The first Nobel prizes were awarded in 1901 in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace. An additional prize for Economics was added in 1969.

The prizes are named after Alfred Nobel who was a Swedish inventor. He became very wealthy after the commercial success of his invention of dynamite, a stable form of high explosive.

He had no direct family and so after he died in 1869 he left his fortune to set up the Nobel prizes which were to honour significant achievements in important fields.

The winners in each field are selected by different prize committees and are announced in early October each year. There is a lavish award ceremony in Stockholm on 10th December, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel’s death.

What can you find out about these Nobel Science Prize Winners?

Crème de la Crème

The nature of the Nobel Prizes means that all winners have made significant contributions in their field. Some of the winners though transcend even the Nobel prize.

Marie Curie won two Nobel Prizes, Einstein is considered, by many, to be the greatest scientist ever and Alexander Fleming’s discovery of Penicillin is estimated to have saved in excess of 200 million lives.

Who do you think is the greatest Nobel Prize winning scientist?

2018 Nobel Prize Winners

The 2018 Nobel prize winners have just being announced; they include two scientists who discovered how to fight cancer using the body’s immune system, research into enzymes and research into laser physics.

Where’s my Nobel Prize?

Despite over 100 years of sensational scientists winning Nobel prizes there are some very notable ones who never have. Here’s our 4 who probably should have.

Click images to find out about each one.