

Explosive Reactions to Science Demonstrations

Hair standing on end from static electricity, animal skeletons and whopping great bangs caused by burning magnesium all fascinated the young enquiring minds of Caroline Haslett and Loughton School students on a recent visit by Science teachers from Denbigh School.

The experiments demonstrated by the teachers were intended to show the youngsters there is a 'wow factor' in Science in Denbigh's first involvement in National Demonstration Day, as part of British Science Week.

For the several hundred children visited at both primary schools, they felt that Science had been brought to life in an exciting and dramatic way. Bernadette Gill, a Year 5 teacher at Loughton School enthused:

"The Science roadshow was a roaring success. The children definitely said 'Wow' on more than one occasion."

Leading the fun day of experiments, Anthony Brown, Head of Science at Denbigh School agreed, he added:

"The students loved seeing our demonstrations and their curiosity and enthusiasm were great to see. Igniting a passion for understanding the world around us is so important and I hope some of our feeder school youngsters were inspired by what they saw."

National Demonstration Day has run for three years. The aim is to encourage everyone involved in Science in the UK to explore new concepts and generate excitement through running Science demonstrations.

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