

Larger than LIFE

Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



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



Week beginning 23rd November 2020

Edition Nine

Half Term 2: Thankful

We're still thinking about being thankful and about all of the things (however small) that we are lucky to have in our lives. This week in team LIFE, we're all about Kid President's video of [25 reasons to be thankful!](#) Give it a watch (it's just 4 minutes long) and then think about whether you could make your own version of a video using the list you made last week of things you're thankful for. If you do make

one, we'd absolutely **love** to see it.

Have a great week

Team LIFE

Word of the week

Indebted - If you are indebted to someone you owe them something. It could be money, or it could be something like a favour.

*Thank you; I am **indebted** to you for your help with my independent work last week.*

Oracy challenge

This week, like last 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

Yawning is contagious. Even thinking about yawning is enough. After reading this there is a strong chance that you will yawn!

Good news story



[This](#) relatively local story from Stockton about a little boy's kind gesture at a McDonald's Drive Thru is absolutely lovely! Have a read for yourself to see why.

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. You can access The Day from the student dashboard. Why not use this week to explore what's on offer there?

It's not just news articles on the website, there's loads of other stuff that you can do, including:

- Special features

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caption competitions ● News quizzes ● Videos of the week ● You choose the news ● Photo of the week
Events calendar	Across the world
	<p>Monday 23rd November is National Adoption Day 2020</p> <p>Wednesday 25th November is the International Day for the Eradication of Violence towards Women. Find out more here.</p> <p>Thursday 26th November is Carers Rights Day. Find out more here.</p> <p>Thursday 26th November is also Thanksgiving, a National Holiday in the USA. Find out more about its history here.</p>
Lighthouse messages	<p>Kooth is an online mental health service for children, young people and adults. In North Yorkshire, Kooth offers free online counselling and emotional well-being support for children and young people, accessible through your mobile, tablet or desktop. Kooth online mental wellbeing community offers free, safe and anonymous support. Watch the video to show you some of the things you'll find on Kooth.</p>
Spotlight on careers	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Have You Got The Edge?</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">The Edge is the professional advantage you need in the world of work to advance and succeed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Listen and watch these wise words from spoken word artist and LifeSkills Ambassador, George the Poet,, to help inspire you to get ahead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recognising your existing skills and developing new ones will not only help prepare you for the world of work but will help you stand out against the crowd when applying for jobs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Try our range of interactive tools and advice to give yourself the edge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Developing & Improving Skills to gain a Professional Edge Barclays LifeSkills</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Created with  BARCLAYS</p> </div>
News from the OLC	<p style="text-align: center;">SORA - The School's FREE Reading App.</p> <p>Just to remind you all, SORA is a reading app for ALL students at Stokesley School; if you have a school email address then you have a SORA account. Next week we will be adding more ebooks to our SORA site including books on mountain biking; popular thrillers; crime novels and this month's best</p>

selling novels according to Waterstones. If you haven't already perused the available books, now is a great time - you can even put your feet up and unwind with one of the many Audio Books too.

[Quick Guide to accessing SORA, click here](#)

Messages from your Heads of Year

Mrs Metcalfe

Ambition points are on the up in Yr 7! And remember you get an ambition point each Monday if you have had 100% attendance the week before! I know that this term can feel long due to the dark nights drawing in but that also means preparing for Christmas and enjoying the time with your family at home. I know you may [have already seen this but have a watch](#); it'll put a smile on your face and make you feel all tingly inside!

Mrs Bailey

It has been great to see our attendance figures climb! Well done! Remember you get an ambition point if you had 100% attendance the previous week! Last week you did a lot of work on anti-bullying and I have been so impressed with how sensibly you have spoken out about this. Keep this up! One thing I would like to remind you about: please bring in a reading book on Wednesdays. Don't forget!

Mrs Brosnan

I can't not put in here how incredibly proud I was of our year 9 anti-bullying ambassadors for all of the work that they put into last week's assembly and tutor time activities. Thank you to each and every one of you, and to the rest of the year group for supporting them in their venture to make our school an even more inclusive place. I'm proud of you year 9: keep it up!

Mr Wilson

Well done on another great week, with ambition points and excellent attendance. Keep it up.

Well done for the positive work last week too on anti-bullying tasks, keep up the good work!

Mr Hamer

I have been very proud of the way that you have all responded to the upcoming mocks and the effort which the majority of you are putting into lessons and working independently. As I write this, there have been a number of Year 11s sent home to self-isolate, this is something that we hoped we could avoid but alas, not to be. However, firstly I would like to thank you all for the way that you have responded to this situation and secondly want to advise you that the best way to deal with all that is going on around you is to make a difference where you can. Keep focused and keep moving onwards. [Here](#) is a link to one of my favourite poems, which I think about in challenging situations