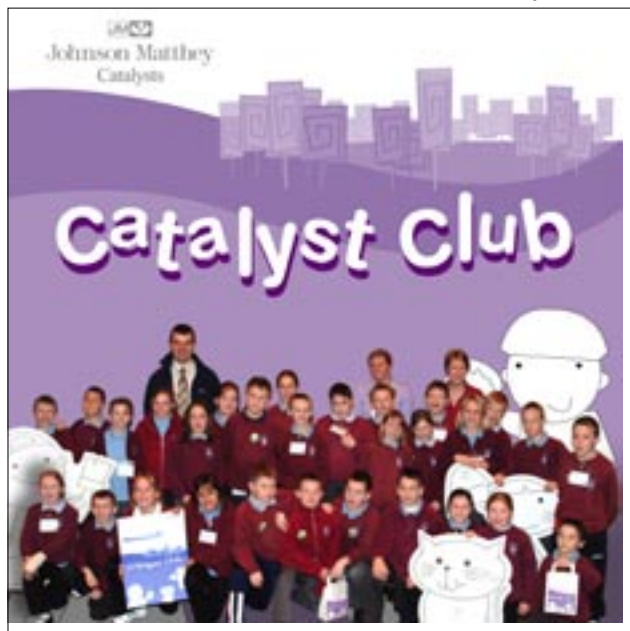


Come and join our Catalyst Club!

In December 2003, a class of 29 Year 5 pupils from Crooksbar Primary School visited Johnson Matthey Catalysts in Billingham to learn more about the science of catalysis.

The visit, organised as part of the Children Challenging Industry scheme, involved a fun demonstration of catalysis and an interactive tour of the Billingham laboratories and facilities. The tour introduced the pupils to the steps required to manufacture and test catalysts and also built on some of the fundamental principles of science such as the importance of safety, the careful recording of experimental details and comparative testing.

On completing the tour, the children became fully-fledged members of our Catalyst Club and received the Catalyst Club goody bag. Mr Phil Thackstone, Deputy Head at Crooksbar Primary School said, "Class 5PT really appreciated seeing how the work they did in the classroom translated to the real world of work. Thank you."



Children Challenging Industry is a UK-based project which aims to encourage children's interest in science and improve their perceptions of the chemical industry. The scheme provides classroom-based training for teachers who cover National Curriculum science and encourages visits to local businesses to put science into working reality. Johnson Matthey Catalysts in Billingham has been a keen supporter for over three years. If you are interested in finding out more about the project or to see if it is available for schools in your area, please contact the Chemical Industry Education Centre in York, UK, on +44 (0) 1904 432523.

Year 5 pupils from Crooksbar Primary School on their visit to Johnson Matthey Catalysts in Billingham.