

A wonderful trip to Otley Science Fair for Key Stage 2!



On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 attended our annual trip to Otley Science Fair!

The topic for this year's show was 'Animal Top Trumps' – which from the title alone promised to be a fantastic event!

The show was presented by two animal experts – Dr Jess French and Professor Ben Garrod. Dr French is a veterinary surgeon, zoologist, author and TV presenter with a passion for animals, whilst Professor Garrod is an evolutionary biologist and primatologist who has worked with none other than Sir David Attenborough and has even discovered some dinosaur species (there were photos and everything)!

Dr French and Professor Garrod tried hard to convince the children that their favourite animals were the best – dinosaurs or living beasts! They told us all about their strength, adaptations, speed and weight and asking the children to vote for the best animal of all time. It was a close vote as both speakers put forward some fantastic arguments for their animals and I think most children were still undecided at the end of the session. It was a fantastic experience and really got all the children thinking – and maybe even inspiring some future animal scientists!

Otley Science week is running until this Saturday (16th November). On Saturday, from 10am until 4pm, there is a free science event at Otley Courthouse and I know some of our children will love it! There will be interactive science presentations suitable for all key stages!

<https://otleysciencefestival.co.uk/festival-2024/>

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