

Welcome to the 31st issue of *Science in School*



Now the delighted mother of healthy twin boys, I'm also happy to be back at *Science in School*, working with Laura and Isabelle to continue their good work on the new design of our journal.

What is the purpose of *Science in School*? For the past nine years, we have aimed to inform, inspire and support science teachers in Europe and beyond – and our new website reflects just that. As you'll see, we've reorganised the articles into three main categories: understand (science topics or research), inspire (scientist or teacher profiles, event reports, reviews of resources, and much more) and teach (activities and projects for your lessons).

Using the drop-down menus, you can browse all the articles in these categories or refine your search further, for example by age group or using search terms. Do you need some recent research for your biology students? Two mouse clicks give you a wealth of articles to choose from. Are you looking for a teaching idea for your physics lesson? Again, you are just two clicks away. Do you think a particular article looks interesting but you'd prefer to read it in Spanish? (or Polish, or Greek, or German, or French, or....) Just choose the appropriate flag on the article page.

We're still working on the website, so you should notice it getting better and better over the next few months. In particular, we've initially concentrated on the English articles; the formatting of the translated articles will be improved as soon as possible. If you notice any problems with the website or have any comments or suggestions, do let us know.

You may notice that this print issue looks a little different to previous ones. This is just the beginning: we're also working on a completely new design of the print journal. So if you have any suggestions for improvement, now is the time to tell us!

And as if that weren't enough, *Science in School* now tweets regularly about science, teaching and everything in between. Why not follow us on Twitter? www.twitter.com/sciinschool

For now, we hope you enjoy the articles in this issue.

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