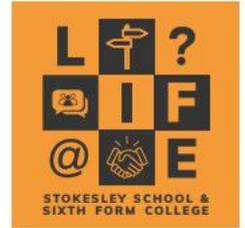


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



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Half Term 1: Make an Impact

Can you believe that we have nearly made it to the end of the first half term? Here at Team **LIFE** we are so proud of how you have coped with all of the changes in school, and how you have focused in lessons on getting yourselves back into the groove of school life. The school is so much nicer with you all back in it: it didn't feel right at all during lockdown. This week is an opportunity to reflect: what have your **LIFE** lessons taught you? What have they made you think about? We've covered **kindness, gratitude, hope, community, happiness** and - if you got onto it - **resilience**, and in our assembly we explored **self-belief** and what you're good at. I don't know about you, but we feel like we've had an opportunity to really think about what it is to be a good human being and have enjoyed putting some of those things into play in our day-to-day lives. We hope you have a lovely half term break, and look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

Word of the week

Resilient - able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

The students at Stokesley school were very resilient: they came back after lockdown and just got on with what they needed to do.

Oracy challenge

Your challenge this week is to start a conversation about something that's happening in the news. When you're sitting round with your family, or when you're with your friends at lunchtime, it's your challenge to get them talking about something that interests you. You could start with 'Did you see that...' or 'Have you heard about...' or 'What do you think about...?' and see where it gets you. If you're looking for something to talk about, why not head over to [The Day](#) for some inspiration?

Good Luck!

Fact of the week

Bowler hats were originally invented as safety hats! They were designed by London hatters Thomas and William Bowler (hence the name). The hat was invented to keep horse riders' heads safe from branches and other obstacles.

Good news story

We love this story of a 10 year old girl challenging Dave Grohl to a drum battle! Read all about it [here](#).

<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> <p>Want to know what's going on in the world of football? Have a look at this article here about two premier league teams.</p> <p>Prince William and Sir David Attenborough have launched the Earthshot prize to rescue the planet - have a read about it here.</p> <p>Should all conspiracy theories be banned? Read here about what Facebook thinks!</p> <p>This article questions whether literature still matters. Here at Team LIFE we think yes! What about you?</p> <p>We are still in Black History Month. Have a look at some of the truly inspiring stories here.</p> <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> <p>19th October is National New Friends Day - why not start up a conversation with someone new today?</p> <p>Who doesn't love a sloth? 20th October is International Sloth Day!</p> <p>21st October is International Day of the Nacho! An opportunity to have a Mexican meal for tea?</p> <p>October 22nd is International Stuttering Awareness Day</p> <p>23rd October is Mole day! And no, it's not the creatures. This day commemorates Avogadro's Number which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. This day was created to generate interest in chemistry.</p> <p>United Nations Day is observed on 24 October every year to mark the anniversary of the UN Charter's entry into force.</p>
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p>Self-care is about the things we can do to look after our own mental health. The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families have shared an abundance of strategies that you could try to help manage your wellbeing. It's up to you to decide what helps - try at least one out during the next week.</p>
<p>Spotlight on</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EIGHT INCREDIBLE JOBS OF THE FUTURE THAT YOU COULD DO!</p>

<p>careers</p>	<p>Technology has changed how we communicate, travel, work – even how we eat! Tech has transformed our lives to such a massive extent that in the not-too-distant future, many job roles won't exist, and others will be unrecognisable.</p> <p>So from robot counsellors to galactic architects, here are 8 futuristic jobs you could actually be doing in 2030.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Incredible Jobs Of The Future You Could Do</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome back to the (mini) Open Learning Centre</p> <p>The Mini Open Learning Centre is now open and is temporarily located in the Youth Centre. Most year 7 and year 8 students will have the opportunity to explore the books and amenities during their Accelerated Reader lesson, and for those who don't, an allocated lunchtime slot will be made available. Additionally, year 9 students can access the mini OLC on Monday lunchtimes. Any year 9 student who would like to use the OLC on Mondays, please email me - you will need a pass - we cannot accommodate all of the year group simultaneously.</p> <p>Whilst the entire OLC could not be transferred, we still house all the AR titles, in their respective colour codes; the wide-ranging selection of top monthly magazines; the Horror section all ready for Halloween and the firm favourite, Graphic Novel section.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there are some restrictions due to Covid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Please ensure you only access the OLC on your allocated days and times. ★ You must enter and exit via the fire exit door to avoid cross podding. ★ Once you have chosen a seat in the OLC, please remain there throughout your allocated lesson / lunchtime, when not perusing the shelves. (You may select a different seat each week but must stay there for the duration of the hour / half hour). ★ Year 9 students, you must have a pass to enter on Mondays. Please email me if you would like to use the OLC. Passes will be issued to genuine users and on a first come first served basis. <p>Otherwise, sit back, relax, unwind and enjoy a good read or, borrow a book for the half term holiday.</p> <p>r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org</p>
<p>Messages from your Heads of Year</p>	
<p>Mrs Metcalfe</p>	<p>Well done Year 7 on making it to the end of your first half term at secondary school! I know I have said it numerous times but I will say it again: you have really impressed me with your start and the way you have integrated yourself into our school community (especially with the extra challenges that have happened this year). We are the highest in the school for attendance; well done and keep it up! The more you are here, the more you will learn. If you feel like you want to do something over the half term, take a look at these fun things to try (there are 42 of them, so you'll definitely find one you like the look of). Let me know how you get on. Enjoy your week off!</p>
<p>Mrs Bailey</p>	<p>Well done Y8! You have taken on board all the changes that these strange</p>

	<p>times have thrown at you! Thank you for all your smiles and hellos as I have been moving round our Y8 pod.</p> <p>Ambition points for Y8 currently stand at a whopping 4464! Well done to you all!</p> <p>Y8 attendance has been a bit low this last half term, it is currently 93.7%. Let's try and start the new half term as we mean to go on and keep attendance above 96%.</p> <p>As you know the Y8 charity is the RSPCA. Over half term I would like you to think of some ways that we can start to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. Your tutors will be asking for your ideas during the first week back. Have a great half term week! Come back refreshed and ready to hit the ground running, as the saying goes! Keep on keeping on Y8 and remember to Reach for the Stars!</p>
<p>Mrs Brosnan</p>	<p>That is the first half term down and as a whole we have done amazingly well as a year group!</p> <p>On the last day of term, we will be celebrating all of the achievements that you have gained so far. Currently, as a year group our attendance is 95.6% and the leading tutor group is Poseidon.</p> <p>We have several students within the whole school's top 10 achievement points and as a year group we have gained a total of 5315 to date. Have a great half term and enjoy some downtime.</p> <p>If you are having trouble switching off check The Guardians article on the art of relaxation.</p>
<p>Mr Wilson</p>	<p>Well done on a positive first half term, let's make sure we continue this after the holidays.</p> <p>Attendance is currently at 94.8, let's have a push to get it over the 95% mark. Ambition points are currently standing at an impressive 3660. We have four students who are in the top 10 of the school. Well done to you all and keep up the good work.</p> <p>I was really pleased to see you getting on with the Globalbridge activity this week, this is something that you will need to keep on adding to, in order to create your virtual CV.</p> <p>Hope you have a great half term holiday.</p>
<p>Mr Hamer</p>	<p>A positive first half term back - thank you Year 11s for your efforts in adapting to the new environment. Ambition points this half term currently stand at 2641, which is a very respectable total, please keep this up. I have had very few negative behaviour issues to deal with since September, which makes my job a lot more enjoyable.</p> <p>With the half term break comes the realisation of mock exams, it would be very wise for you to spend some of your time revising for these. You do not need to revise for every minute of the day, create a timetable with plenty of</p>

rest and relaxation built in. If you start now, it will be easier and beneficial in the long term. The following link will assist you with some planning:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn3497h>

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