



PLANET SCIENCE SECTION SUMMARY

A quick overview of the sections on Planet Science.

We've divided the site into eight sections, according to who our visitors are and what you might want. This will make it easy for you to explore.

Each section has its own colour and all the features in each section link from the front page of that section.

The stripy, colour coded navigation bar always has all the sections showing so you can get back to your favourite easily, and just click the Planet Science logo in the top left if you'd like to return to our home page. The sections are:

Wired – Where all our games and quizzes are housed, aimed at the 11 – 16 age group, but popular with everyone. Includes **Planet 10**, our most popular feature.
Other features:

Out There – Mainly interactive features, including: Goth House and **Oh Please! Magazine**.
Other features:

Sci-Teach – Curriculum orientated materials and ideas for teachers.
Including: **Scottish Curriculum links** page, **The Little Book of Experiments**, Brightsparks, Bringing Science to Life and Hotspots.
Other features:

Next Steps – Careers information and profiles aimed at 14s - 19s and their teachers.
Includes: **Meet Your Match** Database, Day in the Life and **Aquapharm**.
Other features:

Under 11s – For our younger visitors, and their teachers. Includes: Paint a Playground, Science Friction and Lever Logic.
Other features:

Parents – Features for parents for holiday time and term time. Includes Party Time. School Survival Pack and Fun Pack.
Other features:

Library – Recommended Websites of the Week go into the library section, reviewed and categorised into age group suitability and subject.
Other features:

About – Planet Science's origins, contact details, map etc. plus sign up for the free weekly email of Planet Science News.

Our free e-newsletters:

- The weekly Planet Science News for teachers and other adults.
- Wired-Up, the bi-weekly newsletter for the 11 - 15 age range.
- Hay-Wire for primary-school aged children.

http://www.planet-science.com/about_sy/listFS.html

Extra Info – we have a search engine if you're looking for something specific on the site, and a text only version of the site if you (or your computer) have any trouble with the main site.

Bookmarking tip - because Planet Science is constructed using frames it's not always easy to bookmark your favourite features, so here's a web trick for you.
Hold down a shift key then click on the link to your chosen feature. It should open in a new browser window with its very own longer URL address, and this you can bookmark.

WHAT DO OUR VISITORS AND READERS SAY?

We're far too modest to blow our own trumpet – but we're perfectly happy to let others do it for us! Here's a selection of quotes from Planet Science fans:

The ways teachers use Planet Science are many, and down to particular needs and age ranges. As well as greatly enjoying the assembled weekly themes, the site has saved me on planning time for a lot of my Science.

Dale Robinson, Primary School Teacher

I use the site for new ideas - teaching science & covering the national curriculum and also for new ideas for my after school science club. The children love the experiments they can then do at home to impress their family. Because they have already tried (and possibly failed first) at school they have greater confidence to show off their new 'trick'. **Ali Nicholson, Primary School Teacher**

You put the wonder back into learning and help me to build up a child's self esteem as they investigate noxious potions or twirling falling paper. Keep the jokes - my current pupil thinks that my stock of jokes could be improved and suggests a new one each lesson...

Kath Pickersgill, Access and Inclusion Specialist Teaching Service

I am a classroom assistant at a primary school in Inverness and I encourage pupils to use the site at lunchtime computer club on a Tuesday. In addition I have directed children to the site for use in researching their personal projects. I use the site weekly for little bits of funny knowledge which I discuss with the children at playtimes and they always laugh at the jokes, the ones I can remember that is!! **Lorraine Konoso, Classroom Assistant**

I use the 'Grillers' section of the Planet Science website. These are small activities, usually lasting one lesson (50 minutes), focused on one topic. Worksheets or a web page link are provided, and pupils have to find the answers to the 'Grillers' questions. These have worked really well as end of term activities, or even as part of a topic (for instance, I just happened to be teaching the 'Rock Cycle' topic in Year 8 when the Earth Rock Hunter game came out.) The pupils love doing them, and I love giving them because I have little preparation to do! Keep up the good work! **Nigel Bowen, Head of Science**

Since subscribing to the regular sci-fest that is the newsletter, I have learned about famous scientists (some I'd not heard of!), fantastic "easy" experiments to wow the pupils and have a myriad of scientific bits of up to date events and news, all of which I add to my science lessons (whether relevant to the topic or just for fun! :)) And all this for FREE!

Graham Cooksey, Primary Teacher

The Planet Science website is crammed full of riveting resources that will help add variety to teaching. In many cases, the material is beneficial for the teaching the "Ideas and Evidence" sections of GCSE Science. *Featurettes* such as the "Oh Please!" magazines are the perfect on-screen guide to everyday science as diverse as colonic irrigation to sun tanning!

P.S. Planet Science is for life, not just for the classroom!

A P Harmsworth MA FRAS MRI, Head of Physics

I am an NQT who is starting my first year of teaching in September and while perusing the www I found your site. I have to say the whole class experiments look fabulous and I will definitely be doing some of the recommended activities with my year 3's. I will definitely be recommending your site to my friends and colleagues. You have really helped me get excited about teaching science!!! Thanks. **Lucy, NQT**

And remember you're welcome to contact the Planet Science Editor any time!

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