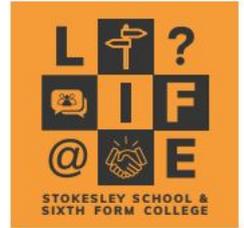


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



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Half Term 2: Thankful

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We hope that you had a nice time and enjoyed a break from the classroom and sitting at a desk all day. The theme for this half term across the school is **THANKFUL**, and we wanted to start that theme off with a massive **THANK YOU** to all of the students who completed the **LIFE** evaluation at the end of last half term. It's great to see that so many of you understand the purpose of your **LIFE** lessons, and can see how they are relevant to you and your own lives. We also found your comments and suggestions useful, and will be coming round to talk to some of you about these over the course of this half term.

Your **LIFE** lessons this half term (unless you're in year 11 and are focusing on careers) are on philosophy, morals and ethics and so you're going to be investigating some of the big questions that are important in our society and lives. Take part, join in, debate and discuss the questions you're asked in these lessons. The more you embrace it, the more you'll get out of it!

Have a great week,
Team **LIFE**

Word of the week

Gratitude - the quality of being thankful. This was the focus of one of our [LIFE lessons last half term](#), and links perfectly with this half term's theme.

Oracy challenge

To kick start this term's theme, I'd like you to set yourself the challenge of saying 'thank you' as much as you can, to as many people as you can, to put a smile on their face. They don't have to have done something right there and then that needs thanking, you could thank someone out of the blue for always being there for you, for being a good friend, for always cooking you dinner or making your packed lunch, or for something else that you appreciate.

Good Luck.

Fact of the week

"OMG" was first used in writing in 1917.

Although people might have said it before then, the popular acronym for "Oh My God" was first used in writing in a letter to [Winston Churchill](#) in 1917.

It was used by John Arbuthnot Fisher, a retired Admiral of the British Navy, who said in his letter "*I hear that a new order of Knighthood is on the tapis, O.M.G. (Oh! My God!)*".

<p>Good news story</p>	<p>We couldn't pick one this week - there were a few lovely ones on the BBC website here so thought you could follow the link and have a look for yourself!</p>
<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>This is an interesting article, which asks the question 'should we have news correspondents who just report on good news?'. What do you think?</p> <p>The American election has been in the headlines a lot over the last week or so. Read this special report on 'democracy' here.</p> <p>Love bananas? Watch this news video about the dark history of the infamous yellow fruit!</p> <p>There has been some news recently about anti-semitism which is a word you may have heard in history or philosophy and ethics lessons. Read about the roots of modern anti-semitism here.</p> <p>Is the human race splitting into two species? Could we end up with a master race? What do you think? Start by reading this article 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>11th November is Armistice Day. Although the way that this is marked will be different this year, we will still remember those who sacrificed their lives for us in school on Wednesday. Read more about this here on the website of the Royal British Legion.</p> <p>14th November is World Diabetes Day, celebrated on this date as it is the birthday of one of the two men who first conceived the idea that led to the discovery of insulin in 1921.</p>
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p>November 2020 Whole school survey</p> <p>As we are now in the second national lockdown we would like to know how you are and how this is affecting you. Please complete the google form by the end of the week that has been emailed to you. As a school we want to support you as best we can - the information you provide will be shared with your tutor, your head of year and the Ethos team.</p>
<p>Spotlight on careers</p>	<p>CHOOSE A CAREER IN SCIENCE</p>

	<p>Where can studying Chemistry take you....?</p> <p>Creating new perfumes for world famous Design Houses, experimenting with new flavours for sweets and food, being part of Top Secret Lab Teams for the Ministry of Defence - the job opportunities in the world of Chemistry are more varied than perhaps you thought at first glance. Take a look at this short video to find out more.</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Non-Fiction November</p> <p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; infact, 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.) <p>Closing date for entries is 30th November. Please email your articles and answers to: r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Good Luck!</p>
<p>Messages from your Heads of Year</p>	
<p>Mrs Metcalfe</p>	<p>Welcome back Yr 7! I hope you had a restful break during half term and are raring to go after a wonderful start! It was so nice to record the achievement assembly and hear you all getting excited watching it on the last day. Let's get even more names added to that this term! Attendance has been amazing for Yr 7, with last term being the highest across the school at 97.3%! Keep it up!</p>
<p>Mrs Bailey</p>	<p>Welcome back Y8! It has been brilliant to see you all getting on with your work as I go round your classrooms. We are in very challenging times and it has been great to see you all adjusting to yet another new normal! Your tutors and I are here to help you as you keep on keeping on! Let's all continue to Reach for those Stars!</p>
<p>Mrs Brosnan</p>	<p>It's lovely to see you all back again after a restful half term. We have started positively with 96% attendance last week. We've had an excellent start to the half term, in terms of our attitude, behaviour and respect around school. This is something I'd like you to keep at the forefront of your mind. We are still leading on ambition points across the whole school. Remember that this half term's theme is thankful. Be thankful for your friends. Be thankful for your family. Be thankful for your teachers and having the opportunity to learn everyday! You can show your thankfulness towards your teachers through respect! Well done everyone, I'm proud to be your Head of Year.</p>

Mr Wilson	Welcome back Year 10 and well done for an excellent start to the new half term. I have been delighted to see you working so hard in the lessons that I have visited so far this week. Well done to the Bridge group for their brilliant work on the Poppy display in Stokesley.
Mr Hamer	Following a restful break, we are all re-charged and ready to face the next few weeks. You have all been issued with revision packs and revision timetables to help you in the run up to the mocks. Remember: this is not a time to panic, as long as you are beginning to revise now, it will help you for the final GCSE exams. Do ask your tutors, teachers & myself for any information and advice - we are all here to help!!