



## Great Science Share, CNES

This was the first Great Science Share to take place in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. It was an opportunity for schools and pupils to showcase the great and varied work they had been doing in Science.

*'The Great Science Share for Schools is all about children developing their own scientific questions, then carrying out their own enquiries to gather evidence to try and answer those questions and finally sharing their questions, findings and ideas with someone else.'*

Schools were contacted in February three months ahead of the event along with suggestions of activities. A link to a form to register their project asking for details of their displays and requirements was sent a few weeks before.

All schools participating were sent a poster to display.

Rural schools were eligible for support with travel expenses.

The event was held at Lanntair Art Centre from 10am to 2pm.



6 schools (50% of all Lewis schools)



10 groups from nursery through to P7

The pupils were encouraged to prepare presentations which included 'hands-on' activities, demonstrations and posters.

As well as the pupils' work, local experts shared STEM insights with schools including how to make a robotic arm, a plastic pollution activity, and coding with Ozobots.

All pupils who participated were awarded certificates and as the event was registered with the Great Science Share for schools all school received a GSSfS participants badge to add to their emails and social media.

Feedback from teachers and pupils was positive and there is a desire to hold the event again.



"My children really enjoyed visiting all the different stations and experiments! A lot of hard work done by all! It was also great to see my pupils leading the learning so confidently. Well done all!" Teacher

"It was fun to see what the other schools had been doing and trying out their activities. We would 100% do this again. Could there maybe be like a competitive element, like doing a challenge or something." Teacher

RAISE (Raising Aspirations in Science Education) is a programme of Education Scotland, The Wood Foundation, Scottish Government, and participating local authorities which empowers primary practitioners with the skills, confidence, and networks to develop and deliver motivating and engaging STEM experiences.