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STEM Yourself a Happy Holidays!

As 2022 draws to a close, we're excited to share a round-up of everything we've been up to this term.

There's also an added bonus- our winter newsletter has taken on a STEM theme this year with a space activity for you and your loved ones to take part in.

In this winter newsletter, you will also find:

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Just before you scroll over to the next section, we would like to let you know that by the time this newsletter lands in your inbox, our office will officially be closed and our team will be taking a break to recharge and spend time with their loved ones.

We reopen again on the 5th of January 2023 and will answer all of your emails and calls on our return.

From all of our team, volunteers & trustees, we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful holidays.

Letter From STEM Engagement Manager, Kirsty Hayward



As 2022 gradually comes to an end, like many others, we too try to slow down and take a break.

By now, most of our team will be on annual leave, and our clubs and services will have closed for the holidays.

However, just a few days ago, our team was still busy delivering our services. This time last week, we also hosted our 'Winter Family Fun Day' at the Carnegie Building. It was a great event where we met so many families. It was lovely seeing all the children and adults alike get stuck in with all the activities that we had on.

Don't worry if you missed it, as we hope to hold more family events in 2023. If

you have any ideas or you would like to help us plan or collaborate on any future events, please let us know by emailing us at info@s4a.org.uk

As the dark evenings have slowly been drawing in, we've managed to have some great space conversations with the young people we support. We've also managed to squeeze in some 'star spotting' time. It's a simple activity that only requires patience and a night sky.

This is why I've suggested it as one of the activities you should try out with your loved ones.

Here are a few guide points that you can refer to :

- Does the star look like it's sparkling? If it's not sparkling, it might be a planet or a satellite.
- If it is not flashing and is a red/orange colour - what you're looking at could be Mars or Jupiter. If it is a flashing red light it could be a plane. The planet Mars is currently close in the sky to the constellation Orion.
- If the star is not flashing and moving really fast, it is probably a satellite! It could even be the international space station.
- If you're looking at the sky for a long time, you might notice the sky appears to move over where you're standing. It is not actually the sky moving, but the Earth moving around the Sun.
- Do the stars look like they make up a pattern? In ancient times, people saw patterns of stars in the sky and told stories about them. They also made maps of the stars and called the patterns in the stars' constellations. Different cultures often have different stories about constellations. My favourite constellation is the saucepan, which is actually part of the Ursa Major constellation, but I think it looks like a saucepan. Maybe look if you can find this one.

If you want, you can use various apps to help you identify constellations - our recommendations are the free apps **Star Tracker** and **Stellarium**. You could even make your own constellation tubes at home so you can see your favourite constellation whenever you like: <https://nustem.uk/activity/constellation-tubes/>

If you're a teacher and you'd like to explore more about Space, we still have space for your class to participate in our free Space STEM Challenge. For information and to register, please visit: <https://www.s4a.org.uk/stem-challenge-ogden-trust/>

If there is anything we can do to support you and your family, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

I send my best wishes to you and all your family.

Kirsty

Kirsty Hayward

STEM Engagement Manager

Term Highlights

SUCCESS4ALL TERM HIGHLIGHTS



2022/23 Academic Term 1

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Volunteer Spotlight



"Gaining knowledge is the first step to wisdom. Sharing it is the first step to humanity." ~ Unknown

Henna is a year 12 student currently studying chemistry, physics & maths for her a-levels.

Once she completes her a-levels, she plans on pursuing a career in engineering.

For the past 6 weeks, Henna has been volunteering with us as a tutor-befriender in our Benwell Learning Hub.

We briefly caught up with her to learn more about her volunteering experience.

This is what she had to say:

My sister actually used to come here beforehand as a tutor and she recommended me to volunteer with Success4All. She had a positive experience and she used to always talk about it and I thought it would be good to do as well.

Stella also did a talk at my school, an online talk, and I heard more about it then. She gave more detail about it and she made me understand more about it.

It's been really good. It's quite rewarding and it feels like you've accomplished something.

For example, my tutee had a DT test and he said he did good in it because we actually revised for it the day before.

This experience has helped me develop my communication skills and confidence. Being in a space where there are also other young tutors has helped. It's a positive environment, everyone is really friendly and nice.

My highlight is meeting my tutee. He has an interesting personality, but as I said, it is quite rewarding like passing your knowledge onto other people.

I would definitely recommend other young people take part because it feels like you've accomplished something.

Reward Card Winners

With the first block of online tutoring officially coming to an end, we are delighted to announce our three reward card winners:

- Khatijah B.
- Favour E.
- Samiyah L.

All three tutees have completed 6-weeks of online tutoring with us. They have been notified and their £20 Amazon e-vouchers have been sent.

Huge congratulations to all three winners!

Upcoming Events



School Visits

We still have free STEM Challenges available for primary schools to sign up to. Please share this opportunity with a teacher you may know: <https://www.s4a.org.uk/free-s4a-stem-challenge-platten-family-fund/>



Clubs

All of our clubs including, Code Club, Creativity Club, STAND4, YAB & River Tyne group will remain shut until the end of the festive period. If you would like to find out more details about any of our clubs, please get in touch with us at: info@s4a.org.uk

Stat of the Term



49

LAPTOPS

Donated 49 brand new laptops & connected 13 families to the internet

Ways to Support Us

There are many different ways you can support our work. Here are just two of them:



Volunteer:

One of the main ways you can support us is by volunteering with us. We have a range of rewarding and impactful online and in-person volunteering opportunities that are designed to fit your schedule. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please email volunteers@s4a.org.uk or click the button below.

Volunteer with Success4All



Donate:

Like many charities, we too are feeling the pressure of the cost of living. Only if you can, please consider donating to Success4All and help us prepare children & young people in the North East for a brighter future.

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Whether you have a question or you need our support, please reach out to us on any of our social media platforms.



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