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Curiosity and creativity – BASF supports St Matthew’s Primary School, Stockport

- **BASF supports local school with STEM week initiative bringing chemistry into the classroom**
- **A week of science-based activities aim to foster curiosity and creativity**
- **Focus on farming and food production highlights the vital role of farmers and the importance of environmental stewardship**

Young learners at St Matthew’s Primary School Stockport have enjoyed a week of science-based experiences and experiments, supported by a team of volunteers from BASF, the world’s largest chemical company.

Throughout the week, 27 BASF STEM Ambassadors hosted 11 interactive sessions, bringing to life the breadth of science and asking the children to consider what is a scientist. Activities aimed to stimulate an interest in science and to foster curiosity and creativity.

Highlights included worm-charming to investigate soil health, BASF Colour Lab to create innovative car colours, exploring food technology by making chocolate mousse, learning how drones work and an indoor planetarium.

Farming, the Biggest Job on Earth is brought to the classroom

BASF has a long-standing commitment of supporting local schools with STEM activities but this year was a first for its agricultural advocacy campaign *Farming, the Biggest Job on Earth*.

As a leading provider of crop protection and digital solutions for farming, BASF is committed to supporting UK agriculture by educating and informing all ages about the vital role farmers play in food production and environmental stewardship.

“A week like this has a massive impact on our pupils,” commented Faye Garner, Science lead, St Matthew’s Primary School. “They get to experience things they normally wouldn’t and the BASF STEM ambassadors have been inspirational.”

Helen Clayton, BASF STEM Ambassador explained, “It is important for us to be part of our local Stockport community. The activities have STEM learning at their heart and encourage pupils to be inquisitive about the world around them. The enthusiasm and passion for science we have seen this week has been fantastic.”

Stockport MP Navendu Mishra commented, “STEM skills and careers are not only integral to developing and scaling up green technologies, but they provide a rewarding career path. So it is great to hear about local companies such as BASF supporting STEM in our schools and to find out about the interest this has sparked among students in St Matthew’s Primary School.”

The relationship with St Matthew’s Primary School will continue as the BASF STEM Ambassadors are keen to support science learning and help the school redevelop their outdoor garden space.

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