

Annette brought three of the science kits currently being used in our primary schools to show us and let us play with them so that we could experience first-hand the great science experience our young people have at school.

We started by poking pencils through a plastic bag filled with water (no it doesn't leak) and progressed to looking at a kit about the human skeleton using a full sized skeleton, a small skeleton which our members had to assemble and 8 life size pictures of parts of an 8 year old boy (Zac) which when reversed showed the relevant skeleton part. When held up to the light from the front side you could see an Xray of the relevant body part in the picture.



The picture on the right shows the contents of a Bones Kit including a rabbit skeleton.



Front view of one of the cards about Zac's body. The view on the right occurs when the picture is held up to the light.

Next we moved on to trying to program small robots called Beebots.



Some of our members playing with skeletons and black and yellow Beebots.

There was not enough time to play with the Enlighten Me Kit which teaches children about light but members enjoyed looking at the room lights through small diffraction gratings in this kit.

The talk finished with each table making two musical instruments. One was a balloon with a small washer inside which when inflated made a loud humming sound and the other was a paper cup stringed affair. Each table had to sing "We wish you a merry Christmas" using their instruments.

Lots of fun and some learning was had by all.