

Science Ambassador Update

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Up and Running

Special points of interest:

- New Website
- New Office
- New Projects

New office set up, Seas Database being overhauled and new contracts underway. A lot taking place since 1st August..

All Seas should have received their Username and Password and where we received email bounce backs we have either phoned or sent letters out to those concerned.

It is important that you keep your profile up to date and if you go into the web site www.stemnet.org.uk you can view your details by using your username and password.

We are still keen to capture all the good work which you are doing and again by using the username & password you

can input your own activities at your leisure or drop Alyson or myself an email with brief details and we will input the data under your name. All we require is the school, activity, year group. Numbers of pupils and activity .

Could we remind everyone that for the Insurance cover to operate you need to notify us in advance of an event or activity.

Our new office is situated within Forth Valley College, Middlefield Block Room 517. The address is Grangemouth Road , Falkirk FK2 9AD and we are always happy to see visitors. The telephone number is 01324 403103 and the Fax is 01324 403108.

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New Website in operation

Thanks to the support from Scottish Government a new web site is up and running.

www.stemscotland.com

Our own website is being built at the moment and will be www.global-science.net.

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If you have any news items which you would like to be put up on the website, please send the content on to us.

Seas Online applications

If any your colleagues wish to join the scheme please remember that the application must be completed online at www.stemnet.org.uk

Climate Change Project

A climate change project will be starting soon within the South East Area.

School involved to date are:

St Mungo's High ,Fakirk

Whitburn Academy West Lothian

Balwearie High Fife

Wallace High ,Stirling

Peebles High—Borders

Leith Academy—Edinburgh

Deanburn Primary

A number of Partners are involved in the project :-

Our Dynamic Earth

IOP—Alyson McClure

Red Cross

Global Science

A number of Shopping Centres are being looked up to allow public involvement.

Should any Seas be interested in getting involved with the project or schools. Please let us know



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Seas Sign Up Sessions

Should any you friends or Colleagues be interested in joining the Seas programme, please direct them to www.stemnet.org.uk and all the necessary information is online. To become a Sea you require to complete a online application form.

Sign Up Sessions.

We have over the past few months trying to make the session more accessible to people. Session have been running at:- Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh, SSERC in Dunfermline and Forth Valley College.

Please note that we are happy to come out to workplaces and pro

vide presentations and do sign ups in house.

We can do sign ups nearly every day at Forth Valley College provided we receive advanced notice.

Science Clubs & Careers Events

Global Science has been requested to provide a proposal for a Pilot Science Clubs project and again assistance will be required to deliver the project at schools. Rather than wait then write out to people I am writing to see if any Seas would be interested in delivering this project providing the bid is approved.

A few requests are coming in about Careers Events and trying to be pro-active I am writing to see if anyone is interested in going to Careers event and what input you would be prepared make.

I would like to draw up a list of Seas that we could contact in the event that requests are made.



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Knex Challenge Starting Soon

Once again the popular Knex challenge will be starting up in each of the following areas: Borders, East, Mid. West Lothian, Edinburgh, Fife, Falkirk, Stirling & Clacks.

There are a number of areas where Seas can help. There are Class Challenge, Area Challenges, Scottish Final and UK final.

Either running the challenges or judging the cluster, Cluster, Area events would be helpful.

If any Seas is interested in this type of event please let us know



and what areas you would be interested in and we will get you a school. The Scottish Final will be held in Dundee in Mid June.

We would also like to thank the Institution of Structural Engineers who provided new competition kits to allow the competition to operate at a first class level. The Institution has also been supporting our colleagues in Highlands and Islands. Without your support and the support from the Structural Engineers it would not be possible to support programmes such as KNex..

The kits were used at the Clack-

mannan Science & Technology day in Alloa on the 14th November and the children had a great time.

Forthcoming Activities.

We are anxious to ensure that we can provide suitable activities for Seas to engage in and a number of events will be coming off soon.

Forth Valley College are hosting a S1/2 series of workshops on 9th & 10 December 08. The 9th is at Forth Valley and the 10th is at the new Raploch Centre in Stirling.

A number of FV student Seas are taking part but if you would like to

help. Please let us know. Institute of Physics—Lab in the Lorry will be at the event and help is normally required to run the workshops.

A short training session for LITL will take place on the 8th December from 4pm –5pm at Forth Valley.

Deanburn Primary School Bo'ness

The school are planning a full school Science & Technology day and we will require a lot of help as we will have to cover P1—P7.

P1 experts will be required

I did not realise the scale of the Knex challenge and how engaged the children were

Lab in a Lorry

The Institute of Physics

Lab in the Lorry has been a great hit with schools through the UK and Ian Cuthbert has done a great job. This is just a reminder that when schools book Lab in the Lorry appropriate volunteers should be avail-



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able to assist with the experiments. The LITL should be back in our Area after the new year and we feel that it would be a good idea if we could have a list of Seas who would be interested in helping with the Lorry. Just drop us a note with

the areas you are interested in. When Ian Cuthbert contacts us for help we can take folks off the list to help out.

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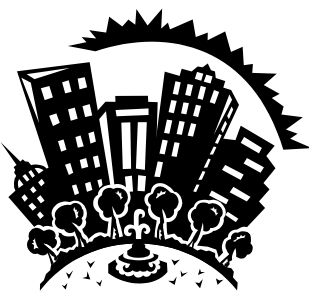
National Science Week Set Fair at Grangemouth. 2nd—17th March

This is one of the largest Science events outside the Edinburgh Science Festival.

This year 2,000 Primary seven pupils will be transported into Grangemouth Stadium where the event will run over 12 days,

Approximately 165 pupils attend each day and it takes a lot of manpower to support the event.

There is an opportunity for everyone to get involved with the event and we are more than grateful if Seas can attend for one day or 12 days. This is a good event for new Seas to get a flavour of what goes on and it allows all Seas to get their activity record for 2009.



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We would obviously like a manning roster for the event to ensure that the staffing levels are balanced throughout the 12 days.

If you are interested. Please let us know which day or days you can manage and we will get back to you nearer the time with more information.

Firrhill High School are organizing an event and David Jamieson is assisting the school setting it up .

The event will be after the new year and if you are interest, please contact us or david direct. His email is davidbjamieson@hotmail.com.

Larbert High School have been looking for someone to help with their Biology pupils.