



# WELLSPRINGS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## STEM winners

Thank you to all those children/adults who sent in photos for our Science selfie competition. We had over 40 competition entry photos which was a great result, and it was a tough choice to decide on each class winners, such was the quality of entries.



## Hedgehogs

**Hedgehog class**  
In the summer he found blackberry and strawberry seeds for the first time and took a wet towel and spread the seeds on it. Then some soil was added to the pot and small plants were placed. Now he sees small blackberry and strawberry plants. He is very excited to see the big plants and pick the fruits.

The winners were:

Squirrels: Beatrix	Robins: Josephine
Red Squirrels: Indie	Hares: Joseph
Grey Squirrels:	Adders: Lily
Ophelia-Rose	Otters: Rosie
Hedgehogs: Nethul	Rabbits: Stanley
Badgers: Annabelle	Foxes: Hugh

To those children who took part but didn't quite win 1<sup>st</sup> prize, we all gave a certificate and small prize as well in next week's assembly.

We have had a number of competition entries to our other STEM competition. Children have until the end of November to hand in their designs for the 'Hedgehog

Highway' (see poster). Please complete the design entry and hand it into our office- thank you!

**Hedgehog Highway Competition**

**DID YOU KNOW?** Hedgehogs travel around 2km every night through our parks and gardens to find food, a mate and nesting sites. That is the same as 21 football pitches or around 45 aeroplanes!

To help these amazing hedgehogs find their way through our new housing development in North Taunton, we are installing special highways in our garden fences and walls to make sure the habitats are linked together and we create Hedgehog Streets.

We need your help to design hedgehog highway signs!

**What are the prizes?**

- Pizza making workshop with the chefs at the Firehouse in Curry Rivel. This prize includes a pizza of your own creation, soft drinks, certificate and unlimited fun!
- Become a hedgehog expert with a full day of practical nature and conservation skills. Build your own hedgehog house, participate in outdoor activities and enjoy a lunch with your family. Free transport will also be provided.
- A whole year's membership for the Somerset Wildlife Trust.
- Become an ornithologist from your own back garden with a birdbox of your own!

For more information on hedgehog highways visit [www.britisshedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britisshedgehogs.org.uk)

## Dates and information about the school



- 17.11.23 BBC Children in Need
- 17.11.23 Newsletter out
- 28.11.23 KS1 Heritage workshops- visitors
- 29.11.23 Otters class assembly
- 30.11.23 Advent assembly
- 30.11.23 Christmas Fayre
- 01.12.23 Newsletter out
- 01.12.23 MUFTI day
- 01.12.23 PTA Christmas Bingo
- 05.12.23 KS1 Christmas performance
- 06.12.23 KS1 Christmas performance
- 07.12.23 Christmas Dinner
- 08.12.23 EYFS Christmas Nativity
- 13.12.23 KS2 Christmas Carol Service
- 14.12.23 KS2 Christmas Carol Service
- 15.12.23 Christmas assembly
- 15.12.23 Last day of term
- 15.12.23 Newsletter out
- 02.01.24 INSET Day
- 03.01.24 School opens for new term
- 05.01.24 Newsletter out

Please visit our website for key dates across the year:

<https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/events>

[DOWNLOAD the calendar!](#)

Wellsprings website school blog is here:

<https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/blog-template/>

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If you need to pass on information or you have a query please contact the office email:

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[CONTACT US](#) page and complete an enquiry form:

<https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/contact-us/>



### Christmas Sparkle

The pupil council have decided to support the "Christmas

Sparkle" initiative in Taunton and Wellington.

Christmas Sparkle, established in 2015, aims to provide a Christmas gift to every child and young person aged 0-18 living in challenging circumstances within the SWT/Taunton and Wellington community.

The councillors have put our Christmas Sparkle donation box in the main Reception area. If you are able, please contribute a new, unwrapped gift for a child aged between 0-18 years.

Alternatively, if you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can leave your desired amount at the School Office. These funds will be used by the charity to purchase additional gifts and wrapping paper.

Many thanks from the Pupil Councillors



### BBC Child In Need

Well done to all the classes for 'stepping up' and completing Pudsey's Bearpee Challenge this week!

We are really pleased that the School Council were involved in the 'Bearpee Challenge' having decided it would be a good project for the school. The children (and staff) seemed to have fun doing it!

Thank you for all your contributions, it is much appreciated- obviously all of it goes to Children in Need!

### Tuning into Kids

## Tuning in to Kids

### Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session programme for parents of toddlers to teens.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

"Tuning in to Kids" shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Wellsprings School  
When: January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 starting 9.15am - 11.15am for 6 weeks.  
Dates are 16.01.23, 23.01.23, 30.01.23, 20.02.23, and 27.02.23.

Contact: Nicky Hatton or Mrs Holcombe if you are interested in attending or would like to be added for future interest.

### Completion of Parental/Carer survey

We have finally closed the parent/carers survey, and we will share the full breakdown of the responses in our next newsletter. We had good participation having extended the survey response time with around 100 responses.

Some suggestions have included improvements for our clubs, ways in which the school can improve communications and clarifications over school routines.

Equally there were a number of positive comments around the curriculum provision we offer in school, clubs, Facebook/website/newsletters and many general comments about the welcoming nature of the school.

We will look in more detail at individual suggestions from the survey, in Newsletter 7 (01.12.23). Thank you for taking time to take part.

**Next newsletter: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**