



Space fun!

SPACE DAY

by pupils from Our Lady and St Kenelm RC School, Halesowen

WHY is space dark? **How old** do you have to be to be an astronaut? **How big** is the universe?

These were just some of the questions we asked when we took part in a Space Day. We were having an inspirational introduction to the wonders of space and science in our school's Phiz Lab.

The day was organised by local science teacher, Laura Marshall. Laura had prepared a fun day and set up workshops that inspired us as we became astronauts for the day.

One workshop was within a huge space dome, where we learnt about space and our solar system. Another was all about the needs of astronauts and how they survive in space. Laura led a hands-on satellite workshop, where we had to think about what we wanted our satellites to do. We were all buzzing with excitement and had an amazing time.

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INTERNET STARS

by Penelope Thornton

I WANT to tell you all about the viral video that I'm in with my gym friends and sister.

I go to gymnastics at Retford Gymnastics Club four times a week. My coach decided to personalise a video that she saw and taught us a conditioning routine to the *Baby Shark* song.

To show our parents what we had done, she posted it on the club's Facebook page, where family and friends started to share it. By the next day we were so excited to find it had reached 2,000 views and been shared by clubs in America. The *Baby Shark* abs challenge soon spread all over the world, with people from different countries sending their versions back to us.

My sister and I kept a map of where the video has been viewed. So far, Italy, Thailand, Holland, Mexico, Japan and Peru are just some of the countries we have reached. By the end of the week it had reached a million views and we were in an article in the local newspaper – it was very exciting! We also watched it at school.

We have now reached over nine million. I am amazed by this!



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DANCE TAKEOVER

by Lila

BACK in November, I took part in the City Centre Takeover for St Gemma's Hospice.

This is a charity that looks after people who are terminally ill and have no way of getting better. They help to give them some comfort and warmth in their last days.

My dance school, Danceworks, was invited to perform at the event, which was staged – as the name suggests – in the middle of town. We did a tap dance, a modern, a ballet and some contemporary dances as well.

We had around 50 dancers participate and we all really enjoyed it. We wore red and grey bobble hats that bounced as we danced, and by the end, everyone's head was very hot!

All the dances went well and we didn't have anyone forget their moves or go to the wrong places! It was the first time I had performed in town, and it was a really great experience for me. I took part in the tap, modern and ballet, as I love dancing and I like experimenting with different types of dance.



Dancework dancers

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