

Lorry lab a catalyst to create future scientists



■ Pupils tried out a range of experiments.



■ Sadie Rowlands with a thermal imaging camera.

PUPILS seized the opportunity to carry out a number of science experiments courtesy of a visit by a mobile laboratory.

Ysgol Bryn Alyn, Gwersyllt, Wrexham played host to the Lab in a Lorry - a 44ft truck containing three science and engineering laboratories.

The lorry has been visiting schools, youth groups and events across the UK and Ireland since early 2003, and its team of volunteer youth members has been busy helping pupils try out a range of experiments.

School groups from across the area also visited the lorry.

The Lab in a Lorry Wales programme is a partnership between the Welsh Government and the Institute of Physics, and aims to encourage young people to take more of an interest in science and technology.

James Harford, a spokesman for the Institute of Physics, said: "Lab in a Lorry is a fantastic experience for young people

"It generates excitement and curiosity in science by letting them explore experimental science for themselves with the help of expert mentors."

Rosina Haru, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport said: "The Welsh Government is pleased to continue to support this innovative project that is designed to make science exciting, fun, and highly relevant. Hundreds of pupils in Wales will benefit by taking part in the experiments and we hope it will encourage many students to pursue STEM subjects in the future."

To request a visit from the Lab in a Lorry, visit www.labinalorry.org.uk



■ Pupils outside the Lab in a Lorry (above) and (below left and right) experiments in progress. (CCMB0514A)

