



Larger than LIFE

Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



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Edition Four

Half Term 1: Make an Impact

We have been so impressed with the effort and attitude that so many of you have shown in your **LIFE** lessons in tutor time this year. It's been great to hear some of the discussions you've been having around kindness, gratitude and hope and to see those qualities in you as you go about your school day. These **LIFE** lessons are designed to prepare you to be confident, self-assured young people in the real world, both in and out of school and we promise you this: the more you embrace them, the more you'll enjoy them. Speaking of kindness and gratitude, how great would it make your tutor feel if you really made that extra effort to contribute in your **LIFE** lessons this week? We'll be asking tutors for top contributors to **LIFE** lessons to receive the 4 ambition point stamper: will it be you?

Have a great week! Team **LIFE**

Word of the week

Equality - the state of being equal or the same, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.

Oracy challenge

Your challenge, in a lesson this week, is to speak up when you're not sure what to do. If you're not sure, the likelihood is that somebody else in the classroom isn't either so not only will you be helping yourself but someone else too. Remember that teachers are there to help you, but we can only do so if we know that you're struggling. Put your hand up and say, politely, '**Please could you just explain to me again what I need to do**', or '**Please could you help me with answering this question?**'. You'll feel so much better for having asked, and you'll also then make more progress in the lesson.

Good luck!

Fact of the week

In terms of sheer size, the Antarctic Desert is the largest desert on Earth, measuring a total of 13.8 million square kilometers. Antarctica is the coldest, windiest, and most isolated continent on Earth. If you want to understand more about why Antarctica is a desert (we did!), then click [here](#).

Good news story

The world just got one step closer to zero-emission aviation this week as ZeroAvia completed the world's first hydrogen fuel cell powered flight of a commercial-grade aircraft. Read about it [here](#).

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:

	<p>Does progress make us happy? What do you think? Click on the link here to read an article about it!</p> <p>This article about the coronavirus is aimed at young people, and helps you to understand some of the current debates around it in the UK.</p> <p>Do you think smartphones are taking control of our minds? We aren't sure how we feel about this: have a look at the article here to help you to make up your own mind!</p> <p>You may have heard about the debate in the US between Donald Trump and Joe Biden. If you'd like to understand more about what this was all about, this article here should help.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October is Black History Month. Next week in the bulletin we'll be celebrating some amazing figures in black history who have contributed to the development of each of our subject areas in school. For this week, why not have a look at the BHM website or watch this video from the BBC about why black history matters. ● October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month. Find out more information, or ways in which you can get involved here. ● 4th -10th October is World Space Week. It was declared as an International event in 1999 to celebrate each year at the international level the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p>At a time when it's needed most, come together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day (Friday 9th October). Sometimes it's the little things in life that we often take for granted which makes all the difference and brighten up our day. During this week can you complete five little acts of kindness to brighten someone's day and spread some joy? Details of how to donate can be found on the Young Minds website.</p>
<p>Spotlight on careers</p>	<p>CAREERS GOOGLE CLASSROOMS are up and running!</p> <p>Please check your school email address for an invitation to join. The classrooms will have news and updates posted regularly with resources and activities to be found in the 'classwork' area. You will receive an email notification every time something new is posted - so keep checking in!</p> <p>How is this for a 'dream job' ?</p> <p>Games Designer... what would it really be like? See what it is really like and</p>

	<p>find out about the pay and conditions and what subjects and qualifications you will need to be successful in this career.</p> <p>How to become a games designer: Rhianne's story</p>
News from the OLC	<p>DO YOU WANT MORE BOOKS TO READ?</p> <p>For those of you who are exploring our SORA reading app you may have noticed the absence of top titles and books you want to read. We will be purchasing more popular books in the upcoming weeks and I would like your reading recommendations. If there are any books you would particularly like to read, please send me an email with the title of the book and the author. Whilst I can't promise all the ebooks will be purchased, I will endeavour to acquire the most popular requests and titles. Please send me your recommendations to: r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org</p>
Messages from your Heads of Year	
Mrs Metcalfe	<p>So many of you have already made an impact since starting Stokesley School! I thoroughly enjoy looking at the number of ambition points being awarded each day and they keep getting higher each week! The transition bingo tasks I have already seen have been amazing and I look forward to seeing many more when you hand them in! Keep it up Yr 7!</p>
Mrs Bailey	<p>Congratulations to 8-Hera who came from the bottom of our Tutor Tournament leaderboard to first place last week! Well done! There have been some amazing shields handed in, if you still have one lurking at the bottom of your bag make sure it's handed in as soon as possible. You have to be in it to win it! Let's keep on keeping on year 8 and remember to 'Reach for the Stars'</p>
Mrs Brosnan	<p>Fantastic start to Year 9. I would like to say a massive WELL DONE to the students who have gained the most ambition points so far:</p> <p>1st - Matthew Hill 2nd - Elliott Howell Joint 3rd - Kenzie Emms / Alfie Gibson / Preston Morrison and Charlie Simkins.</p> <p>We are still in the lead as a Year group with 3427. Let's keep it up. There is one year group close behind us!</p>
Mr Wilson	<p>Congratulations to 10-Hera for having the most ambitions points so far this term, an amazing 350, closely followed by 10-Apollo with 340. Also, well done to the boys so far this term who fill 9 out of the top 10 positions for ambition points. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!</p> <p>Thanks to those who handed in their shield entries, there were some excellent pieces of work and they are being judged as soon as possible!</p>
Mr Hamer	<p>I have spoken with a number of students recently who are becoming anxious about the assessments which are taking place this week. It is good to see that this work is being taken seriously, however, as long as you continue to work in lessons and complete any independent work, you will have nothing to worry about. There will be plenty of sessions in school in the near future, giving you advice on planning your time and revision techniques. Keep up the good work.</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