

Report on the Astrobiology Class at a primary school

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We report an educational activity of the Astrobiology Class at a primary school, performed from November 2008 to January 2009. Astrobiology is an interdisciplinary field that consists of various elements such as astronomy, planetary science, biology, and so on. Accordingly, we can efficiently combine many pieces of scientific topics in primary schools into a spectacular scenario. This activity originally started on 2005, and is organised by young scientists in many research areas in cooperation. Our latest activity was conducted for all 5th year students at Takasato primary school in Funabashi city, Chiba. The particular aspects of the activity in Takasato primary school are: (1) that we construct two-part structure over 2 financial years and presume this year's activity as the first part, (2) that we aimed impressive lessons by displaying fossils and performing experiments in the classroom, (3) that the lesson plans were efficiently prepared along with that we have made in the last year, (4) but the curriculum was appropriately changed according to the changes of teachers, and (5) that we utilised the lunch time for chatting with children. In this talk, we introduce our activity and discuss future possibilities.