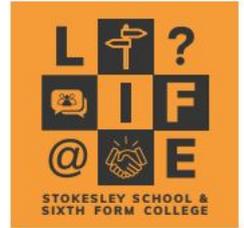


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



Stokesley School
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Half Term 1: Make an Impact

Welcome back to school to any of you rejoining us after the summer holidays, and an extra warm **welcome** to anyone who is joining us for the first time this week. Make sure you're even kinder than you usually are to the people around you this week, as everyone settles back into a new routine after such a long time off school. If you see anyone who you think might be struggling a little bit, do the right thing and ask them if they're ok or need your help.

We know you can be brilliant, Team **LIFE**.

Word of the week

Respect - a way of treating or thinking about something or someone. If you *respect* your teachers, you admire them and treat them well.

Oracy challenge

Find as many opportunities as you can to take the time to ask an adult about their day. You'll be amazed how much it means to them if you're the one that starts the conversation. You could start by saying 'How was your day?', or you could ask something more exciting such as 'What was the most interesting thing that happened to you today?' You'll find that they then ask you about your day too: enjoy talking about it with them, and sharing what you have done and learnt.

Good luck!

Fact of the week

Some cats are allergic to humans!

Good news story

Click [here](#) to read about brave hospital staff who stayed behind during Hurricane Laura to care for 19 babies in Intensive Care.

What do you need to know about the news?

If you want to explore the news yourself, head on over to [The Day](#) where you can read all of the latest news, aimed at people your age. If you'd rather be pointed in the direction of some of the key things it's good to know about from last week, take a look at the links below:

- An endangered horse has been cloned from frozen cells - do you think we should bring back extinct species? Click [here](#) to read more.
- Do you think people should be able to choose their race? Click [here](#) to read about an American professor who has been lying about her race.
- There's currently tension in the Himalayas between China and India. If you're interested in why these tensions are building, click [here](#).
- Did you know that Prince Harry has made a Netflix deal? Click [here](#) to find out how and why.

- Does Europe have a responsibility to rescue migrants? Click here to read about a boat funded by Banksy.
- And finally, will you go and see Mulan when it comes out at the cinema? It's causing quite a politica stir. Click [here](#) to find out why.

If you think you know your news, why not try the weekly [quiz](#) from The Day or have a go at the caption competition?

Events calendar

In school

- You have your first LIFE lessons in tutor time this week - we'd be interested to know what you think. Let us know by dropping us an email at LIFE@stokesleyschool.org
- Enjoy your first video assemblies - do these feel different to assemblies last year in the hall?

Across the world

- Did you know that September is also Organic September? Visit the [website](#) to see what you can do!
- September is also childhood cancer awareness month - read some of the inspiring stories on the [website](#).
- It's also World Alzheimer's Month - do you know anyone who might benefit from the information on this [website](#)?
- Tuesday 15th is the International Day of Democracy. Watch [this video](#) to find out more about what democracy is.
- Wednesday 16th is the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer.

Lighthouse messages



Talk to your form tutor if you have a worry or need some advice from a trusted adult. If you would prefer to send a message to a member of the Ethos team, use the concerned/worried button on the front page of the student dashboard.

Spotlight on Careers

The National Saturday Club - for students interested in Creative Careers...



The Northern School of Art, Art & Design Saturday Club. Open to students aged 13–16 (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11) for the 2020/21 academic year.. It's Free!

The National Saturday Club is a UK-wide network, supported by Arts Council England and the Department for Education. This is a unique programme open to all abilities and will help to build skills and confidence as well as demonstrate pathways to further study and careers.

	<p>Find out more: highlights film. Also the National Saturday Club Online, with weekly Club sessions and Masterclasses with industry experts delivered virtually. Places are limited so act quickly, apply here: saturday-club.org/join.</p> <p>Ever wondered what it would be like to be a theme park designer? This 6 minute video from First Careers gives you an insight into the job, and the skills you'll need to work on in school if it's something you might fancy!</p> <p>Each year group will have a Careers Google Classroom this year, which will keep you updated with all the latest 'Careers' news - including Open Events, activities, clubs and competitions *Look out for notifications, via your school email.</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p>To Celebrate Roald Dahl Day on 13th September, the Open Learning Centre is running a '<i>splendiferous</i>' range of Roald Dahl activities and prize competitions throughout the following week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roald Dahl T.V. QUIZ 2. Short Story Competition – including specific 'Dahl' words. Dahl dictionary and help 3. Revolting Recipe Competition. Prizes for the best - or worst - recipe. For more information and entry forms, come and see me in the Youth Centre (Temporary OLC). 4. Instant Win Roald Dahl Word Game. Roald Dahl day - 40 Word Challenge 5. Roald Dahl Treasure Hunt - Year 7 only due to Covid Scattered around the Year 7 area are various Roald Dahl characters. Students are invited to find each clue and state which book the characters are taken from. <p>Have you tried out the new online library yet? It's AMAZING! Log on via the student dashboard and explore what's on offer - there are so many books to choose from! What we like best about it is that you can try a chapter and then, if it's not for you, pick another one and start again, all without having to leave the sofa!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Messages from your Heads of Year</p>	
<p>Mrs Metcalfe</p>	<p>It has been wonderful to see you all settling in to Stokesley School and becoming part of our wonderful community. Remember to continue to work on your transition bingo (see your form tutor if you need a copy of it) and stay positive; it can really make even a hard day better!! Take a look at this video and have a think about what message it is trying to get across. Drop me an email and let me know!</p>
<p>Mrs Bailey</p>	<p>It's been a while, but it has been brilliant to see you all in person! Year 7 into Y8 has seen some changes. Although difficult at first, change usually turns us into something beautiful! Remember The Hungry Caterpillar? I know I keep saying it, but you are an amazing bunch and together we will... Reach for the stars!</p>
<p>Mrs Brosnan</p>	<p>A huge welcome back to you all. I cannot believe how much everyone's appearance has changed. Remember that this is an exciting time for</p>

	<p>reinvention and to put your best foot forward. Change is a good thing - if we don't change then we never evolve! Enjoy settling back into the School community and getting back to what we do best: teaching and learning.</p>
Mr Wilson	<p>It was great to see you all back in school, I am amazed at how much some of you have grown in the time that you have been away. There are many changes in school that you need to embrace and we have to make sure we are ready for the challenge of your GCSEs.</p>
Mr Hamer	<p>I know that I keep saying this, but it is true - it is great to have you all back in school and I look forward to a challenging but exciting year ahead. You will soon settle into school life again and will be gearing yourself up for your final year in secondary education. Your teachers and I are with you every step of the way and we will support you through everything, however, it is up to you to rise to the challenge on the path towards success.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIMollqOfLc</p>

This half term's LIFE challenge

On your first day back we talked about kindness and about how important that is, especially as the world finds its way back to normal after lockdown. Your challenge this half term is to complete your [Random Acts of Kindness grid](#), and then to **send us a photo of you being kind to someone**, with an explanation of what's happening in the photo. We'd love to make a collage out of all of your photos to display somewhere in school, so please get thinking about what you could send in. All entries must be submitted by Friday 23rd October and should be emailed to LIFE@stokesleyschool.org