

The School of Psychological Science Outreach Programme for Primary Schools



The Brain Box Challenge

Programme

Target Audience

This event is designed to appeal to children in Years 4 to 6. It complements the KS2 science modules on Living Things, Animals Including Humans, Evolution and Inheritance and Working Scientifically, but it can also be seen as a useful enrichment experience in its own right.

Aims

The pupils will learn what their brain looks like, how scientists study it, how it might differ from other animals and how it gives rise to our behavior.

This session will appeal to children across the ability range. It includes a short taught component as well as practical, hands-on demonstrations, craftwork, games, puzzles, and the opportunity to carry out some actual experiments.

There is also a Brain Box Challenge activity booklet accompanying the event and a sticker for those who complete it.

Benefits

For the Child: The opportunity to engage with an active scientist or researcher. The session is also great fun!

For the School: To foster a relationship with the University that goes beyond the event itself.

For the Scientist: The chance to enthuse and excite young people about their own research area.

Activities



Session Length

This session will require an entire morning of classroom time and the help of several willing staff and volunteers. However, shorter sessions can also be provided if required.

Testimonials

"The children had a great time and many of them referred to the session on their reports when writing the highlights of their year!"

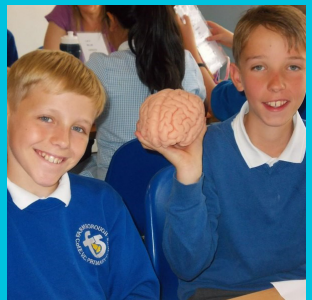
Teacher, Year 3/4 Class, Shaw Primary School

"I am writing to tell you what a valuable and enjoyable experience it was for the children, staff and parent helpers. The session was an ideal opportunity to enhance the learning our pupils experience linked to the National Curriculum focus on Life Processes."

Deputy Head, Golden Valley Primary School

"It was a great experience for the children to meet "real life scientists" (especially a female role model), they were also fascinated by the various activities, relished the fun learning environment that was established and learned a huge amount about the brain".

Teacher, Flax Bourton Primary School



Art Gallery

Following these visits we are sent a number of pictures drawn by the pupils. We are really delighted to receive these and post as many as we can on our website:

http://seis.bris.ac.uk/~psdjt/homepage/Art_Gallery.html



Arrange a Visit

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Costs

These visits are free for most state schools located within Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucester, Bath and parts of Wiltshire. Schools outside of these areas may be asked to contribute towards travel costs for the event. To find out if your school qualifies for a free visit contact the University's UK Student Recruitment Office:

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Further Information

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