



## Our vision for Science

• Through rich experiences, children will learn about the knowledge, processes and uses of science in the modern world. Children will develop a conceptual scientific knowledge through active, rich and challenging learning experiences. They will be encouraged to see how science can be used to explain events, predict how things behave and analyse causes. The school also encourages a sense of excitement, wonder and curiosity in science, giving children the opportunity to develop and explore their own scientific wonderings.

## Our Science Principles

- Children are asking and researching their own questions
- Children come up with how they are going to find answers and what the significance is of their discoveries
- Children are engaged in their own learning
- Children are taking part in practical activities
- Children are taking part in activities that are relate to their life experiences
- Children are not following a pre-set scheme ... we are extending children's questions or interests as they come about

## Our School Development Plan 2014-2015

Curriculum 2014-15 Overview: To adapt the VISION of Curriculum 2014 to meet the requirements of the school's aims and golden principles.

Through our own trials and using research such as Sutton and Hattie's reports we believe the following 'Key Aspects of Learning' have the greatest influence on learning. Attainment and skills awareness is raised through:

Staff's pedagogical trials and research

Metacognition

**Assessment for learning** 

Creating assessment literate children

**Collaborative learning** 

Real engagement in learning (children with clarity as to why they are learning) Personalising the curriculum (children having input into what they are learning) Enabling children to adapt to problems and life situations

# BRADSHAW HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014-2015 FOR CURRICULUM 2014

#### Science

The school aim to achieve the Primary Science Quality Mark silver award. There have been many successful science trials run in the school – the outcrop of these trials is that we have identified the following model for improving learning outcomes in science:

- Have powerful, practical contexts for immersing children in areas of study
- Develop schemes of work based around children's questions, areas of interest or misconceptions based on the initial immersion
- Make active use of assessment for learning to plan science activities (including practical activities) built around the children's needs.

We will also increase the awareness and exposure of children to science. There will be an upper KS2 school trip to Jodrell Bank, and the science coordinator will increase the parents' awareness of Science at Bradshaw Hall. Teachers will be part of local science projects to develop science teaching across all key stages. These teachers will be used to drive the professional development of science throughout the school.

#### Led by Jacqui Sullivan

Science trials run by Louise Bousfield and Matt Willis. Jacqui has asked Lynne Bianchi that Sam McGill (Speech and Language Centre and Clare Jones Y1) join the SK4 science project.

A2 There is a clear vision for the teaching and learning of science

## Bradshaw Hall Science Family Tree

Gareth Metcalfe Y6 Jacqui Sullivan Y4 Assistant Headteacher Science Co-ordinator (with interest in Science) Louise Bousfield Y3 PSTT 2015 Manchester University Projects Leader Matt Willis Y3 Manchester University **Project Assistant** Sam McGill Claire Jones Y1 Luke Redfearn Y5 (Speech and Language Unit) Manchester University Manchester University Manchester University SK4 Projects Participant SK4 Projects Leader SK4 Projects Participant

## Science Displays





A4 Science displays around the school show how science is valued and enjoyed

C3 Children enjoy their science experiences in school

D1 Science supports other curriculum areas and contributes to maximising whole school initiatives while retaining its unique status

## Whole School Science Competition

#### THE BRADSHAW HALL SCIENCE COMPETITION

3 amazing Science prizes for winners!

All entries need your name and class written or attached. Give your entry to Miss Sullivan or ask your teacher to pass it on experiment with parents as Science assistants!

All you have to do is prove that you did something scientific outside school.

It's all about the EVIDENCE!

#### This could be:

- \* A ticket/leaflet to a Science Museum (MOSI, for instance). You could say what was your favourite part of the Museum ©
- \* A drawing/photo of an investigation/experiment you did at home
- \* A Scientific fact sheet about something that you're interested in, for example, Food Chains or the Solar system
- \* A profile of your favourite scientist

As long as it's proof you did something to do with Science!

Entries need to be in by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. A special Science assembly will be held the following week revealing the winners.



A1 There is an effective subject leader for Science

A4 Science is valued as a subject

C1 Pupils are actively engaged in their own learning and achievement; making decisions, answering their own questions, solving real problems

C3 Children enjoy their science experiences in school

The subject leader organised a school wide competition to engage children in Science outside the school domain. Children were encouraged to visit MOSI, or to take part in an experiment with parents as Science assistants!



Phenomenal response to the competition!

















## **Whole School Science Competition**



## The Bradshaw Hall Science Competition 2015 Chris Bagnall (HT) and Lynne Bianchi

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### There is an effective subject leader A1 A4 A5 C1 C3



"...all credit to a school who has really put science at the heart of their whole school innovations,







Quotes taken from: The University of Manchester

http://www.fascinate.manchester.ac.uk/about-us/news-and-events/

Bradshaw Primary School's 2015 Science Competition Winners, with Dr Lynne Bianchi and Head teacher, Chris Bagnall.



Dr Lynne Bianchi 'commended the work led by Jacqui Sullivan' (A1)

Dr Lynne Bianchi commended the work lead by Jacqui Sullivan, Science Subject Leader, saying, "It was thoroughly invigorating to see the high quality science investigations the children had come up with - all credit to a school who has really put science at the heart of their whole school innovations.".

Get in touch if you'd like us to help you run your own Primary Science events in your region: lynne.bianchi@manchester.ac.uk.

### Events we regularly host or attend:

- The University of Manchester's Science Spectacular October/November
- The Science and Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub's Children-to-Children Conference June/July
- Conferences and Events in conjunction with the Primary Science Teaching Trust
- · The International Symposium on Engineering Education























...invigorating investigations..'

## Planning by children's questions Y3/4

Bradshaw Hall is driving to *personalise* the science curriculum by children having a real input into what they want to learn. Teachers still ensure that required learning objectives are covered but children discuss what and when to learn an area.





Assessment and Reflection stage

A2 Vision for teaching and learning Science taking place in the classroom

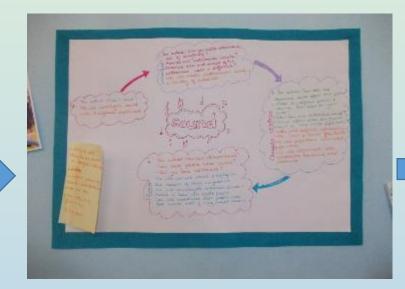
A4 Science is valued

B2 Range of teaching and learning approaches

C1 Children actively engaged in own learning

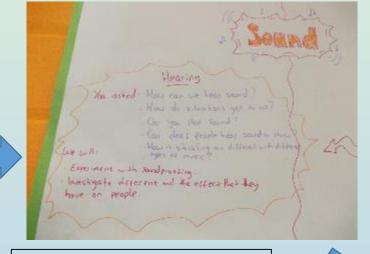
C2 Teachers using a range of assessment approaches

C3 children enjoy their science experiences



Planning stage





Focused planning stage



Immersion stage (eg .. The Liverpool Philharmonica Orchestra

D1 Science supports other areas .... D2 Links to outside agencies to enrich Science

## Planning by children's questions Y5

Bradshaw Hall is driving to *personalise* the science curriculum by children having a real input into what they want to learn. Teachers still ensure that required learning objectives are covered but children discuss what and when to learn a topic.



Y5 Electricity Topic Questions and flow chart of planning

Assessment and Reflection

A2 Vision for teaching and learning Science

taking place in the classroom

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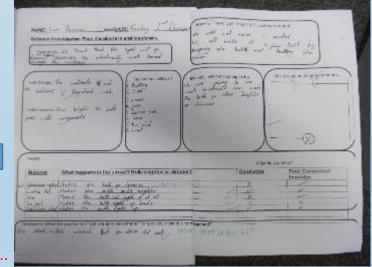


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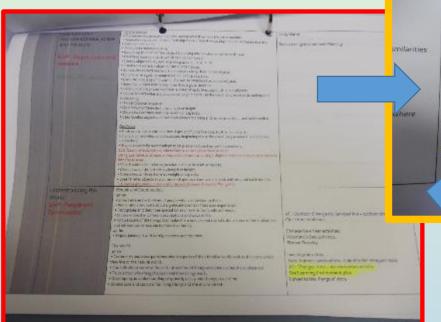
D1 Science supports other areas ...

### Immersion

Planning and further investigating



EYFS ... an example of Topic / Medium planning (also an example of Outdoor Environment Science)



In Early Years children explored how they could get an animal out of a frozen balloon.

A5 The SL knows about the

science teaching and learning across the school B2 There is a range of teaching and learning approaches

C1 All pupils are engaged C2 Teachers are using a range of assessment approaches C3 Children enjoy their science experience in school D1 Science supports other curri

AF - Outdoor Emergency Services' but - butdoor observations Chinese New Year activities. Valentine's Day activities. Shrove Tuesday Investigation Area Artic Animals and habitats - linked to the Penguni story. AF - Changes in ice - ice excavation activity See Learning Environment plan I inked to the 'Penguin' story

> · Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act cut a narrative. (EAD/MM 40-

#### INVESTIGATION

. Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.

· Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Looks closely at similarities.

differences, patterns and change (UW/TW 40-60).

Area of Learning: Brime: PSED (CL) PD Specific L M UW EAD Age & Stage: R-20m 16-26m 22-36m 33-S0m 40-60m ELG's

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Active Learning

Energetic

Characteristics of Learning Playing and Exploring

Child in traced / Adult Lad Activity

OBSERVATION

Name: Chloe

Observer: (ESA) Area: castetoors

Photo: Yes / No

ole play/imaginative Play

Date: Jan 1 1 =

'Motivation' Showing Curiosity Motivated Enthusiastic/Excited Using Senses Making choices lawing specific interests Attentive/Focused Inguiger in new activity Shaws price

Creating and thinking critically "Thinking" Thinking of ideas Problem Striving Adapting/Changing

Precieting/Estimating Ordering/sequencing Evaluating

Collaborative Play

Enhance Autumn Investigation area with

picture making with twigs, snowflakes, snowballs, glass beads and pom poms.

Autumn books (fiction and non-fiction). Winter

Ice excavation activity - exploring how to get

animals out of frozen ice balloons. Using a

range of implements to excevate the ice and

watching the ice melt and changes of state.

Thinking about how we could speed up the

Winter words, non-fiction books range of

Chinese New Year activities.

Valentine's Day activities.

labels, books.

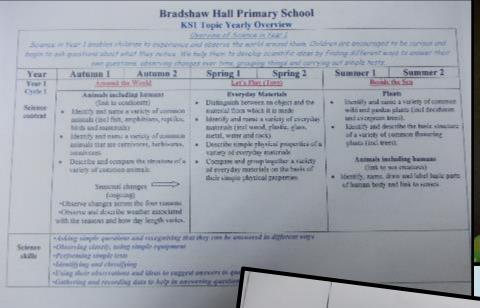
Shrove Tuesday.

Experiencing different types of science enquiries

Observing closely using simple equipment

Year 1

Cycle 1 planning of 2 cycles



Animais, including

to enrich their Science topic of know about similarities and differences in relation to living

energy (GLdrafe)

Animals around the World

animals,

Author visit: Chris Kay visited Year 1

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A5 The SC knows about Science teaching and learning across the school

B2 There is a range of teaching and learning approaches

C1 All pupils are actively engage

C2 Teachers are using a range of assessment approaches

**D1** Science supporting Literacy D2 Author enriching Science

Identify and name a variety of commianimals including fish, amphibians, reptiles. birds and mammats including pets) identify and name a variety of common

**Assessment documents:** 

make observations of animals and plants and explain why

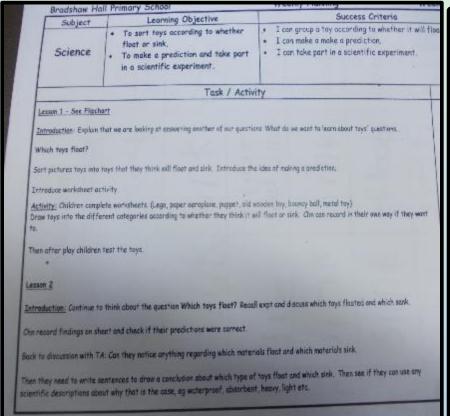
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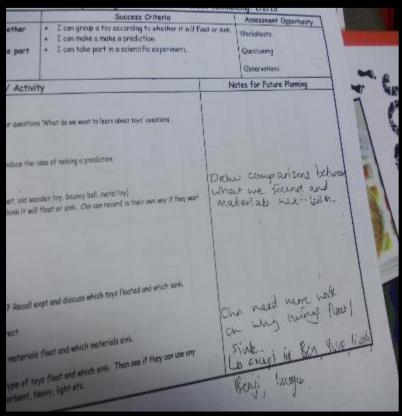
Emerging, Expected, Exceeding

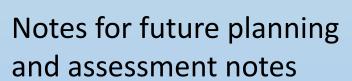
Have you ever wondered how the stars stay so bright? Or how the grass keeps its greeny green?



## Year 1 Cycle 1 planning of 2 cycles







Predicting, gathering and recording data to help in answer questions (D1 cross curricular with Maths)

A5 The Science co-ordinator know about science teaching and learning across the whole school

B2 There is a range of teaching and learning approaches for Science

B3 There is a range of up to date quality resources .....

C2 Teachers are using a range of assessment approaches

D1 Science supports and links with other curriculum area

## Year 2 investigation

## Senses Investigations

#### What are we learning today?

- To choose ways in which you might answer scientific
- To make sensible predictions.
- To use simple scientific language.
- To be aware of the concept of a fair test.

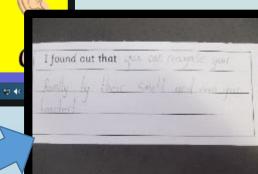
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To answer simple questions and predict what might

Whole class activity

uld be made fair.

- To contribute sensit
- To suggest ways in
- To offer alternative



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for blocking

sound?

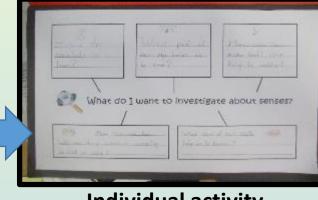
best material

Which materials are

the smoothest?

**Individual activity** 





**Individual activity** 

### Whole class activity

How far can

What do I want to investigate about sense

we see?

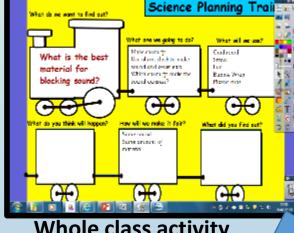
Teachers use a range of teaching and learning approaches for Science. Here is evidence of whole, group and individual learning. At the heart of this activity is the SDP where children raise the questions (A2 A4 A5 B2 B3 C1 C2 C3)

Can I recognis

their smell?

What sort of tastes

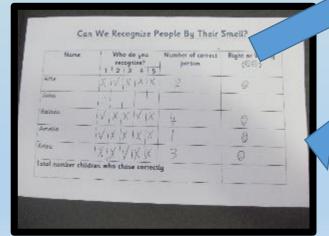
do we prefer?



Whole class activity



**Group work activities** 



Individual activity

Class work and homework 'Real engagement in learning ...' projects A5 B1 B2 C2 C3 Year 2 extract from SDP 2014-2015 Habitats **D1** Miss McCauley (NQT) brought in her pet hedgehog Progression scales used for assessment

## Year 3 / 4

Subject Science Sound

#### **Tasks**

Children will answer the question 'what is sound?' by taking part in a carousel of investigations.

- 1. Blow the candle out with sound vibrations
- 2. Make rice vibrate by playing a loud instrument nearby
- 3. Listen to sound waves as the travel through solid materials into the ear.

The children will record their findings at each station in their science books using pictures, labelled diagrams and key, scientific words.

Extension: Do children notice a difference in the vibrations between different materials? Which are best conductors of sound? Which areas of the school are the noisiest and what affect does that have on the vibrating rice?

#### **Learning Intention**

To answer the question 'what is sound'.

To establish that sound is caused be vibrations.

To recognise that sound travels through a medium to the ear.

#### Resources

Lengths of pipe, tea light candles and matches, balloons, safety mats for candles.

Coat hangers, string, a variety of metal and non-metal objects

Large bowls, rice, clingfilm, drum or tambour

#### Assessment opportunities

Do children make links with prior learning? Do they apply knowledge to the new situations? Do they ask further questions to be investigated? Do they explain clearly how the investigation is showing what it is.



Led by Mrs Bousfield (PSTA 2015)
pupils were encouraged to investigate
the questions 'What is Sound?'
Children took part in a range of
activities eg blowing out a candle,
making rice vibrate on a drum,
children had to note their
observations in Science journals.
Children then had to report what they
had found out to the rest of the class.

A2 There is a clear vision for the teaching and learning of science

A4 Science is valued as a subject

A5 The SL knows about the Science teaching and learning

B1 Staff continue to have opportunities for CPD

B3 There is an up to date range of resources

C1 All pupils are actively engaged in their own learning...

C3 Children enjoy their science experiences in school

D1 Science supports and links with other curriculum areas (music and D&T here)

D2 There are clear links other outside agencies (PSTA)

'Through rich experiences, children will learn about the knowledge, processes and uses of science in the modern world.' Bradshaw Hall Science vision 2014

### Year 4 taking ownership of their learning!



We organised our own Sound lessons. We did this by asking questions and discussing what was important to learn this year!

See slide 3 A3

I didn't know that whales can communicate 100 miles apart

The orchestra visit was fun I loved making my loud hailer!

C1 C2 C3

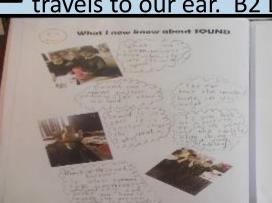
How does sound travel?

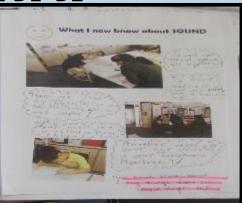
What does a vibration look like close up? can sound travel under water?





The Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra visited us to explain how we hear music, how sounds can be made higher and lower, plus they explained how sound travels to our ear. B2 D1 D2





### Year 5 and 6

(led by Gareth Metcalfe AztraZeneca Science Teaching Trust Keith Bishop Award 2011)

In Years 5 and 6 activities are designed to develop children's skills in scientific investigation and to encourage them to use those skills in furthering their knowledge and understanding. Furthermore, investigations tend to be more open ended, children have to justify and agree on choices, use scientific language and co-operative behaviour as the norm.

**AUTUMN** 

Being a Scientist During the first few weeks, we introduce what it means to be a scientist in various scenarios.

#### We learn to:

plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions. including recognising and controlling variables where

take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision

record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, and bar and line graphs

use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

Whilst there is a focus on this at the start of the year, these elements will be fed into all the other modules through the year.

Electricity We introduce electricity in a range of ways, different uses of electricity. We experiment conductivity as well as troubleshooting incomplete

We learn to:

associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit

compare and effects give reasons for variations in components function, including the brightness of bulbs and the

loudness of

buzzers

#### **SPRING**

The Human Condition In this module, we will carry out an extended scientific enquiry measuring and analysing human behaviour. It was a project that was pioneered

by the Primary Science **Teaching Trust** at Bradshaw

Hall as a vehicle for running extended scientific enquiries.

#### We learn to:

think creatively to try to explain how living and non-living things work, and establish links between causes and

ask questions that can be investigated scientifically and decide how to find answers

make systematic observations and measurements

use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain observations, measurements or other data and

conclusions

Properties and Changes of Materials During this term will investigate properties of their materials through real life examples including: the best way to insulate an ice-lolly solubility of biscuits.

#### We learn to:

compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets

know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form

a solution,

know how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating

give reasons, for the particular uses of everyday

mixing and changes of state are reversible changes

explain that some changes function result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.

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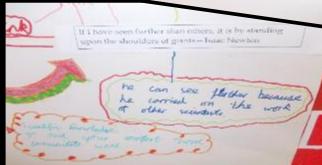
demonstrate that dissolving,

describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

exercise, drugs and 'Have powerful, lifestyle on the way

practical contexts for immersing children in areas of study...' **School Development** Plan 2014/15







Year 5 and 6 (led by Gareth Metcalfe AztraZeneca Science Teaching Trust Keith Bishop Award 2011) Science Thank you for attending our meeting at the Bureaux for Scientific Development We appreciate your input, and are glad to receive your support and advice on a developed by range of different issues that affect our work. We would like to ask you to till in the following questionnuire, so that we can formally record your opinions on the matters discussed. Please explain your opinions as fully as you can. Any additional comments that you would like to make regarding our work would be Gareth and gratefully received - Science Development Team now taught by AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust Should we continue to invest in space travel? don't think that people should Y5 & Y6 Keith Bishop Award investment on space travel teacher/ Crisisesia L Gareth Metealfe would want ergently. Dog I have by he re there some questions that the science community cannot, or trenta we would want can't answe ions that the science community cannot, or A4 Science is valued as a subject about questions A5 The Science co-ordinator know about the Science teaching B1 Staff continue to have opportunities for CPD B2 There is a range of teaching and learning approaches God evente the world! D2 There are clear links to outside agencies/organisations Title - Ctadint, Vincent, Lewis, Catalan, Wheeler & Darby (1975). Reciprocal concessions procedure for inducing compliance: The door-in the face technique, fournal of Personality and gravelkilland pull and Social Psychology 31(2), 206-215. Hypothesis - the way that you ask people to do something affects whether they will do it or Investigation - A group of students were asked if they would help out at a kids' camp for two hours per week for two years. They all said no. They were then asked if they would supervise a single two-hour trip, and half said yes. A second group were asked to help out on the same single two-hour trip, but this group had not been asked to help out before. Only 17% of them agreed to help out. When people prom what the outcome is then Covert work Hannah they are offered something better, they are more You've shown a high land of undertailing. likely to take the better often.

### Teachers use this grid in their planning, and to monitor the children's progress with Working Scientifically

Working Scientifically - Pupils are not expected to cover each aspect for every area of study

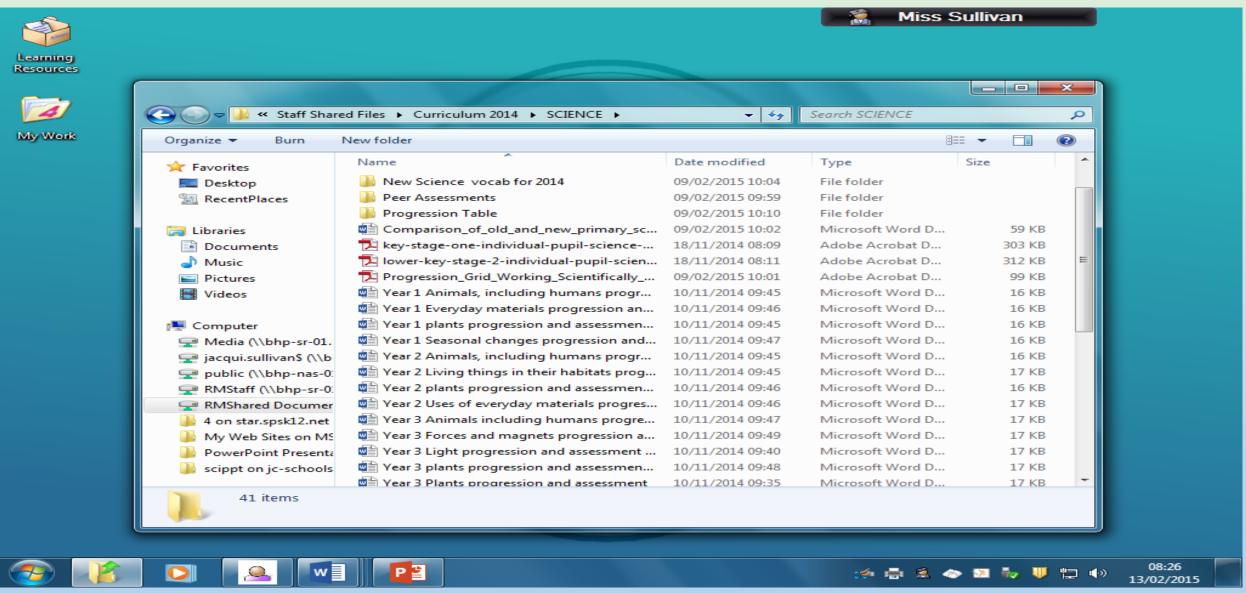
|   | Upper Key Stage 2   |  |  |  |
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| raise their own relevant questions about the world around them  | use their science experiences to explore ideas and raise different kinds of questions   |  |  |  |
| should be given a range of scientific experiences including different types of science enquiries to answer questions  | talk about how scientific ideas have developed over time  |  |  |  |
| start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions  | select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions   |  |  |  |
| Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up  | recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why   |  |  |  |
| talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys  | use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials, and identify patterns that might be found in the natural environment.  |  |  |  |
| recognise when and how secondary sources might help<br>them to answer questions that cannot be answered<br>through practical investigations   | recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas and begin to separate opinion from fact   |  |  |  |
| make systematic and careful observations help to make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used  | make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for  |  |  |  |
| begin to look for naturally occurring patterns and relationships and decide what data to collect to identify them   | look for different causal relationships in their data and identify evidence that refutes or supports their ideas  |  |  |  |
| take accurate measurements using standard units<br>learn how to use a range of (new) equipment, such as<br>data loggers / thermometers appropriately  | choose the most appropriate equipment to make measurements with increasing precision and explain how to use it accurately. Take repeat measurements where appropriate.  |  |  |  |
| collect and record data from their own observations and measurements in a variety of ways, notes, bar charts and tables, standard units, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys and help to make decisions about how to analyse this data              | decide how to record data and results of increasing complexity from a choice of familiar approaches: scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs   |  |  |  |
| with help, pupils should look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions.   | identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments   |  |  |  |
| use relevant simple scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions | use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas, use oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations to report conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of degree of trust in results   |  |  |  |
| with support, they should identify new questions arising from the data, making predictions for new values within or beyond the data they have collected and finding ways of improving what they have already done.                                | use their results to make predictions and identify when further observations, comparative and fair tests might be needed  |  |  |  |
|   | should be given a range of scientific experiences including different types of science enquiries to answer questions start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions.  Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys.  recognise when and how secondary sources might help them to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.  make systematic and careful observations help to make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used.  begin to look for naturally occurring patterns and relationships and decide what data to collect to identify them.  take accurate measurements using standard units learn how to use a range of (new) equipment, such as data loggers / thermometers appropriately.  collect and record data from their own observations and measurements in a variety of ways, notes, bar charts and tables, standard units, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys and help to make decisions about how to analyse this data with help, pupils should look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions.  use relevant simple scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.  with support, they should identify new questions arising from the data, making predictions for new values within or beyond the data they have collected and finding ways of |  |  |  |

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## Science curriculum folder with Assessment/Progression



A5 The Science subject leader knows about the science teaching and learning across the school C2 The purpose of assessment is understood 
Assessment is designed to fit those purposes.

## **Outdoor Environment**



KS1 and Ks2 both have enrichment lesson using the forest area in the school. This is taken by **Schola Foris.** All teachers use the field, garden and forest areas for Science lessons.

B2 B3 C1 C3 D1 D2











### MAKING ASSESSMENT REAL

in Key Stages 1 and 2 Science





Using ICT

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Please note, the affiliations and positions given here are correct for the period of the project. Some may have subsequently cl

If you would like to contact us about this project, the CAR approach or similar work we are exploring, please make contact will the Trust:

#### Email:

Sue Williams (Administrator) on sue.williams@pstt.org.uk c/o School of Chemistry University of Bristol Cantock's Close Bristol 888 1TS

# B1 D1 D2 There are clear links to other schools and outside agencies

Jacqui Sullivan, Gareth Metcalfe and Kerry
Walmsley took part in a Top Marks project working
with Sheffield Hallam University. We also worked
with Grenoside Primary School, Sheffied, Monteney
Primary School, Sheffied, Orrishmere Primary
School, Stockport. Together we exchanged
experiences of our Science teaching. We devised
lessons that would be context rich and truly engage
children in Science learning and assessment. The
lessons have now been published by Top Marks.





## How are we sharing Science with others? D2

Gareth Metcalfe is our Assistant Headteacher working in Year 6. He primary co-ordinates Maths but has a huge interest in Science. In 2011 he won the Keith Bishop Primary Science Teaching Award run by Aztra Zeneca. Gareth continues to be Involved in Science projects working with Sheffield Hallam University and Manchester University. Often Gareth is working with placement MA students specialising in psychology (next slide).

To: Baker Robert; <a href="mailto:kashifhaque@btinternet.com">kashifhaque@btinternet.com</a>
Subject: Involvement in 'The Human Condition' project

Hi,

This is Gareth From Bradshaw Hall. I am emailing to see if you would be interested in getting involved in a science project that I am running at the moment. I know that Sinead had mentioned last week that she was keen to strengthen the link between governors and the teaching / teachers at BHPS, which I thought was a great idea.

The project, called The Human Condition and funded by the AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust, aims to bring psychology to the primary classroom. In my opinion, science in school can easily become somewhat linear and restricted. Children are asked to make straightforward links between cause and effect, and therefore struggle to appreciate that scientists don't actually work in a world of black and white facts. They can see science as being about them learning scientific facts, and they aren't (in my opinion) exposed to the complexity of what it means to work as a scientist. The Human Condition project plans to address this directly.

After an in-depth study of basic psychological concepts, the children are at the moment in the process of designing their own 'human condition' experiments, investigating the factors that affect human behaviour. On Wednesday 6th March (1:30pm - 3pm) they will have to pitch their experiment ideas to a panel of people (including an MMU lecturer). The panel will then decide which of the investigations we will run. I would be delighted if we could have a member of the governing body to be a part of that panel, and I thought that I would ask you two first.

If you want to know any more about the project, I am happy to give you any more details. Otherwise, it was great to have your input on the ICT initiatives, and I'm sure I will see you soon.

Gareth

Chair of Governors (Kashif Haque) supporting Gareth's request for Science project

From: Kash < kashifhadue@btinternet.com > Date: 26 February 2013 12:46:01 GMT

To: Baker Robert < Rob.Baker@uk.fujitsu.com >

**Cc:** Gareth Metcalfe < gareth.metcalfe@hotmail.co.uk >

Subject: Re: Involvement in 'The Human Condition' project

Hi Gareth,

Thanks for the e-mail. I think it is a great idea and having done a science based degree agree with what you say.

I have managed to move some things in my diary and am pleased to say that I will be able to come and join you on the 6th March. Let me know if there is anything you need me to do beforehand.

Kind regards

Kash



How are we sharing Science with others? A4 B1 D2



Gareth's project published in Primary Science 2012.

Gareth working with MA student to produce final discertation

From: Eszter Toth [eszter\_toth93@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** 30 October 2013 16:30

To: Gareth Metcalfe

**Subject:** dissertation

Request to work with Gareth

Hi Gareth,

I hope you're well. Over the past few months I've been working on my dissertation idea (which is exploring children's understanding of mental health) and my proposal is almost ready. I was just wondering if I would still be okay to carry out my project in Bradshaw Hall after the Christmas holidays?

Also, in about 2 weeks time I should have everything ready (such as the consent forms, information sheets for parents and the activity timetable) so I can show you what I would like to do and I would like to ask for your opinion in a few things as well. Could you please let me know when is the best time for me to discuss this with you?

Thank you and best wishes Eszter

From: gareth.metcalfe@bradshawhall.stockport.sch.uk

To: eszter\_toth93@hotmail.com

Date: Fri, 1 Nov 2013 15:42:01 +0000

Subject: RE: dissertation

Hi Eszter,

We are still absolutely up for you coming and doing your research here. I would be happy to discuss it with you; the best times to do so for me are on a Thursday from 4pm onwards, or on Friday any time from 12:30pm onwards (I don't teach on a Friday afternoon). I tend to be in meetings or elsewhere Monday - Wednesday at the moment. If you let me know which Thursday or Friday you could do, then I will put it in the diary. I assume that it's better if we meet up, but equally if you just wanted to phone then that would be fine too.

Gareth

From: Eszter Toth [eszter\_toth93@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** 02 June 2014 17:26 **Tel** Careth Metalfo

To: Gareth Metcalfe

**Subject:** Finished dissertation

Hi Gareth,

Attached please find a copy of my finished dissertation, I hope you like it. I received my feedback today, and I got

75%, which is a 1st and I'm really pleased with it.

Just wanted to say thank you to you and the children again for everything, it's been a pleasure working with them.

**Best Wishes** 

Eszter





B1 Staff continue to have opportunities for CPD D2 There are clear links to outside agencies/ organisations/ communities to enrich science teaching and learning

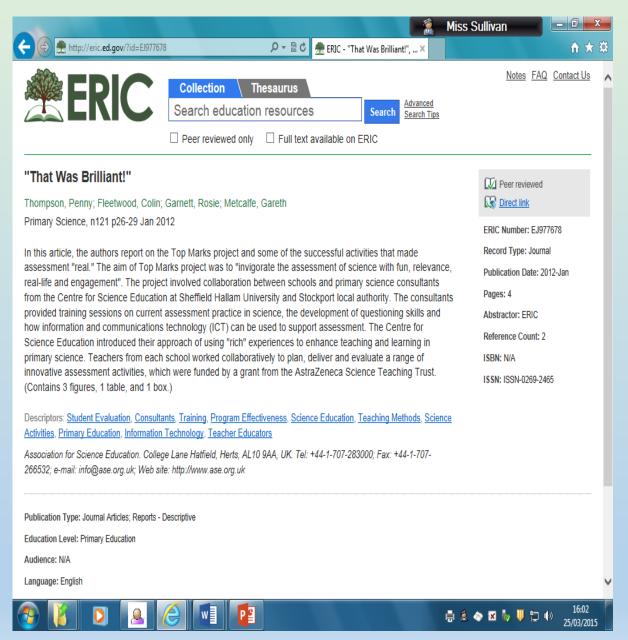






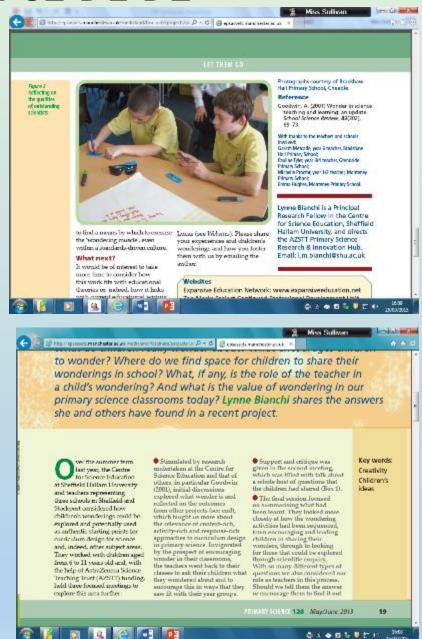


## How are we sharing Science with others? B1 C2 D1 D2



Gareth Metcalfe sharing his knowledge of Science teaching to others in Manchester and Sheffield:

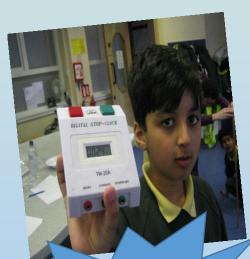
With thanks to the teachers and schools involved: **Gareth Metcalfe**, year 6 teacher, **Bradshaw Hall Primary School**: Pauline Tyler, year 3/4 teacher. Grenoside Primary School; Michelle Proctor, year 1/2 teacher, Monteney **Primary School**; Emma Hughes, Monteney Primary School.



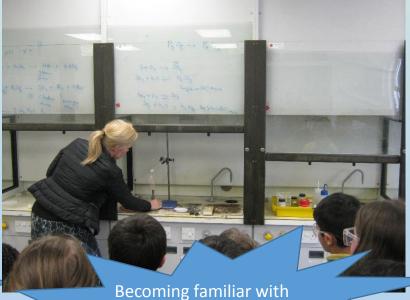
## Links with outside agencies ... Cheadle Hulme School D2 A1 A4 B1 B2 C1 C3

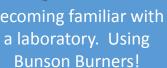
Children from Year 5 were able to take part in Science activities at our local partner secondary school. The children were able to use sophisticated science equipment, sit in a real laboratory and use meet Science Professors. Furthermore, our Y5 teacher increased his scientific knowledge by working with secondary colleagues.





Using secondary school ICT equipment

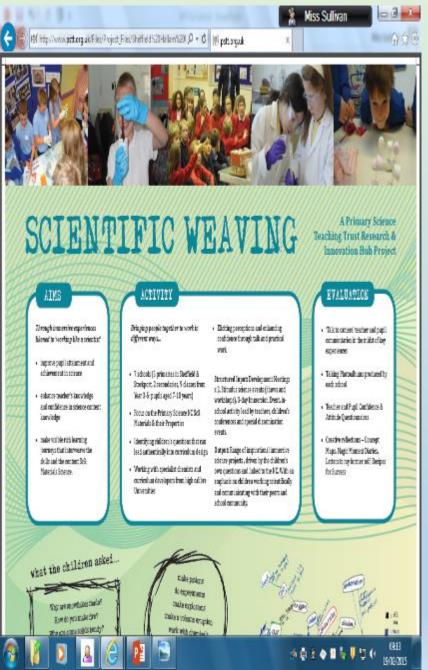




The partnership that we have with local secondary schools has influenced the planning of science curriculum in Year 5/6. Year 6 children are already becoming more analytical in their Science investigations through Gareth Metcalfe's lessons.

The impact of visiting Cheadle Hulme gives our children opportunities to study science in a variety of environments. We know that children enjoy the lessons at Cheadle Hulme because 'fun', 'interactive', and 'enjoyable' are just a few feedback comments. Bradshaw Hall will continue to think creatively and provide experiences so that children make excellent progress

## Outside Agencies and Wider Community D2 B1 B2 C3



Teachers from Y3 and Y5 took part in a Scientific Weaving project run through the University of Manchester PSTT Hub.

- The project helped raise the profile of Science in school
- Enthused girls to be interested in Science
- Created inks with high school colleagues and scientists

Enriched curriculum

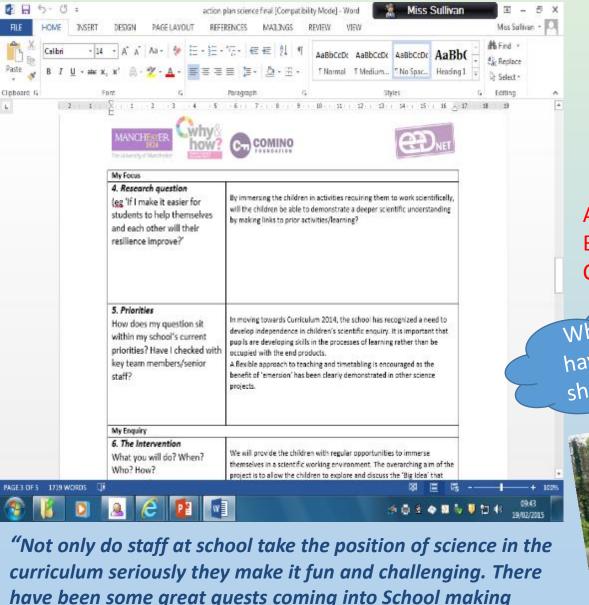
'This year has been action packed – teachers have been working with scientists from the University of Manchester to explore in many ways what it means to work scientifically. The Scientific Weaving project and the Smart Scientists project has shown us how we can embrace a contemporary and realistic scientific method in the work we do with children in our KS1 and KS2 classrooms. Teachers have worked in clusters, attended structured sessions at the University and co-taught lessons in schools with scientists and High School partners. Partnerships with creative and media charities, such as the Ideas Foundation has enabled children to communicate their science learning through animations, and creative story writing'. PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHING

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Working with Dr Leather to challenge gender stereotypes

## Outside Agencies and Wider Community D2 C1



Science both interesting and fun." Rob Baker, Chair of

Governors, February 2015 A3 A4 A5 B2 C3 D1

Smart Science project ... teaming up with schools from cluster area and Manchester University ... looking at developing how a real scientist work. Years 3 and 4 took on board an immersive learning approach .... Science is being taught in creative ways .... Using outdoor areas .... Children are becoming more inquisitive ... asking questions ... Children are really enjoying their Science learning experiences .....

100 of so of

A4 Science is a valued subject

B2 Range of teaching and learning approaches

C1 Pupils are actively engaged in own learning ...

Why does he have different shaped teeth?

What do ducks eat? What eats a duck?



## Bradshaw Hall teachers supporting other teachers



Louise Bousfield and Matt Willis



Gareth Metcalfe,
Assistant Head
Teacher,
discussing the
'Human
Condition'

Bradshaw Hall Science teachers were asked to speak at a Science CPD in Stockport. A number of Stockport schools attended the CPD and heard our teachers talk about there respective Science projects and styles of Science teaching.





All Bradshaw
Hall staff
attended
Science CPD
hosted by
University of
Manchester



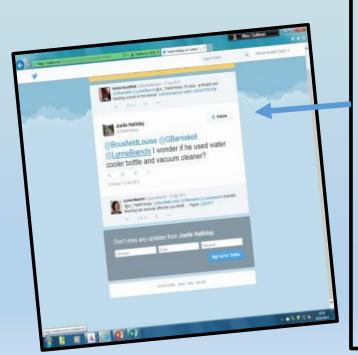
### Wider links ..... How are we sharing Science with others? D2 A4 A5 B1 D1

Louise Bousfield, is currently working in Year 3, gave a Science Weaving presentation to cluster schools at Manchester/Tameside (October 2013). She shared her knowledge of the project and teachers trialled the activities at their own schools.

To the same cluster group, Louise delivered a presentation 'Change of State' showing how a materials topic can be delivered to children in an engaging and rich way. Louise is now is now the LEAD TEACHER for the SK4 project (see next slide). The project works with primary schools to develop science capital in own school communities. Louise leads and co-ordinates the four other schools in the Stockport area, working closely with Lynne Bianchi (Head of the University of Manchester's Science Education Research & Innovation Hub) to research and evidence parental and industry involvement in Science learning at school.

### *More information on SK4 project*:

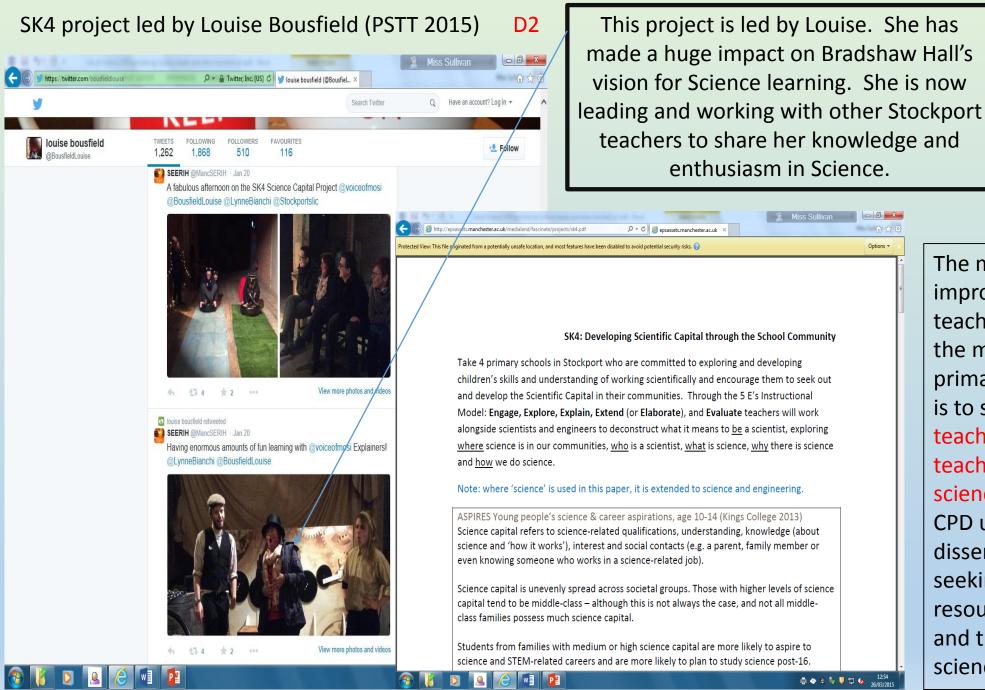
http://epsassets.manchester.ac.uk/medialand/fascinate/projects/sk4.pdf



Science weaving at
Bradshaw Hall
involved cross phase
teaching between Y3
and Y5. Teachers
from across the
school observed
lessons.
Lynne Bianchi and
Joelle Halliday gave
input to Twitter
feeds.





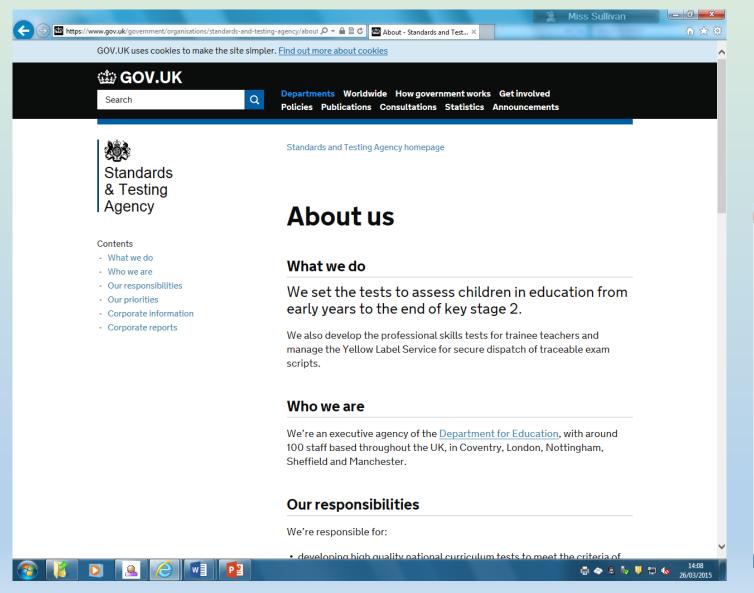


Louise had her induction to PSTT (Bristol) March 2015

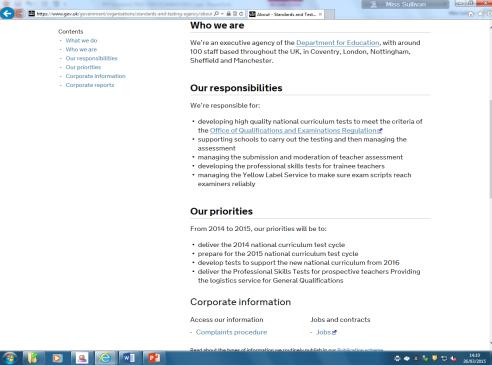


The most effective way to improve teaching is to support teacher development and that is the main driver of Trust work. At primary science level our desire is to see confidence raised in teaching science and for teachers and pupils to enjoy science exploration. Through CPD units and other dissemination tools we are seeking to provide a platform of resources across primary science and through to KS3 to support science teaching in the UK.

Louise Bousfield was chosen by the Standards Testing Agency and the Department for Education to help with the implementation of the revised Science curriculum. A2 A4 A5 B1 D2



Louise's impact is now at national level, not just in our school or through Manchester University projects. She will support teachers understanding of national standards when making teacher assessment judgements.



### There is an effective subject leader (A1), There is a clear vision of Science (A2), Pupil Voice (A4)

Assembly to explain to children the process of PSQM. I asked the children to give me their opinions, thoughts and ideas on Science in school. I explained that their opinion mattered.

School Council and Fco. Warriors put together 'Science Valued' boxes. They placed the boxes around the whole school to get feedback on how children enjoyed their teaching and learning in Science. Also, children were • asked what they would like to see for the future in Science to make it even better than today!



Consequently, after listening to children .....

- We are going to make the Quiet Area more scientific by adding a range of plants and bird feeders. Children would like to add mirrors and mobiles.
- We are going to make a Playground wall look like the Solar System by asking artist from a local college to plan a mural
- We have planted more trees in the wooded area (March 2015)

Parents helping to plant saplings donated by the Woodland Trust

School Council and Eco Warriors contribute to the termly Science Newsletter



Greenhouse made from plastic bottles (whole school parent donations!) in the Garden/Field Area, supported by teachers





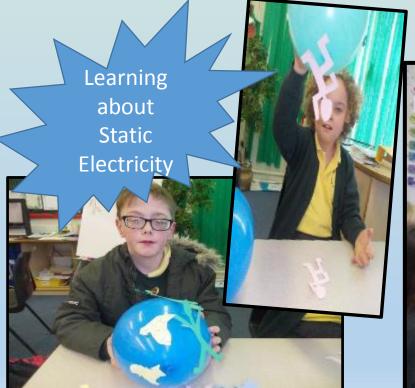
## Science Club .... wider links .....D2

In consultation with the SLT I decided to start a Science club specifically for Free School Meal children in Y4 and Y2. We wanted the club to be across Key Stages so that Year 2 children felt supported by Year 4 children. Research has shown that a two year gap also provides the best learning environment for children to grasp new concepts.

Jaymie wishes that it was Science club every day. She looks forward to it so much!

Mrs Fullwood Y2 parent 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

To strengthen our local community links, we invited children from Cheadle Catholic Junior School to take part in ur Science Club.









## Bradshaw Hall Science Buskers D2 A4 A5 C1 C3 D1







Children were invited to take part in training sessions at Manchester University to become Science Buskers. They performed at the Manchester Science Festival on Saturday, 21 March. Outside Manchester Museum the buskers showed a variety of Science 'tricks' to the general public. Our Science Buskers have also performed at our Science Morning.



## Science ..in the future at Bradshaw Hall and the impact of PSQM

- This summer Matt Willis (Y3) will be working with Phil Manning, Professor of Natural History (STFC Science in Society Fellow). Matt, will be working with 3 other primary teachers and 3 secondary teachers to develop a Scheme of Work on the topic of Splitting Atoms and other biological structures.
- Louise Bousfield, Matt Willis, Sam McGill (Speech and Language Centre) and Clare Jones (Y1) are part of the SK4 team
  working along side Lynne Bianchi. Louise is leading four cluster primary schools in the project to develop and explore
  science capital in the playground. Questionnaires to parents have been collated and a pool of scientists have been logged.
  Not just doctors, but hairdressers, artists, and sports coaches. With the pool of science talents, the school can ask parents
  to come into school to share their knowledge.

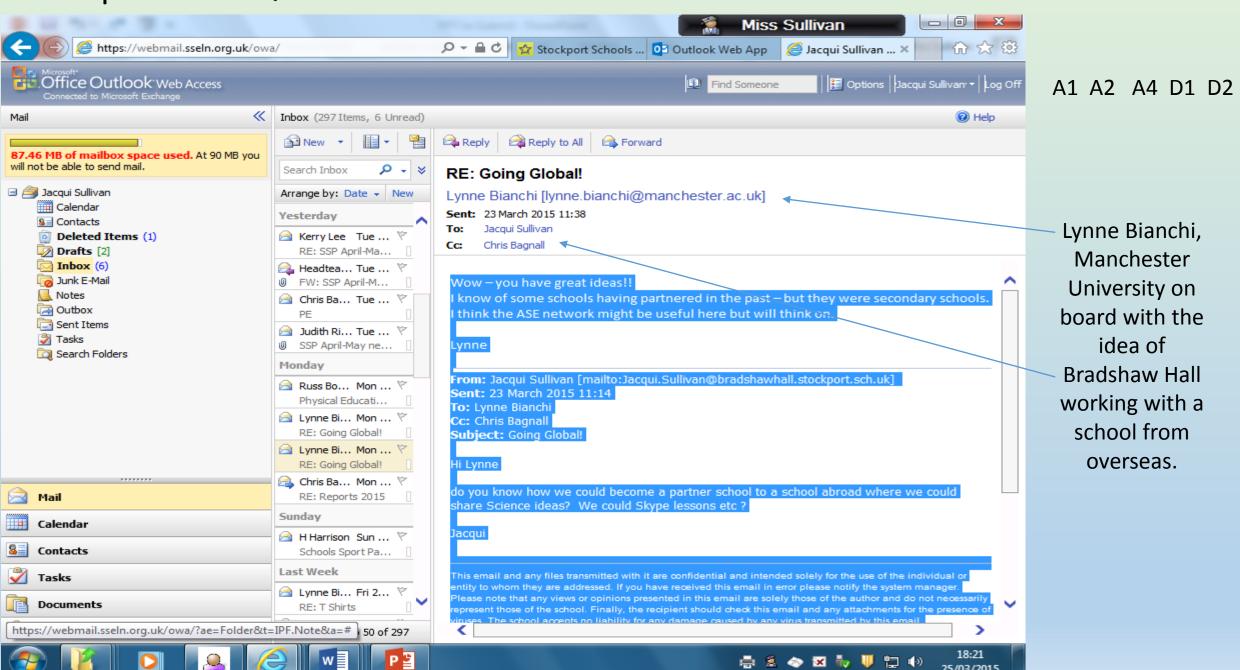
### SK4 - a project with primary schools to develop science ...

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30 Nov 2014 - SK4 - a project with primary schools to develop science capital in their school communities. Date Submitted: 30 November ... Lynne Bianchi

• In 2016 I would like to see Bradshaw Hall share great Science teaching and learning with the global community. I have already shared my ideas with Lynne Bianchi at Manchester University. However, I have previous teaching links with South African and Australian schools, so getting started (by using Skype) should be straight forward.. (see next slide)

"The impact of PSQM has been amazing, not only for Jacqui, but for all our staff at Bradshaw Hall. There is even more drive in our teachers to provide the best, creative 'out of the box' teaching possible in Science." Chris Bagnall, Headteacher

### The impact of PSQM .... Confidence to share Science with schools overseas ...



# From the Assistant Head Teacher, Gareth Metcalfe, commenting on the impact of science initiatives on attainment...



'Historically, the children at Bradshaw Hall Primary School used to leave school with a strong scientific knowledge. However, their inquiry skills were not as strong as their science knowledge. This was demonstrated by SATS test results and teacher assessment judgements up to 2010.

Since that time, the school have looked to enable the children at Bradshaw Hall to 'think like scientists'. This is the thread that ties together all of the subsequent projects that staff have been involved in, and trials within the school. As a staff, we have been on a long journey to enrich the scientific journey of all children, culminating in this application for the PSQM Award.

Now, teacher assessment judgements show that attainment in science is consistently strong, with scientific enquiry skills being a relative strength for our children. The year 6 cohort in 2009 were assessed as having 85% of children working at level 4 or above, and 31% as level 5 or above. The current year 6 cohort are currently teacher assessed (Spring 2015) as having 100% of children working at level 4 or above and 57% level 5 or above.

We are anticipating the greatest improvements, though, to be seen in cohorts coming through the school currently, who have been involved in far more of the latest science initiatives, under the guise of the new science leadership team. It is an exciting vision, and one that has had an amazing impact within the school.'

### **PSQM Impact on Standards**

Teacher assessment judgements for the 2014-2015 year 6 cohort show that standards in reading, writing and maths are significantly above the national average both in terms of progress and attainment.

As well as improving attainment in science, we believe the current science initiatives have contributed enormously to this increase in attainment. The school believes that by creating a rich curriculum, children will thrive – in maths, reading and writing as well as science. This is especially the case for children working towards levels 5 and 6. In maths, 70% of the children are predicted level 5, and 26% level 6. Science has contributed enormously to developing the problem-solving and reasoning skills required for these children to make such outstanding progress.

### Predicted levels for 2015 based on January 2015 data

| Number<br>of pupils<br>in Y6<br>cohort |    | Predicte<br>d<br>number<br>level 4+<br>R,W,M | Predicte<br>d<br>number<br>level 5+<br>R,W,M | Predicted<br>number<br>2 Levels /3 Levels<br>progress<br>Reading<br>(National<br>2014 94% / 35% ) |          | Predicted<br>number<br>2 Levels /3 Levels<br>progress<br>Writing<br>(National<br>2014 96% / 34%) |          | Predicted number 2 Levels /3 Levels progress Maths (National 2014 93% / 36%) |          |
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|  |    |  |  | 2 levels  | 3 levels | 2 levels   | 3 levels | 2 levels   | 3 levels |
| PP                                     | 5  | 5  | 1  | 1   | 4        | 2  | 3        | 3  | 2        |
| Curre<br>nt<br>FSM                     | 4  | 4  | 1  | 1   | თ        | 2  | 2        | 2  | 2        |
| Non<br>FSM                             | 42 | 40   | 25   | 16  | 26       | 17   | 25       | 13   | 29       |

# From the Head Teacher, Chris Bagnall. Reflecting on PSQM impact ...



Accolades to an amazing team!

We reflect on a journey that has had large implications for us as a school. Bradshaw Hall was determined to embrace the introduction of Curriculum 2014 positively, as a tool for changing pedagogy, rather than a simple shift in topic area coverage. We used the 'context of study' from the National Curriculum document as a means of driving what learning should like, in and beyond the classroom. This led to models being drawn up and trialled in classrooms. The findings were immediate: greater engagement from children staff and parents; greater knowledge and understanding; children behaving and responding like scientists. The model of 'Immersion- Generating Questions-Classifying Questions- Developing a Unit of Work in Response to Questions- Evaluation and Peer Review' has been rolled out across school via staff meeting, INSET and coaching and through the on-going dialogue with the University and other colleagues. The model has led to a change of pedagogy in other areas of the curriculum too. Geography and history is taught using the same guiding principles. As the process is embedding, staff are having the confidence to trial pedagogy in all areas of learning and teaching. Staff are spending an increased amount of time researching and reflecting upon their practise. There is a real buzz around school. Everything is possible. The award has provided real professional development opportunities for staff.

Jacqui Sullivan, such a credible teacher in the classroom, has proven to have real leadership qualities. She speaks so professionally and passionately about science. This has also been recognised by colleagues beyond the school who have commented how, 'Jacqui has grown in stature since the beginning of the award.'

Matt Willis, an NQT last year, has been provided with unprecedented professional development opportunities, being coached and mentored by the science team and total involvement with the University. He is now developing his own trials within the larger team.

Similarly, children from the Speech and Language Centre are being immersed into science through Sam McGill's involvement.

Our reputation as a forward thinking school is growing. Our links with the science weaving project, Human Conditioning, Smart Scientists, The University, SK4 are providing a platform not just for the professional development of our own staff, but for wielding influence on other colleagues locally and in the North West.

Since inception of the award members of staff are providing support and advice on a national level. Gareth Metcalfe, through his initial work in The Human Condition Project, is a national speaker in maths with Alan Peat. The school has visitors to observe classroom practise, often weekly.

I have been involved with the Authority in the succession planning of future leaders through the Aspiring Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers Team. My involvement was largely around learning and teaching and developing an outstanding capacity throughout school.

In March 2015, Louise Bousefield was chosen by the Standards Testing Agency and the Department For Education to help with the implementation of the revised science curriculum, through the exemplifications of materials, to support teachers understanding of national standards when making teacher assessment judgements.

Much of this has been possible by the excellent links and continued professional development provided by The University, particularly Lynne Bianchi. What we have achieved is not isolated to excellence in science, but the identification of a learning culture within school. A learning culture exemplified by our staff for our children through the School's Golden Principles.

I laugh when I look at Head Teacher's job descriptions, 'Leader of Learning and Teaching.' Well not at Bradshaw Hall. We have collective understanding of the Vision and the staff are the satellites for driving standards. They are an incredible team.