



Cheshire and Stockport Science Learning Partnership

## Primary Science Teacher Newsletter March 2018 (3)

Firstly I should like to remember Professor Stephen Hawking – who has done so much to inspire so many scientists. His words ‘Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.’ seem so apt at the end of British Science Week, a week where we celebrate science and the asking of questions.

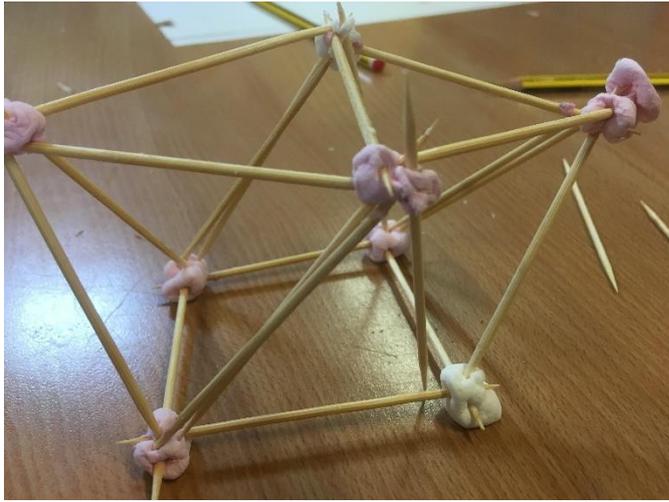
If you have taken part, please do consider giving feedback here:

<https://www.britishteachersweek.org/plan-your-activities/feedback/>

If you haven't yet celebrated – don't worry – there's plenty of time and some inspiration here:

<http://freedomtoteach.collins.co.uk/make-every-week-science-week/>

I have to say I have had a wonderful week and I was hugely privileged to spend a day with Kingsmead primary, Cheshire, where I listened to STEM ambassadors, Professor Paul Clarke from Naturally Smart and Norman Sadler from the RSPB – both speaking about the world in which we live, but from different perspectives. After lunch I visited a fabulous science fair where Y6 had a range of hands on activities that the younger children took part in. Not only were the stands very professional, but the older pupils were asking the others, ‘what do you think was going on?’ and ‘why do you think that happened?’ I also really enjoyed working with Y3 and Y4 as they investigated craters and also built structures to withstand an Earthquake.



One of the structures that withstood the wobbling of the 'earthquake simulator' (also known as a tray of jelly!)

These events don't organise or run themselves – so on behalf of all our young people, I'd like to say a BIG thank you to the wonderful teachers who have made this happen and who are keeping the profile of science high in the classrooms across the region.

If you know an outstanding primary science teacher – why not recognise them with a nomination for the following award <https://pstt.org.uk/what-we-do/primary-science-teacher-awards/nominate>

As we approach the end of the current term, don't forget the SLP will be running more CPD and networks next term. Do have a look at what's on offer and if there's something that you'd like and that you think is missing – do get in touch.