

St Faith's Science book review panel reach their decision ...



Last Friday, the St Faith's judging panel for The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, made their final judgement on the six books they have been reviewing over recent months. The titles in this year's competition all have a scientific theme and are aimed at children aged 5-16 years: <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize/>

Our eight Year 7 pupils, Rory D, Evie H, Stephanie K, Harry L, Jo Jo M, Natasha R, Eric T and Joshua W read the books in their own time and then met over lunch to discuss their views. Their favourite book was *The Awesome Body Book* by Adam Frost and their decision and review comments have now been forwarded to The Royal Society.

Each panel member must be congratulated for their outstanding commitment and sheer enthusiasm – it was a pleasure to listen to their articulate, thoughtful and informed opinions.

Mrs Price

A selection of comments from our judging panel on the six titles:

***The Awesome Body Book* by Adam Frost**

- ***'We liked it so much, we even bought a copy!' Didn't want to stop reading it.'* Evie**

- ***'A fascinating and fun book for ages 4-12. I learnt so many new facts. I think it is very well written – I have read a series by the same author and this one is much better'. It is the cheapest book we reviewed.* Harry**

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100 things to know about Space by Alex Frith, Alice James and Jerome Martin

- *'I enjoy reading about space however if you don't like space, it may not appeal to you – there were lots of complicated scientific terms with no definitions.'* Rory

First Book of Animals by Nicola Davies

- *'This is a poetry book about animals, but the poems didn't rhyme so I don't think that the younger children who this book is aimed at would enjoy it.'* It is very expensive. Josh

Home Lab by Robert Winston

- *The experiments were fun and worked. This book also clearly explains the science behind each experiment which is really helpful.'* Stephanie

This Little Pebble by Anna Claybourne

- *'I learnt a lot by reading this book . It is set out in a way that you get loads of information without realising it!'* Natasha
- *'This was my favourite book – it teaches young people about the rock cycle. It is well written, so is easy to understand and has well-chosen illustrations.* Jo Jo

IF ... A Mind-Bending Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers by David J Smith

- *This book show various ways to scale things down so that enormous ideas and numbers are comprehensible.'* Eric