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Kids Club for budding boffins

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THE Kids Club project, piloted by the Meraka Institute of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria, gives children the opportunity to experiment with science and technology.

The aim is to expose children to the fun and relaxed side of science, with none of the constraints and pressure to perform found in traditional classroom teaching.

Merryl Ford, of the ICT (information and communications technology) for Education Group within the Meraka Institute, said: "Our extra-curricular activities allow the children a free rein to their creativity and imagination.

"They know no boundaries or limitations, and apply innovative and imaginative ways in their technology design projects. At the club, they have the opportunity to experiment with technology in their own way."

The ICT for Education Group looks for ways to get children interested in science and technology as a career, and how to use ICT in innovative ways for teaching and learning in schools.

