



Science Grant Scheme Update

Happy 2013! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are ready for a new term.

The science grant scheme entitles each eligible primary school to apply for a £550 science grant every school year for **three years** (with lucky pilot schools receiving the chance of a grant for 4 years). Which means you can apply for up to £1,650 in total to help develop pupils' enthusiasm for science.

60 schools have already had their Science grant application accepted this school year. If your school is interested in the £550, the application process is simple (*see right-hand box for details of what we require*).

The quick and easy application process allows you the freedom to do what you want and to focus on the important thing: providing real opportunities and experiences for the children to understand the value of, and take part in, investigative science.

"I found the grant scheme was very easy to apply for; there was not much form filling in which made it a quick simple process for busy teachers."

Projects can include:

- Science Equipment
- Science Visits; both in and out of school
- Science Weeks; what better way to highlight the importance of science than with a hands-on action packed week!
- Science Subscriptions; to provide help in making the science curriculum more relevant and exciting
- Gardening Clubs; a great way to get children working outside
- Grounds for Science; to regenerate school grounds

Whatever you want to do to increase pupils' enjoyment of science, you can apply for up to £550 to help you do it.

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For exciting project ideas, resources and help on what to do with your school's grant, try visiting the Edina Trust website, www.edinatrust.org.uk.

All we need to process your application is:

- a detailed cost breakdown of how you will spend the money
- the date of your project—especially for science visits or science weeks
- a brief project description including what you hope to achieve and how you will embed the experience into the pupils' learning.

Remember:

- You have until the end of the academic year to submit your application,
- No retrospective applications can be accepted.

For any further help applying please contact:

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[Request an application form](#) (or any other queries)



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Resources/Visits recommended by you:

- **Stephen Wright – Geologist** – *“The visit from the geologist, Steven Wright, was fantastic. He was still continuing to explain and demonstrate to the children when it was home time and the children were still engrossed. I was especially impressed with this visit as when the children sent thank you letters and included more questions, Steven replied to all their questions via email. It was lovely to actually have a visitor respond in such a way. I thoroughly recommend [him] to any school studying rocks and soils. He kept the children’s interest all afternoon and could have gone on longer.”*
Contact details: celedrocks@btinternet.com or visit www.celedrocks.co.uk
- **Creepy Crawly Roadshow** – *“The key to the [visit’s] success was the presenter, who managed to communicate his passion for caring for animals to children of different ages; from Reception to Year 6. The children were able to handle the animals and the practical nature of the visit encouraged the children to ask some excellent questions. Their retention of the information is evident from the letters the children wrote following the visit.”*
- **Health Matters** – *“The children enjoyed the workshops and the interactive nature in which they were presented. It was all very catchy and the children were repeating the raps and songs throughout the day. I would recommend the company, as the children were interested, enthusiastic and the resource packs are very beneficial and fit into the curriculum well.”*
- **National Skills Academy** – *“Free half day electricity skills lab – absolutely superb session”*
- **Primary Upd8** – *“Primary upd8 which has some excellent ideas and topics related to the curriculum and have made topics more relevant to the children”*
“Teachers within the school have found this subscription priceless”
“We are now enjoying planning and teaching science to the children and they, in turn, are enjoying it more.”

For those schools that have been in the project since 2009 or 2010, this is the last year you will be eligible to apply for a grant – so please don’t miss out!

We want to make sure that no-one misses the opportunity to help us get exciting, investigative science into your primary school.

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Trips/Visiting speakers that schools have used:

- Timber saw mill
- University
- Police
- Chef
- Bird Sanctuary
- Dance Company

Our website

www.edinatrust.org.uk includes:

- More information on projects that schools have planned with their Edina Trust Grant, and
- Other resources for planning your own science event.
- [Request an application form](#) (or any other queries)
- [Tips on applying for a grant](#)

