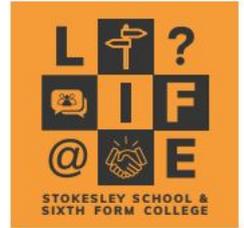


# Larger than LIFE

Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



Stokesley School  
& Sixth Form College  
Being the best we can be



Week beginning 16th November 2020

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## Half Term 2: Thankful

This week in team **LIFE**, we're thankful for all of the students who are enthusiastically taking part in their **LIFE** lessons in tutor time. As tutors it's so great to see you being **ready** to take part, **respectful** of your peers and their views and **ambitious** in the contributions that you make. We're really enjoying being part of these big discussions and hope that you are too.

This week we'd like you to take some time (maybe now, maybe later) to consider the things that you're thankful for. Think from the smallest of small things to the **biggest of big**. What are the tiny things that we take for granted that others perhaps aren't lucky enough to have? Once you've made your list, enjoy those things as you go about your day-to-day life this week. Be thankful, be grateful and - wherever you can - say thank you to whoever it is that provides those things for you. If you need a starting point, [this article](#) is a good one.

Have a great week  
Team **LIFE**

### Word of the week

**Courtesy** - showing politeness in your attitude and behaviour towards others.

*The girl had the **courtesy** to apologise for her actions.  
It is **courteous** to hold the door open for someone.*

### Oracy challenge

This week your challenge is to make at least one verbal contribution in your **LIFE** lesson. It doesn't need to be in front of everyone, but make sure that at some point in the lesson you talk to someone near you about the topic being discussed. There aren't right and wrong answers in these lessons. It's all about you having the opportunity to share your opinion and hear the opinions of others.

### Fact of the week

Babies don't have kneecaps! Well, they *do*. It's just that they aren't made of bone. They're little bits of cartilage that have yet to ossify (turn) into bone.

### Good news story

We think that [this story](#) is pretty cool: it's about a determined young lady called Imogen who set about doing 7.1million keepy uppies to say thank you to all of our key workers.

<p><b>What do you need to know about the news?</b></p>	<p>If you want to explore the news yourself, head on over to <a href="#">The Day</a> 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>Big last week was news of a potential covid vaccine. If you've not read about it yet, <a href="#">this article</a> is a good starting point.</p> <p>Did you know that every year one word wins the title 'word of the year'? Which word do you think got it in 2020? Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out.</p> <p>The American presidential election continues to make headlines, with Trump refusing to go quietly. Click <a href="#">here</a> to read an article about the 10 worst losers of all time!</p> <p>Continuing with the theme of the American election, Kamala Harris has made history as the first female vice-president and the first black person in the post. Read <a href="#">here</a> about how she's about to start making history.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>If you think you know your news, why not try the <a href="#">weekly quiz</a> 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><b>Events calendar</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Across the world</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● November is <a href="#">National Novel writing Month</a> - have you got a novel in you? Why don't you start putting pen to paper this week?</li> <li>● Have you heard of Movember? It's Mens' Health Awareness Month. Click <a href="#">here</a> to have a look at their fab website and find out some more about why Movember is such an important campaign.</li> <li>● <a href="#">Cancer research</a> are challenging people to go vegetarian for the month of November to raise money. I know we're a bit late to start, but could you give it a go anyway to see if you can?</li> <li>● This week is <a href="#">anti-bullying week</a>, which is such an important week for students and teachers in schools to acknowledge. You'll be hearing from our anti-bullying ambassadors in assemblies this week.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lighthouse messages</b></p>	<p>This November, join us and Compass buzz in the yesvember pledge: Say <a href="#">YES</a> to things that make you feel good, building connections, new opportunities and positive moments. Take a minute to <a href="#">self reflect</a>.</p>
<p><b>Spotlight on careers</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><b>Can you guess these celebs' jobs before they were famous?</b></a></p> <p>It's easy to feel like your favourite celebrities sprung straight to fame but everyone has to start somewhere. From summer jobs and side hustles to hidden gifts and surprising passions, take the quiz to discover how much you really know about these celebs' lives before they were famous.</p>

## REMINDER FOR STUDENTS IN ALL YEAR GROUPS

The **Careers Google Classrooms** for each year group are full of news, information, activities and resources - try to drop in at least once a week!

**YEAR 11** - this is particularly important for you, as you will need to start making plans for your Further Education. The Classroom is packed full of all the information you need to make an informed choice.

**\*\* Stokesley School [Sixth Form Prospectus](#) now available on the website\*\***  
(also available in print very soon)

### News from the OLC

#### National Non-Fiction November

November is a month devoted to non-fiction. The OLC will be running two competitions throughout the month giving you all the opportunity to explore and delve into the infinite world of facts, truths and non-fiction.

1. **Write a non-fiction story / article / report.** You are all invited to write a non-fiction piece on any topic that interests you. You may choose a grisly event, an historical account, an environmental report; a biography; an animal study; in fact, the list is inexhaustive. All Non-fictional texts will be compiled to make a 'Ripley's' style book of weird and wonderful facts and factual stories for the whole school to enjoy in the OLC. [Click here for a few ideas to get you started](#)
2. **OLC Fun Facts Competition:**  
[Powerpoint: Non-Fiction November](#)  
(You may need to download this file for it to run properly.)

Closing date for entries is 30th November. Please email your articles and answers to: [r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org)

### Messages from your Heads of Year

#### Mrs Metcalfe

Being thankful, even for the smallest of things, is something I feel is even more important at the moment. Whilst we may not be able to do certain things or see certain people, there is always something positive we can take from each day. I am trying to be thankful for at least something each day, no matter how small it is. Whilst writing this on a very cold morning I have already smiled today and thought "wow" at the amazing frozen spiderwebs I saw coming into work. So much so I couldn't resist taking a photograph of them. What can you be thankful for each day?

#### Mrs Bailey

It's always good to get the first week back done and dusted! I am gradually seeing a big improvement in your lining up skills - keep this up! It certainly makes the day run much more smoothly.

I have also been hearing some great things about a large number of you! Your artwork, in particular, has been a-maz-ing!

#### Mrs Brosnan

Well done on a great week year 9. Like the other heads of year, I've been thinking about the word 'gratitude' and the things that I'm thankful for. [This short video](#) (it's just 2 minutes long) is such a beautiful insight into the difference that helping others can make, both to you and to the people you

	help.
<b>Mr Wilson</b>	<p>A positive first week back after half term and I was impressed by your teachers' comments in the eight lessons that I visited last Friday. Keep up the good work. Attendance was also excellent last week 97.5% keeping us at 95.5% for the year so far. Well done to the two girls who have managed to get into the top 10 ambition points positions, giving us a better gender balance.</p> <p>Thank you to those who contributed to the poppy appeal and showed great respect for the two minutes silence in school. Well done to the bridge students who represented the school at the Stokesley War memorial and did so with an excellent attitude. Your teachers were proud of how you conducted yourselves.</p>
<b>Mr Hamer</b>	<p>Now that you are back into the routine of school life, it is time to look forward to the next few weeks and see them as a challenge rather than something to be fearful of. Remember that all of your teachers and your parents have been through exams at school, so they can truly empathise with you. As long as you stay focused and prepare sensibly you will be fine. Below are a couple of links for tips on coping with exam nerves:</p> <p><a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/globalassets/info-and-advice/school-work-and-college/school-and-college/exam-stress/beat-exam-stress.pdf">https://www.childline.org.uk/globalassets/info-and-advice/school-work-and-college/school-and-college/exam-stress/beat-exam-stress.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/exam-stress/">https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/exam-stress/</a></p>