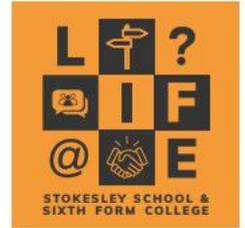


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



Stokesley School
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Being the best we can be



Week beginning 28th September 2020

Edition Three

Half Term 1: Make an Impact

Your assemblies this week are with Mrs Darbyshire and our head boy and girl. You will hear them talk about **leadership** opportunities in school and some of you may already be involved with these, which is great! You don't have to have the title of 'leader' however, to lead: leading is about **influencing**, **inspiring** and **supporting** people. You will perhaps have heard the adults in your life talk about **leading by example**, which means that you demonstrate the behaviours that you expect of the people around you. This could be your friends, other students in your class or year group, or perhaps younger siblings. As you go about your week in and out of school, think about opportunities that present themselves for you to lead by example, and then give it your best shot. Remember, as Mrs Darbyshire said in those assemblies, every little thing that you do counts! We know you can do it! **Team LIFE**

Word of the week

Inspirational - if something is inspirational it makes you feel hopeful or encouraged.

Greata Thunberg's speech was truly inspirational; the students believed that they too could achieve great things,

Oracy challenge

When answering questions in your lessons this week, try to answer in full sentences rather than just giving the answer in isolation. A good trick is to repeat part of the question that the teacher has asked you and then to add your answer at the end. Here's a couple example:

Teacher: '**What's the square root** of 49?'

Student: '**The square root** of 49 is 7'

Teacher: '**How do you think the narrator feels** at this point in the story?'

Student: '**I think the narrator feels** scared, because he doesn't know whether he will get safely out of the forest'.

See whether you notice other students doing it too, and even have a listen to see whether your teachers do it when they are asked questions.

Good Luck!

Fact of the week

William the Conqueror invaded England on this date in 1066 (28/09/1066).

Good news story

Lego has pledged to ban the production of plastic blocks by 2030 in a bid to reduce plastic waste. Click [here](#) to read more.

<p>What do you need to know about the news?</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of our weekly bulletins during lockdown focused on the Black Lives Matter movement. This article looks at some historic monuments which have links with slavery. Does it matter? What do you think? • We think that this article about an athlete who gave up his medal for another really links to the kindness that we have talked about in LIFE lessons: would you do the same? • Mrs Darbyshire talked about Ruth Bader Ginsburg in her assemblies this week. Find out more about her in the article here. <p>Remember that, if you find reading difficult, all of the articles on 'The Day' can be simplified by clicking on the 'simplified version' in the top left hand corner.</p> <p>If you think you know your news, why not try the weekly quiz from The Day or have a go at the caption competition? It would be great to see a Stokesley student named as the winner!</p>
<p>Events calendar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Across the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st October is International Coffee Day. What a great excuse to have an extra coffee! • 2nd October is International Non Violence Day - find out more here. • 2nd October World Smile Day. We'll be out on the corridors spreading our smiles - will you too? We love this poem about the impact of a smile, and The WSD website is lovely too. • 3rd October is National Poetry Day. Look out for activities in your English lessons this week, and have a look at the website here if you're after more information: there are workshops, blogs and ideas for poetry that everyone will love!
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p>If you're worried about the impact of coronavirus on your mental health, you are not alone. The COVID-19 pandemic is a new and uncertain time for all of us, so it is only natural that it will affect our mental health in different ways. However you are feeling right now is valid. With the right help and support, we can get through this. The Young Minds website has some great advice and guidance.</p>
<p>Spotlight on careers</p>	<p><u>Careers for the future</u> British Telecom gives us an insight into technological jobs which are 'future proof'. Cyber Security is a job which simply didn't exist when your parents were at school, but today, the majority of businesses need to employ a Cyber Security Team - take a look at this job role, you might be inspired!</p> <p>Why not take the opportunity to ask any adults you know about their job this week. Do you actually know what your parents or carers do at work every day? Wouldn't it be interesting to find out?</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Poetry Day. October 1st 2020 Theme of VISION</p>

As you'll no doubt know, the young British poet, Tom Roberts, penned a piece about the good things that will hopefully come out of the Covid-19 pandemic. Tom's piece attracted over 20 million views in just 48 hours. The poem is of particular relevance to us all and resonates a great deal about our lives at the moment and thoughts for the future – who doesn't want to draw hope from the idyllic post-pandemic world he's set out?

Exploring the theme of VISION, the OLC is running a poetry competition and would like you to write a poem about your VISION of the future. What is your ideal vision of a better world post covid?

[The Great Realisation - Facebook link](#)
[The Great Realisation - youtube link here](#)

Along with the usual prizes I have **a new copy of the book / poem 'The Great Realisation', signed by the author, as a prize.**

Continuing with the theme of Vision in mind, the **OLC will additionally be running a Shape Poetry PRIZE Competition.** Shape poems are made up of words that have been placed in such a way that they make the shape of an object and often use words to describe the object. A famous example is "[The Mouse's Tale](#)" from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Closing date for entries, Friday October 9th 2020. Please submit your entries via email directly to me at the address below or, for hard copies, to your form tutor to pass onto me.
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GOOD LUCK!

Messages from your Heads of Year

Mrs Metcalfe	Whilst I know this has been even harder this past week for some of you, I continue to be impressed with your resilience and hard work. Take a look at this video here to help get you through the week!
Mrs Bailey	Another week has gone by and it is great to see you all embracing the changes. The number of ambition points awarded to Y8 has been amazing! So let's all keep on keeping on! You need to Reach for those Stars!
Mrs Brosnan	You continue to astound me Year 9. At the time of writing this (23/9) we currently have the highest number of Ambition Points in the whole school. A whopping 2119! We have only had 15 days in school so far: what an achievement! Our attendance as a year group is 95.56% - we are so close to 96. Let's see if we can have a big push on this and tip over to 96 next week. Keep it up! :)
Mr Wilson	Another great week: improved attendance; our year group being higher than the school average; and more ambition points being awarded right across the year group. Thanks to all of those who have already handed in your shield designs and to those who haven't, hurry up! You only have a couple of days left! Keep up the good work.
Mr Hamer	Walking along the Year 11 corridor this week, I could see the effort that you were putting into your lessons, which can only be a good sign prior to

assessments next week and your on-going studies. However, I would also like to thank those students who have engaged within form recently, I have received well over one hundred designs for the shield competition. It is pleasing to see that plenty of you are willing to participate in these activities alongside your work in lessons.

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