Woodchester School Science Week - Pupil Voice

Thursday 13th February 2020

The purpose of the visit was to carry out a science pupil voice during Science Week.

Mrs Loomes provided 7 questions and I spoke with 13 children from across the whole school. The children's answers have been collated by question.

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| Question 1: What do you like about Science? | |
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| Reception Girl | It's fun to learn new things. When you do something a different thing happens. When making the towers I found out that the biggest one isn't always the strongest one (She was referring to one of the Science Week experiments). |
| Year 1 Girl | The experiments and making stuff. |
| Year 1 Boy | Finding out new things. |
| Year 2 Boy | Investigating new things. |
| Year 3 Girl | Questioning and experiments - it teaches you what you need to know. |
| Year 3 Boy | Making things. |
| Year 3 Girl | The experiments - not knowing what is going to happen is exciting and daring. |
| Year 4 Girl | Its interesting and fun. |
| Year 5 Girl | Experiments with different things. |
| Year 5 Girl | (You're) Learning but not noticing it because you're having fun. |
| Year 6 Girl | The experiments and trying things out. |
| Year 6 Girl | Experiments. Our predictions can be wrong; you learn more from your mistakes. |
| Year 6 Boy | Experiments and learning what happens. I like the results the best. |

| Question 2: What do you think Science is? | |
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| Reception Girl | A way of learning how to be scientifical (sic). |
| Year 1 Girl | Not sure, is it important that we make stuff? |
| Year 1 Boy | Learning to find out more things about God. |
| Year 2 Boy | A way to learn new things and how things work. |
| Year 3 Girl | Investigating different things in our world like the body and liquids. |
| Year 3 Boy | Art is like science but science is about making things not drawing or writing. |
| Year 3 Girl | Finding out new stuff. |
| Year 4 Girl | Learning about knowledge and looking at the world. |
| Year 5 Girl | Experimenting with something to see if it works. |
| Year 5 Girl | Experimenting to find out things. |
| Year 6 Girl | Trial and improvement - it's about learning new things. |
| Year 6 Girl | Learning about the world around us and how and why things work. |
| Year 6 Boy | Mysteries of the world. |

| Question 3: What don't you like about science? | |
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| Reception Girl | Nothing, I love everything. |
| Year 1 Girl | Nothing. |
| Year 1 Boy | Waiting for the experiments to start, the writing and predicting is a bit boring. |
| Year 2 Boy | Sometimes things go wrong with the experiments. If things work you get more info on how it works. |
| Year 3 Girl | We aren't allowed to eat the leftovers from food experiments. |
| Year 3 Boy | Don't know. |
| Year 3 Girl | It's boring when you do stuff you already know about. I like to learn new stuff. |
| Year 4 Girl | Sometimes its boring - lots of writing. |
| Year 5 Girl | Writing up the results. |
| Year 5 Girl | Nothing. |
| Year 6 Girl | Nothing. |
| Year 6 Girl | Not much although when I'm proved wrong I don't like it if I don't have an explanation of why I was wrong. |
| Year 6 Boy | Predictions and the writing. |

| Question 4: What could we do better at Woodchester to improve Science? | |
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| Reception Girl | We could do Science all day. We could do more mixed year group lessons. |
| Year 1 Girl | We could make more exciting stuff like model volcanoes. |
| Year 1 Boy | Learning lots of things about God in Science, like how he made the world and more about the beautiful Earth. |
| Year 2 Boy | Nothing. |
| Year 3 Girl | We could have a science dress up day - were we dress up as body parts or scientist. |
| Year 3 Boy | Not sure. |
| Year 3 Girl | Explain the big words.<br>I would like to do more mixed year group learning - I like to get involved and explain stuff to the younger children. |
| Year 4 Girl | Make it more instructing by choosing topics which are new and different |
| Year 5 Girl | More mixed group learning, more helping the little ones. |
| Year 5 Girl | More Science. |
| Year 6 Girl | Do more mixed year learning - its good to get a range of ideas from people of different ages; the year 6's have different ideas to the reception children so we can learn form each other. |
| Year 6 Girl | More Science Weeks. |
| Year 6 Boy | We usually do experiments in the afternoon and we run out of time before it's time to go home - we could reduce the time spent before you start the experiment so that we have more time.<br>Also somethings people get silly and so the lesson has to be stopped. |

| Question 5: What would you like to learn more about? | |
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| Reception Girl | To use chemicals and ingredients to make science potions.<br>Human body.<br>How Elsa freezes people things and how the unicorn in Frozen 2 walks on water.<br>How the Earth was made. |
| Year 1 Girl | Dinosaurs. |
| Year 1 Boy | How God made the creatures? |
| Year 2 Boy | Rockets - How do they go up into space? What's the mechanism? How does the fuel power the rocket? How much weigh does it carry? |
| Year 3 Girl | Animals. |
| Year 3 Boy | The Romans. |
| Year 3 Girl | How strong things are.<br>Fossils.<br>Animals. |
| Year 4 Girl | Looking at the world. |
| Year 5 Girl | Habitats. |
| Year 5 Girl | Not sure. |
| Year 6 Girl | History of science.<br>How discovery took place. |
| Year 6 Girl | Electricity.<br>Animals.<br>A broader range of sciences and how they work. |
| Year 6 Boy | Space, space and more space.<br>The universe’s mysteries.<br>The Year 6’s were supposed to do space in Year 5 but we didn’t do it. |

| Question 6: Do we spend enough time on Science? | |
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| Reception Girl | No. I would like to do more Science - I would like to be a scientific person. |
| Year 1 Girl | No, more please. |
| Year 1 Boy | No. |
| Year 2 Boy | I would like to do more. |
| Year 3 Girl | Just a little bit more time. |
| Year 3 Boy | Yes. |
| Year 3 Girl | No. |
| Year 4 Girl | No - I would like to do more. |
| Year 5 Girl | Not really - maybe we could do it twice a week? |
| Year 5 Girl | No. |
| Year 6 Girl | I would like to do it more often and more regular. |
| Year 6 Girl | We should do more. |
| Year 6 Boy | Not really, I would like to do more. |

| Question 7: How often do you do Science? | |
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| Reception Girl | Once a week. We always so some science we do lots of measuring. |
| Year 1 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 1 Boy | Less than once a week. |
| Year 2 Boy | Once a month. |
| Year 3 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 3 Boy | Once or twice a week. |
| Year 3 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 4 Girl | Once every two weeks. |
| Year 5 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 5 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 6 Girl | Once or twice a week; bit some weeks we don't do it at all. |
| Year 6 Girl | Once a week. |
| Year 6 Boy | Some weeks we don’t do it; so once every three weeks. |