

Bedpop Science Lab 2019

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On Saturday 9th March 2019, as part of British science week, the bed pop science labs took place throughout Bedford and further afield. This event happens every year and all the activities are free. Schools such as Bedford Modern School and Mark Rutherford School as well as other organisations did science workshops involving lots of activities.

Activities that I attended included Rocket car presented by Bloodhound, The escape room at the Higgins museum, Pop up planetarium presented by Mark Rutherford school, Build your own archive box at Panacea museum and The little science lab.

Bloodhound workshop

In the Bloodhound workshop, you were able to make your own model car with a balloon which represented an engine. They have visited Goldington Academy previously and given presentations. Bloodhound is an organisation which aims to make the fastest supersonic car in the world. They want the vehicle to be 1000 mph, which would beat the record of thrust ssc, which was also made by bloodhound, in 1997, which reached 763 mph. This record has not been beaten.

This was a really good opportunity for children and adults to learn about something a lot of people do not know about. It was fascinating and if you would like to learn more about Bloodhound then please visit the website below:

<http://www.bloodhoundssc.com/>



The Escape room

In this activity at the Higgins Museum you had to find the clues to get an antidote which would help you escape the room you were being trapped in. You had to also find clues that would help you open the padlocks attached to cabinets which had further clues. In this session it needed puzzle solving as well as having your thinking hats on.

Build your own Archive box

At the Panacea museum, there was a workshop that involved building and protecting your own archive box/folder. It was presented by Vicki Manners who is an Archivist and Conservator for the Panacea Trust Archive.

An archive box is something to keep so that when you are older, you can remember things that you did when you were younger. This workshop was a really good opportunity because you were able to see how to make and protect an archive box/folder, hands on. If you would like to make one at home instructions are given on this link below:

<http://panaceatrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/Making-a-folder.mov>

This event is a great chance for people to see the wonderfulness of science with the little science Lab letting you take part in experiments and the Pop up planetarium showing the universe and our planets in a unique way.

You can learn about lots of things in lots of different workshops. For further information please visit the website below:

<https://www.bedpop.co.uk/bedpop-science-lab-2019/>