final day full of surprises, smiles and successes last Thursday.



Research tells us that if children talk about what they have learnt and explain it to others, then the learning is stronger and the memories last for longer. With this in mind, Year 3 teachers from three primary schools started planning facilitated by Mr Mukadam, an experienced and leading science practitioner from Launde Primary School. The teachers explored the topics in their medium-term planning and shared different ways to excite the children and drew on experience from all three teachers.



Then they took their ideas to the three different classes and let the children decide on a question that they were going to challenge another school with. The children were full of super ideas!

They challenged each other with a science question which each class had to explore, investigate and carry out fair tests.

They shared videos of their progress midway through the experimenting.

Staff continued to support each other, sharing resources from Launde Primary School and drawing on the expertise of all three

staff as well as Mr Mukadam.

On Thursday, Launde Primary School welcomed children from Year 3 from Stathern and Buckminster primary schools for the day.

The children took part in a science show led by Neil Monteiro in the morning. Neil is an experienced Science presenter based in the UK. He works all over the world on science-based videos and stage shows.

Alongside presenting, he also teaches science communication for researchers and offers training in scientific thinking and decision making in the corporate world. A definite treat for our children to meet him and be inspired by the science show he shared with them!



Here is what Buckminster had to say about the science day:

'I enjoyed making the gravity bird!' - Sol

'I enjoyed Neil breathing fire through the pipe.' – Jack

'I enjoyed learning about magnets!' – Summer



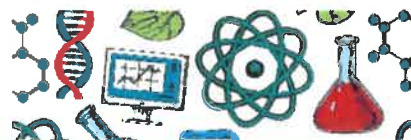
'I enjoyed Neil talking about the robots and powder'

'I enjoyed learning about the robots.' - Holly

In the afternoon, the stage was handed over to the children! They shared the results of their experiments to the other children in the schools, a large audience for them but it didn't phase them. It was brilliant to see the children sharing their projects with passion, enthusiasm and really strong scientific learning.



Well done to all the children who took part – they learnt a lot from each other and enjoyed taking part in the science theatre. It was super to see how much all three schools – Buckminster, Stathern and Launde took from the experience.



From Inderjit Sandhu, Executive Headteacher
on behalf of Scholars Academy Trust

