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Fiveways Wins nasen Award



SCA Fayre

The **Social Communication and Autism Fayre** is a chance for parents, carers, teachers and TA's to get together for presentations, cake, coffee and a chance to meet professionals.

This event will be taking place on Wednesday 21st November 2018 from 10am to 2pm at the Hans Price Conference Centre at Weston College.

For more information about the presentations, please visit [Supportive Parents](#).

Fiveways School recently won a major national award at this year's nasen Awards. Held annually, the ceremony, which took place on Friday 19th October 2018, recognises and celebrates the excellent work of individuals, schools and organisations for supporting children and young people with SEND to reach their full potential. Hosted by celebrity guest, Vanessa Feltz, the evening was held at the Waldorf Hilton Hotel, London, with a formal dinner for almost 200 guests before the 12 category winners were announced and awards presented.

Fiveways School, shortlisted with three other schools from across the UK, were immensely proud to be judged as winners of the 'Excellent Practice in Special School' category. This prestigious accolade is for schools 'making a real difference to, and improving outcomes for, children and young people with SEND' and was awarded to Fiveways School in recognition of their outstanding outreach work and inclusion programme.

Many congratulations to them all!



Unsung Heroes

On Friday 26th October, 130 children, young people, their families and practitioners came together for the SEND Unsung Heroes Awards at Chard Guildhall.

The event kicked off with a live performance from a member of The Unstoppables and went on to celebrate child of the year, family of the year and teams providing information and advice to families. Winners included our very own, Andrew Doyle, for producing the SEND weekly newsletter and gaining a readership of 7,000!

The awards categories were based on the things that families believe make a difference to the quality of their lives. These individuals or organisations have not just simply done their

jobs, but have gone the extra mile. They have adapted their work to meet the needs of the individual child or group of children.

Thank you to The Unstoppables Young People's Forum and Somerset Parent Carer Forum for co-producing the event and a huge congratulations to all of the finalists!



DofE Network Meetings

Earlier this year a leader's survey unveiled that leaders and volunteers want opportunities to meet and network as well as hear from the SCC DofE team. So area network meetings are back and open to anyone involved or interested in DofE through a SCC-supported school, college or community group:

- **Tuesday 20th November** at the Brook House Inn, Castle Cary, BA7 7PF from 7pm. Click [here](#) to let them know you're coming.
- **Wednesday 21st November** at The Master Thatcher, Taunton, TA1 2PD from 7pm. Click [here](#) to let them know you're coming.

For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please contact dofe@somerset.gov.uk.

SENDSational Coffee Mornings

Taking place at various different locations including Elmwood School, Taunton Library Café, Williton Children's Centre, and Burnham-On-Sea Princess Theatre, **SENDSational Coffee Mornings** are free and welcoming events aimed at parents and carers who have children and young people with additional needs, disabilities or mental health issues.

Professionals from CAOT, Escape Support Group, Somerset Parent Carer Forum, Sendias, CAMHS, Shortbreaks Team, and Elmwood LSC will be in attendance.

Some of the activities on offer include mindfulness, crafts, picnics, sensory toy making and much more.

For more information about the coffee mornings, please visit [Elmwood School](#).

