



Science Grant Scheme

Welcome back! It's the start of a new school year and that means a new Edina Science Grant is available. This is the third **and FINAL** year of the Edina Trust's Science Grant Scheme in North Ayrshire. Your school or nursery is eligible to receive a grant of **£550 to go towards a science project**. All you need to do is fill out our quick and easy application form.

The Edina Trust is looking to fund exciting, hands-on science experiences for children. You may apply for:

- ◆ science equipment
- ◆ science trips or visiting workshops (**but we need to know the date!**)
- ◆ school science weeks or projects
- ◆ gardening clubs (**max £350**)
- ◆ developing an outdoor science area
- ◆ subscriptions to science services

Take a look at our website for tips on applying: www.edinatrust.org.uk

Just a reminder on some of the Edina Trust's policies:

The grant is intended to go towards a hands-on experience for the children. Unfortunately we cannot accept applications for expensive electronic devices such as iPads, 'furniture' type items such as seating or expensive storage, or CPD training for teachers/teachers' notes and guides. If you're not sure whether we will fund something, please ask.

I would also like to explain that the grant does not cover the VAT cost of items, as schools are able to claim this back. Please list prices excluding VAT!

For an application form, or if you have any questions, please contact me: samantha.moore@edinatrust.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you!

You can also contact our local consultant, Ian, who is happy to offer advice to schools making an application. If you aren't sure on the best way to use the grant or want to discuss anything, please contact: bigianmaclean@yahoo.co.uk

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Special Note: Visits Policy

Since this is the last year that the grant will be available in North Ayrshire, the Edina Trust would like to encourage schools which have spent the majority of their previous grants on visits, to purchase some equipment that will continue to benefit pupils in the future.

Case Study: Resurrection Plant



Bishopton Primary School in Renfrewshire carried out an experiment on an interesting plant known as a 'Resurrection Plant'.

The plant, pictured above, can survive without water for months, or even years! It may look dead, but when water is added, it appears to 'resurrect' in a matter of hours.

Pupils at the school created a time-lapse video of this happening using an iPad. This linked the experiment to technology, as well as covering Curriculum topics on looking at adaptation, such as: "I can identify and classify examples of living things, past and present, to help me appreciate their diversity. I can relate physical and behavioural characteristics to their survival or extinction." (SCN 2-01a)

The school also used the grant for items used in their CSI-themed day learning about forensic science, as well as creating an outdoor area to attract and study minibeasts!

