

Oxfordshire and Reading Science Learning Partnership



December 2023

Primary CPD

PRIMARY EVENTS COMING UP IN THE OXFORDSHIRE AND READING REGION

Highlighted for the New Year !

Working scientifically in Primary science

Date: Thursday 11 January 2024

Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Date: Thursday 18 January 2024

Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Date: Thursday 25 January 2024

Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Venue: REMOTE

This course will provide an overview of what working scientifically means, considering the 5 enquiry types and skills within science. Develop your confidence in identifying enquiry types. Also identify which skills are used in practical science and how they can be developed within your class and school. You will explore ways of ensuring that practical science provides coverage and progression for the children that you teach.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Course Leaders is **Clare Kirkham**

Assessment and progression in Primary science

Date: Thursday 18 January 2024

Time: 9.30am-3.30pm

Venue: Radley College

This course examines the latest developments in primary science assessment. Teachers and subject leaders will understand the role of both formative and summative assessment in primary science and know how to implement them in their schools. It explores strategies for assessment and develops confidence to make reliable teacher assessment of learning in science and identify children's next steps.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Primary Science network meetings

Date: Thursday 25 January 2024

Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm

Venue: REMOTE

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Primary Science network meeting

Date: Thursday 21 March 2024

Time: 1.30pm-4.00pm

Venue: Radley College

This is a local network meeting facilitated by local teachers to share good practice. Subject TBC.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Primary Science for ECT's

Date: Friday 25 April 2024

Time: 3.30pm-5.00pm

Date: Monday 29 April 2024

Time: 3.30pm-5.00pm

Date: Thursday 9 May 2024

Time: 3.30pm-5.00pm

Venue: REMOTE

This course will provide you with a manageable approach to planning and teaching primary science. Expand the teaching tools at your fingertips and develop your confidence to plan and enable effective learning for children in your class. On this course you will explore the requirements of the primary science curriculum, improve your subject knowledge, plan exciting lessons and build your confidence in teaching practical science activities.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Date: Thursday 25 April 2024

Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm

Venue: REMOTE

This is a local network meeting facilitated by local teachers to share good practice. Subject TBC.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY!

Women in Science Conference

Saturday 18 May 2024

9.30am-3.30pm

Hosted by Rutherford Appleton Laboratories

A STEM conference for primary, secondary and post-16 teachers that comprises of a keynote speech followed by a selection of different workshop sessions.

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Primary Science Conference

Monday 17 June 2024

9.30am—3.30pm

Hosted by Science Oxford Centre

Feedback we received from this summers' event:

"Inspirational keynote"

"Loved Lightbulb-problem solving"

"Pond dipping and ideas for maintenance of a pond"

"The session with the live animals in the classroom- a joy!"

Booking link: [HERE](#)

Oxfordshire and Reading SLP Primary subscription packages 2023-2024

There are two options available for primary schools depending on the level of involvement you would like with the SLP. The packages are flexible, and the options included can be adjusted according to the individual needs of your school.

Quotes from participants on our primary CPD

“All training sessions have been engaging”
“The training was really helpful for me to excel in the role”
“So many ideas for lessons”
“Lots of practical tools and strategies to help with teaching”

Basic – a simple package giving you network time and access to scheduled CPD

The package is flexible – an example of what might be included is as follows

- Three face-to-face network meetings per year (usually 2.5 hours each)
- Three remote network meetings per year
- One FREE place at the primary Science conference
- Two FREE places at twilight online CPD running throughout the year
- 50% reduction on 2 face to face SLP course

Total value of package at least £550

Subscription price £365 - with bursary payment* this brings final cost to **only £110** – click [here](#) to book

Premium – a medium package for those wanting more bespoke support for their school including ECT support

The package is flexible – an example of what might be included is as follows

- Three face-to-face network meetings per year (usually 2.5 hours each)
- Three remote network meetings per year
- Two FREE places at the primary Science conference
- One place on primary ECT training
- One FREE place on a face-to-face SLP CPD course running this year or one bespoke twilight for your school staff

Total cost of package at least £805

Subscription price £615 with bursary payment* this brings final cost to **only £185** - click [here](#) to book

***There is a 70% TRP payment available for these subscriptions – this will be applied by us and paid back to your school by STEM Learning after the invoice has been paid 4 weeks after the subscription deadline**



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The Big Bang Fair 2024

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair is here! Join us for free at the NEC in Birmingham on **Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 June 2024**. Discover hands-on activities, careers panels and workshops that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

The Big Bang Fair is open to groups from state-funded schools for young people in:

- England and Wales: year 6 to year 8
- Northern Ireland: year 7 to year 9
- Scotland: P7 to S2

Specialist and SEND schools are also eligible to attend The Big Bang Fair.

The Fair is open to schools in half-day sessions. Schools will be able to register for morning (9am to 12pm) or afternoon (1pm to 4pm) sessions.

Schools may book one group per session, limited to 100 in size (including adults).

Booking will open in early 2024, sign up to the Big Bang newsletter to get VIP early access when booking opens.

The Big Bang Competition

Know the next space explorer or climate change hero? Got an idea that will transform people's lives?

Inspire inquisitive minds to think big, challenge facts, ask questions and invent solutions with the UK's top annual science and engineering competition. Young people are amazing – help them shine and change the world.

Join the fun! (...and develop skills along the way)

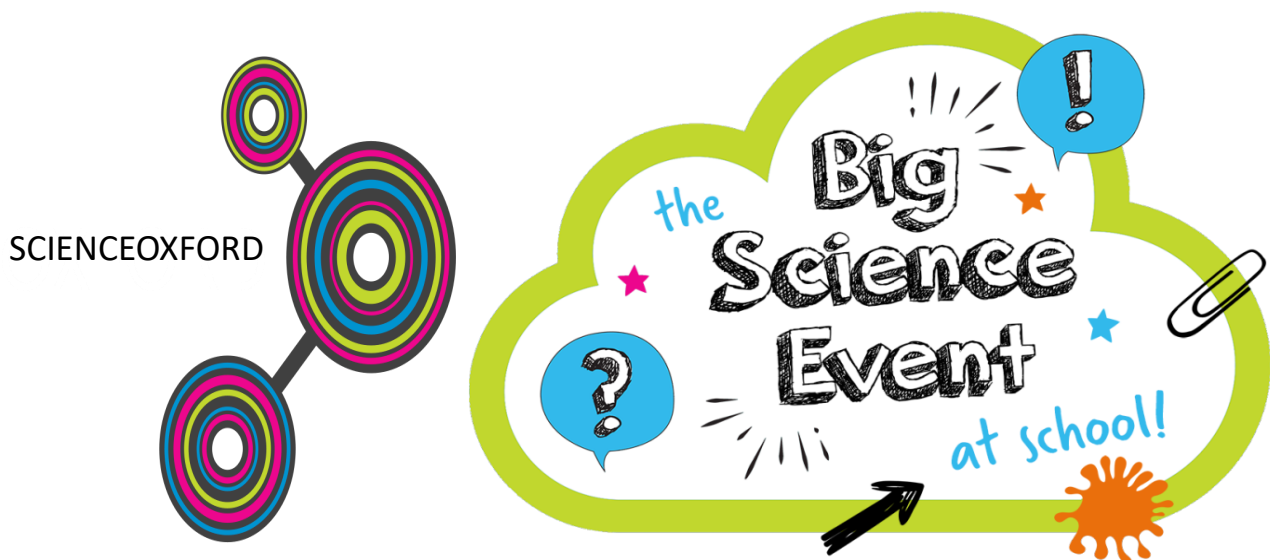
- Build confidence and teamwork skills
- Solve problems
- Get expert feedback
- Celebrate and share your work

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition is free, and is open to young people in the UK aged 11 to 18 in state-funded secondary education, who are home educated or who enter as part of a community group. Competitors can only enter one project, either on their own or as part of a team.

The Big Bang Competition is open! The Competition will close for entries on 27 March 2024.

[Enter now](#)

<https://www.thebigbang.org.uk/>



The Big Science Event 2024

Registration for Big Science Event 2024 is open! Science Oxford's free competition is a great way to promote pupil-led science investigation in your school.

Visit their website <https://scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/> to register your school, find updated online resources to help you run the event and answers to common questions.

The competition is open to all Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire primary schools, early years settings and home educator groups. The Science Oxford team will also be running a free online session to answer any questions you have about the Big Science Event at 3.30pm on January 23rd

Just email schools@scienceoxford.com for more info and to book your place.

Thinking, Doing, Talking Science CPD

Thanks to funding from The Oxford Trust, free and subsidised places are available for the 2023/2024

TDT Science four-day course. Running on 6 November, 15 January, 4 March, and 22 April at the Science Oxford Centre, it costs just £400 + VAT per teacher, or £200+VAT for a 2nd teacher from your school.

Science Oxford are also offering one FREE place to a teacher from a school where >25% of children are in receipt of FSM.

Prices include refreshments and lunch on all days as well as extensive resources.

For more info and to book, contact: tdts@scienceoxford.com

or visit: https://scienceoxford.com/thinking-doing-talking-science/?mc_cid=eae9abd393&mc_eid=f4d1e2ad28.



We are delighted to announce that our new training platform is now live for the booking of training courses.

Please visit <https://educationservices.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> to view our full range of courses.

Please direct any enquiries relating to this new booking system to the new email address oxfordshireeducationservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For further information on any of these events

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