





Fantastic DNA in a Box Roadshow 2022

Schools visited by the University of Limerick

School visit locations











15 olunteer/ **Explainers**







Children feedback forms

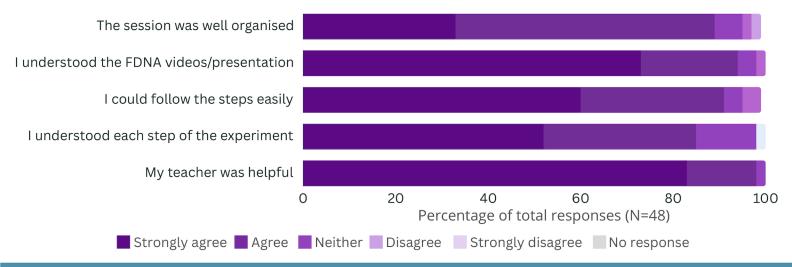




Gender break down of children feedback

> 25% boys 75% girls

Children understood the experiment and could follow the steps easily



What did you like best and why?

I used real laboratory equipment

Top 4 Answers I learnt something completely new I took the DNA home I used real lab equipment lt gave me an idea abo<u>ut</u>

Percentage of total responses (50 responses from 48 participants)

Why did you like that best?

We don't do DNA experiments at school and we it was very fun learned something and creative completely new

I might be a scientest when I'm older

Girl, age 9



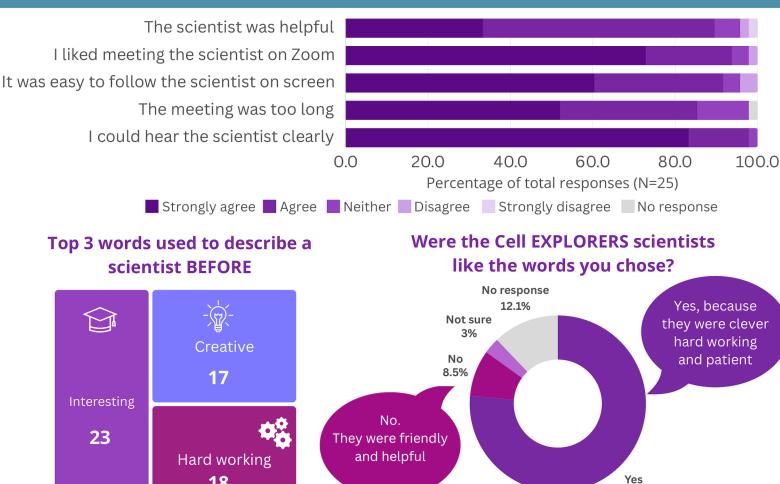
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Girl, age 9



Young people enjoyed meeting the scientists



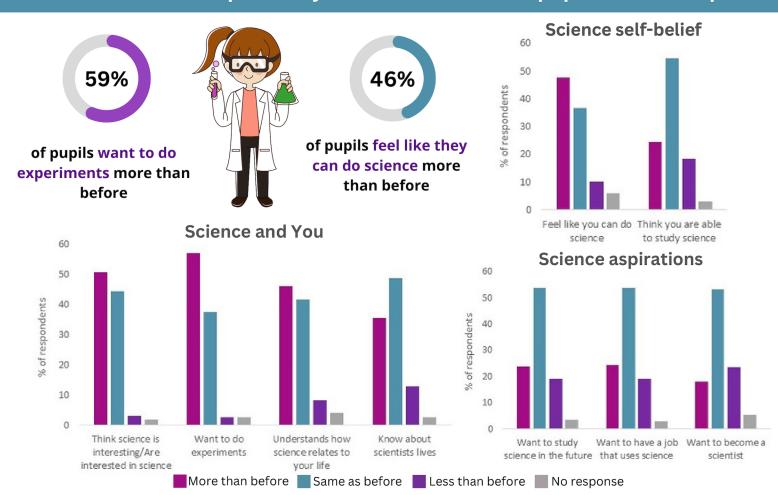
(Total words used N=147)

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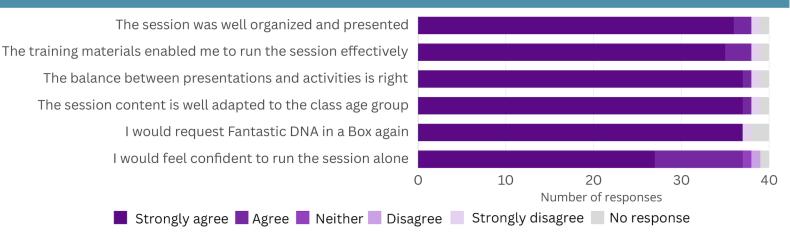
76.4%

Fantastic DNA in a Box positively contributes towards pupils' science capital



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Teachers agree with the session content & like the experimental set up



Ranking of the Top aspects of the session (N= 39)



The opportunity for each child to do an experiment (15/39)





The introduction to new science equipment and terms (6/39) The positive experience of completing an experiment (6/39)

Teachers' comments on perceived impact reflect authenticity of the sessions



"We really loved the live session. The children were really engaged throughout. It was very beneficial to see the scientist complete the steps before the children do it.

The Q&A session was lovely also as it broke barriers around the complexity of science"

6th class teacher St Matthew's N.S., Co. Galway

'I thought it was great that a past pupil of our school carried out the experiment. This alone was important to show the children that they too can have a future in science"

easy to follow, students were at ease, interactive"

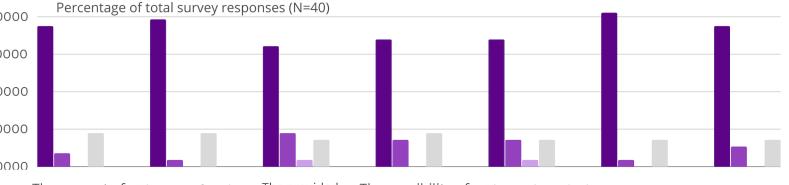
"It was excellent,

engaging, step by step,

5th class teacher, Scoil Colmcille, Co. Donegal

2nd-3rd secondary school class teacher, Coláiste Cholmcille, Co Galway

Cell EXPLORERS performs better than other science visitors



The amount of The use of real hands-on science

scientific equipment

The provided teacher training materials and support

The possibility of online interaction materials offered with scientists

The pedagogical to teachers

The children's The interest of independence

the session content

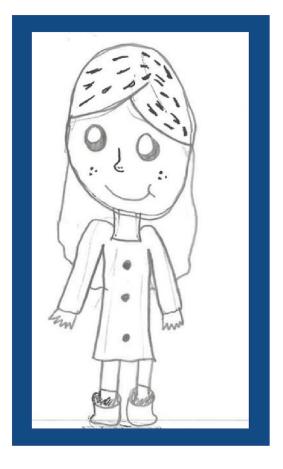
Teachers' Comments

"Absolutely fantastic box and perfectly resourced. Children really enjoyed using the equipment and working as scientist"

"Having all of the resources and items supplied for the day was fantastic. I'd imagine these type of online experiments would be just as enjoyable across a broad range of scientific areas. We would definitely use again."

Children's drawings of scientists





2nd Abby Einstyn 9 years old girl, 4th class, Milford N.S.



Me as a scientist 9 years old girl, 4th class, Salesian primary



