

WORKING IT FROM ALL ANGLES: Children from Marlborough House School in Hawkhurst took part in a Lego science workshop



The building blocks of productive learning...

PUPILS at schools in Kent and Sussex got the chance to create mini Lego cities as part of a science workshop.

Children at Marlborough House School in Hawkhurst used thousands of Lego bricks, batteries, wires, switches, bulbs and motorised railway track to experiment with circuits and create buildings which lit up and vehicles that moved.

expert Roger Garside who helped the Year 3 to 5 children create an entire Lego village, complete with an individually-built house for each child.

Successful

Year 4 teacher Pippa Taylor said: "This was a new event for us but it was spectacularly successful. I think most of the children thought this was the best day at school ever."

Skippers Hill Manor Preparatory School in Five Ashes near Mayfield also built a whole city with Lego.

The annual event, which pupils at Skippers Hill have enjoyed for a number of years, is designed to encourage team work, logical thinking, creativity and practical design.

Year 6 form tutor Kate Alexander, who is also head of English, said: "This workshop is

a wonderful opportunity for pupils to use material they usually consider for play, to help develop their architectural and design skills.

"It brings children from different year groups together to work in teams, encouraging them to communicate and get creative.

"The end result was extremely impressive and a lot of fun was had by all."