



# The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Science Week comes to Brooksward!



We have all enjoyed a really wonderful week jam packed with exciting activities relating to Science. We started off with a visit from Cranfield University kindly arranged by our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs. Gemma Clarke. The staff from Cranfield took two assemblies where they spoke to the children about their jobs and the exciting research they do. As the children listened, I could see that many had been inspired to take up jobs in the STEM field in the future – which is great. The Cranfield team also brought a robotic arm with them and each class was given the

opportunity to see it working and ask any questions they might have. Thank you Mrs Clarke and Cranfield!

The children enjoyed a carousel of science activities in mixed year groups throughout the afternoon. It was lovely to see the older children working together with the younger children as they were conducting experiments and making new discoveries. The children told us:-

“My favourite activity was the skittles one where we saw all the colours come off the skittles and they looked beautiful” (Lily in Year 2). “My favourite activity was when we got to create a volcano and it was enormous. We then made an earth” (Dylan in Y2). “The cream turned into liquid and butter. You could feel the change when we shook the jar” (Nzwi in Year 6)”.





The Cranfield staff also judged our Science competition – we have been delighted by the amount and also the quality of the entries – thank you all so much for your support of this. The results were:-

Third place – Isabella and Favour – Year 4  
Second place – Alex Year 5  
And First place – Stan in Year 1 who impressed the judges with his different materials for trainers investigation. Well done everyone. I know it was a difficult decision for the judges.

On Tuesday evening, we held a highly successful Science Fayre which was really well attended. I know from the feedback that everyone enjoyed the evening immensely and had fun engaging with the Science activities on offer.

On Wednesday, the Magical Science roadshow came to Brookward and once again the children were fascinated by the numerous experiments the team did for them to enjoy.

We also arranged for a visit by STEM Ambassadors – individuals who are experts in their field – ranging from an Environmental Scientist, a Medical Scientist, a driverless car Project Manager, a traffic accident Investigation Officer, to a Controls Engineer and a Merchant Sailor. The children listened intently to what they had to say about the jobs they do and we then held a fantastic 'Questions and Answers' session.



Throughout the week the children have impressed our many visitors with their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.



A team from Santander also visited this week and have done a remarkable job in transforming our courtyard area in Key Stage 2 so that we can use it for growing and as a quiet space. A very big thank you to them – I'm sure you will all notice the difference on your next visit into assembly!

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to Miss Swain, who has organised this wonderful week for us all to enjoy.

Have a wonderful Half Term break

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