

# Where science and sharing are celebrated

Do you remember a time when you made a discovery and experienced a feeling of awe and wonder? Do you remember the first time that you saw a ladybird open its wing case and fly away, leaving you with more questions than answers? Did you try to follow it? Did you wonder how it had folded its wings so neatly and tucked them away out of sight? I'm sure you looked at them with more interest from that moment. We all know how rewarding it is to make a discovery yourself rather than being told by a grown-up!

At the Great Science Share for Schools, we believe that child-centred learning can make a profound difference for learners and educators alike. Our aim through this campaign is to raise the profile of science, at primary age, by enabling young people to lead, choose and be at the forefront of their own scientific investigations. We want them to want to 'do more science'!

Every year, we collaborate with an inspiring community from every discipline of science – cutting-edge scientists, researchers, artists and educators from around the UK (and the world!). Our common aim is to develop a passion for science in young people through the excitement of sharing their own questions and

investigations. As you will have seen in the articles within this journal, we achieve this by sharing the campaign with educators and parents, equipping them with a means of putting science at the forefront of their teaching. We also share resources, inspiration and ideas for their young learners. The campaign culminates in June every year with a day for young people to share their investigations and questions with new audiences.

We have gained real satisfaction from seeing the number of young people engaged with the campaign grow over the years. In 2020, we weren't able to attend any events in person, so it was fantastic to gain an insight into all of the science being shared the only way we could, via

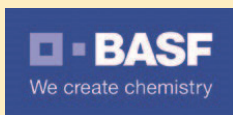
social media and the photos and forms that participants uploaded. Thank you for sharing!

In the years to come, we hope to see even more young people getting involved and sharing their scientific questions – and we need you to enable this. So please join us for the next Great Science Share for Schools: we're sure you will not regret it!

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