



## DASP Science Development Fund

Donations collected at the end of the Community Lectures are split between the speaker's chosen charity and the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) Science Development Fund. DASP is a collaboration of schools working together to ensure the best learning outcomes for the youngsters of Dorchester and surrounding villages. The aim of the DASP Science Development Fund is to promote science across the DASP partnership by allowing our students regardless of ability and background, access to high quality opportunities.

**On behalf of DASP, we are sincerely grateful to our Community Lectures audience for so generously supporting us in this objective.**

Over the course of the 2015-6 academic year, just over £2000 was raised for the DASP Science Development Fund (in addition to a similar amount being split between [Royal National Lifeboat Institution](#), [Medecins Sans Frontiers](#), [Cancer Research UK](#), [Edirisa UK](#), [Dorset County Museum](#) ).

### **Applications which were received by the deadline 1<sup>st</sup> July and funded:**

**Damers School, Dorchester** £500 towards stimulating science in school and introducing that sense of awe and wonder to teachers and children, by buying in science workshops from a company called [Fizz Pop Science](#) to perform a curriculum-linked workshop to each year group from Foundation to Year 4; 380 students aged 4-9.

**St Mary's Catholic First School, Dorchester** £500 towards a Science Day within school led by Science expert – [Mr G](#). The day will start with a whole school assembly where children will be wowed by different scientific things. Then each year group will have a workshop with hands on experience linked to their current science topic. This will be followed by a staff training session after school led by Mr G where the staff will learn how to implement scientific enquiries into all topics within the National Curriculum; 158 students aged 4-9.

**St Mary's CE VC First School, Charminster** £500 towards a whole school topic focus for the autumn term will be around the theme of space. This will involve the learning of all the pupils in our school from foundation stage to year four in a context for rich cross curricular learning in science, English, maths, art, DT, geography, computing and RE. Following the hire of space dome and presentations for the school for a day, children in each class will have hands-on experience learning about planet Earth using topographical inflatable globes.

**Frome Valley First School** £250 towards a trip to Dorset Wildlife's Lorton Meadows in Weymouth. Whilst there the children will take part in a range of activities including pond dipping, investigating food chains, mini beast hunts and learning about the history of the meadows; 122 students aged 5-9.

**The residue** will support science enrichment days for First Schools staged at Thomas Hardy School and also outreach visits to First Schools. Two schools will be invited to visit The River Laboratory and the National Oceanography Centre to be mentored by Thomas Hardy Science Department teachers and sixth form students.

*(NB Unfortunately not all schools who submitted applications by the deadline are being funded this year but we encourage the unlucky schools to submit an application for a grant next year.)*