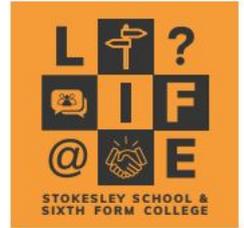


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Stokesley school's weekly LIFE bulletin



Stokesley School
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Being the best we can be



Week beginning 14th December 2020

Edition Twelve

Half Term 2: Thankful

Can you believe it's already the last week of term? I know we can't, although we won't deny that we are ready for a break and not to have to set an alarm for a couple of weeks! This week, we'd like you to think about all of the people in school who - since September - have made it possible for you to come back into a school environment safely, despite the pandemic.

You will have seen for yourself that there have been so many changes in school in order to make it safe for us all, and those things didn't just happen by magic. So, if you see them around, why not thank the **site team** for getting the building set up to be covid safe, the **cleaning staff** for keeping your classrooms and corridors clean, the **catering staff** for adapting their service across three different break and lunch times, the **admin staff** for making sure everything is ready to go and runs smoothly, the **TAs** for adapting the way that they work in lessons, the **ethos team** for supporting those of you who've struggled with the changes at points during this term, and your **teachers** for adapting their lessons to ensure that you can still make progress in these challenging times. Go on, say thank you to someone this week and we promise you that you'll make their day!

And then all that's left to be said is this: have a wonderful christmas and a lovely new year, and we'll see you back in school in January!

Team LIFE

Word of the week

Decadent - lazily enjoying luxury.

1. It was **decadent**, but she was going to buy expensive champagne to celebrate.
2. Christmas was always a **decadent** affair in their house.
3. The footballer's taste in cars was extremely **decadent**.

Oracy challenge

Did you try this last week? We'd like you to have a go again this week!

One of the things we picked up on whilst we were visiting LIFE lessons last week was just how often we all say 'like' when we're answering questions out loud in lessons. These words are called fillers, and we use them subconsciously to buy us thinking time when we're speaking. Your challenge this week is to listen to yourself speaking out loud and see whether you do this. If you do, try - wherever you can - to pause and think rather than say 'like' and see how well you get on!

Good luck! Team LIFE

Fact of the week

Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest in the Rocky Mountains worth over 1 million dollars. It still has not been found!

<p>Good news story</p>	<p>This lovely story about 'everyday heroes' caught our eye this week - sometimes it's nice to be recognised for the good that you do, even if it isn't moving mountains.</p>
<p>What do you need to know about the news?</p>	<p>We recommend that you head over to The Day via the student dashboard to see what's been going on in the news recently. There are some interesting stories from last week, including news about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Japan might be using Artificial intelligence as the answer to dropping birth rates • Whether or not breakdancing should be an olympic sport • The UK hovering on the edge of a no-deal Brexit • The start of covid vaccinations • Whether or not we should eat laboratory grown meat • Elliot Page coming out as being transgender • A row over free speech at Eton • Snow! <p>Remember that if you find reading difficult, you can always click on the  SIMPLIFIED VERSION button on each article so that you get the same news story but in language that you'll find easier to access.</p> <p>The Day has also started translating some of its articles into Mandarin, which we think is pretty cool!</p>
<p>Lighthouse messages</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Looking after your mental health at Christmas</u></p> <p>Among all the fun and festivities, Christmas can be an overwhelming time. Find some advice at Young Minds on how to look after your mental health over the holidays.</p>
<p>Spotlight on careers</p>	<p><u>Creative Careers</u></p> <p>If you thrive on being Creative - you could make a career out of your hobbies, ... be inspired by this short video on Careers in the Creative Industries and explore some job roles in more detail here LIST OF CREATIVE CAREERS</p> <p>A little Christmas Craft for you - Make your own Christmas Wreath</p>
<p>News from the OLC</p>	<p>THE BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ - A Prize Competition.</p> <p>Here it is, the last - and probably best - quiz of the year. Packed full of trivia, fun facts and dingbats all related to Christmas. Please submit your entries no later than Wednesday 16th December to r.roberts@stokesleyschool.org.</p> <p>Good Luck and Happy Christmas!</p> <p>THE BIG OLC CHRISTMAS QUIZ</p> <p><i>Please click on 'Present' after downloading to view video clips and gifs.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>Merry Christmas</p> </div> <p>Miss Roberts</p>

<p>Mrs Metcalfe</p>	<p>Well Yr 7 you have made it to the last week and a whole term at Stokesley School! I know I've said this before but I'll say it again: well done for an amazing start, especially after this strange year we have had. I hope you are all looking forward to both an exciting and restful Christmas holiday with your family. I certainly am and can not wait for hot chocolates and mince pies in my Christmas pjs. And don't forget the kindness advent calendar which has been shared with you. I have been trying to do it each day and it really does make me feel good. Remember to leave a mince pie out for Father Christmas! See you all in 2020!</p>
<p>Mrs Bailey</p>	<p>This first term is nearly over! The dark mornings and nights will soon be getting lighter and we will all start to feel the benefit of longer days! You have produced some amazing work and, as a year group, have the highest number of Ambition Points in the whole school! Well done! I would like to give a shout out to all the Y8 Student Leaders who have done an amazing job manning Y8 Student Services every morning, keeping you all stocked up with equipment. And lastly, but definitely not leastly, a massive thank you to all your tutors who do an amazing job keeping you all on the straight and narrow! You are a brilliant bunch! I have really enjoyed getting to know you all a bit better, I promise that I will know ALL of your names by Easter! That's my challenge - what will yours be for the next term? Ho Ho Ho!! Merry Christmas Everyone!!</p>
<p>Mrs Brosnan</p>	<p>The final week is upon us! What a term this has been. I was impressed by the number of students in Christmas Jumpers last Friday: well done and a big thank you to each and everyone of you that donated money to save the children charity. I am in awe of how generous everyone has been and that really encompasses our half term value of "thankful". So please make sure that you thank your teachers for their hard work this week and wish them a Merry Christmas. Thank your parent/carers for all that they do for you, even better - make them a cup of tea to show them how much they are appreciated. Thank your friends and peers for their support and friendship and lastly thank yourself for being part of this great year group! Merry Christmas, have a restful break and I will see you all in the New Year!</p>
<p>Mr Wilson</p>	<p>The first term of the year is over, well done for making such a good start to your GCSEs. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Congratulations to our budding Artists in the year group who have had school, area, regional and national success.</p> <p>I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday after the crazy year we have all had and can share it with all of your family and friends.</p> <p>Take care & stay safe. Merry Christmas</p>
<p>Mr Hamer</p>	<p>Wow!! What a term that was! I would just like to thank you all for dealing with all the obstacles which have been placed in your way this year. You have had to prove yourselves resilient and flexible in your approach in order to reach the end of your mocks with success. It is important that you take the time to enjoy whatever Christmas festivities that you are able to take part in and relax with your families over this period. The longest term is behind us, so we will be ready to face whatever is thrown at us during the time left at school.</p> <p>I would also like to thank you for the Christmas food bank donations this year, the most that we have ever had, which is remarkable considering the fact that many of you have been isolated and then returned to mock exams.</p>



You are a wonderful group of young people and it is my pleasure to work with you all. [Have a lovely Christmas.](#)