

Dear Sue Williams,

**An interim Project Report: For the 'Up - skilling in Practical Science: Bristol ChemLabS & the N3 Bristol Primary Cluster Project'.**

As requested by Prof Shallcross (Director of the **AZSTT**) we are letting you know that the **N3** Cluster - Bristol ChemLabS project has got off to a good start with the participating project schools being identified, an initial meeting of science coordinators (or their representatives) from the nine schools (not just the eight schools originally planned) has been held, a website has been created (<http://www.chemlabs.bris.ac.uk/outreach/primary/azstt/>) and is beginning to be populated, a schedule of visits has been devised and the first two of the Bristol ChemLabS initial visits have been undertaken. The teachers have scheduled further meeting dates funded by this project and the date of the final event for school pupils has been identified speaker and facilities booked. The date for the poster defence, pupil talks and lecture demonstration will need to be Friday 24th June 2011. The morning session will culminate in the demonstration lecture 'Fizz, Foam and Flubber' given by [Lorelly Wilson](#) (University of Manchester).

Additionally four chemistry final year undergraduate project students have been assigned to the schools who wished to work with them as part of the Undergraduate Ambassador Scheme (UAS). These chemists will be able to assist the creation of new practical work in addition to the help to be provided by graduate chemists. Four of the six schools wishing the UAS students will have them in the remainder of the autumn term and the remaining schools will have their support in the spring term(s).

Feedback from one school, St George Primary School, was very complimentary: *'All the children really enjoyed all the workshops and learnt so much. The day was so carefully planned and resourced. I have worked with many outreach teams over the years but have never had such a brilliant experience.'*  
Liz Gorard, a Bristol primary teacher.

The first ChemLabS Visit reports (which will appear on the project website and the Bristol ChemLabS Outreach web pages <http://www.chemlabs.bris.ac.uk/outreach/primary/Precent.html>)

19 October - St George's Primary, Bristol

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The team from Bristol ChemLabS delivered a Science Day at this central Bristol school as part of the AZSTT N3 Project. The whole school (100 pupils) saw an exciting demonstration assembly given by Alison Rivett. The 25 Y5 & 6 pupils spent the rest of the day doing practical workshops, including making some sticky slime and modelling some smelly perfume molecules. They were supported by postgraduate STEM Ambassadors Sophie Franklin, Shirin Alexander and Beatrice Cattoz and the new School Teacher Fellow from the Chemistry Department at Bath University - Declan Fleming.

21 October - Elmlea Juniors, Westbury on Trym

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Bristol ChemLabS visited this local school as part of the AZSTT N3 Project. All 300 pupils saw Tim Harrison (ably assisted by Prof Nick Norman) give a lecture demonstration about smell & fragrance. The three Year 5 classes (85 children) also took part in practical chemistry workshops led by Alison Rivett and postgraduate chemists Sophie Franklin, Amy Styring and Kaizhong Fan.

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