



COVID 19 Update

Thankfully, our collective adherence to the lockdown restrictions has resulted in a fall in the infection rate and, most critically, mitigated loss of life. Easing of lockdown restrictions are, tentatively, allowing many of us to gain that interaction with others that we have been craving but we must continue to stay safe and keep our 2 metre distance.

At present the plan is for your year group to continue with your home learning. Please make sure that you keep in contact with your tutor regularly, especially if you are having any issues concerning your work. Don't forget to use the following email

Year7support@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Home Learning

YOUR NEXT SUBMISSION DATE IS WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE

Please email your teachers, your tutor, Miss Brown or Mrs Shore if you need any extra support. It is so important that you have a timetable to help you to organise your work each week. Don't forget to have mini breaks throughout the day too.

Kite Booklet Year 8 answers

1. English: The Carnegie Award was set up in 1936 and was judged by a team of librarians. The winner receives a golden medal and £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice.
2. Maths: To expand a bracket, multiply each term in the bracket by the expression outside the bracket.
3. Science: The organs of the digestive system are mouth, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, anus, liver, pancreas, gall bladder and small intestine.
4. Design Technology: A risk assessment is identifying and analysing potential events that may be dangerous.
5. Geography: Erosion is the wearing away and removal of rock, soil etc by rivers, sea, ice and wind.

Kite Booklet questions

1. English: "A detailed examination of the elements or structure of something describes what type of writing?"
2. Maths: Work out $£125.99 + £135.99$
3. Science: What happens to an object if the forces on it are not balanced?
4. Languages: Translate 'I have' into French or Spanish.
5. RE: What religion were Jesus and his followers originally?



HOW TO MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL WELLBEING DURING ISOLATION

WELLBEING IS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPERIENCE GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND HIGH LIFE SATISFACTION, INCLUDING MANAGING YOUR STRESS. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FIND THE RIGHT STRATEGIES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN YOUR WELLBEING. OFTEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL METHODS ARE UNIQUE TO YOU AND ONES THAT CAN BE CONSISTENTLY APPLIED LIFE FOR INSTANCE, EVERY WEEK.

TOP TIPS FOR ALL

MINDSET & THOUGHTS

SOMETIMES, WE CAN ONLY SEE THE PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES. TRY TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS EVERY DAY TO REFLECT, PERHAPS THROUGH WRITING IN A JOURNAL OR SPENDING FIVE MINUTES IN THE MORNING TO NOTICE SOMETHING WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR AND FEEL POSITIVE ABOUT.



KEEP PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

STUDIES SHOW THAT THERE IS APPROXIMATELY A 20-30% LOWER RISK OF DEPRESSION FOR ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. TRY TO GO FOR A WALK DURING THE WEEK OR JOIN A CLASS OR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP. MANY PEOPLE FIND THAT JUST THE CONNECTION WITH THE OUTDOORS HELPS TO 'RESET' THEIR MIND AND WELLBEING FOR THE DAY.



POSITIVE THOUGHTS

WHEN YOUR THOUGHTS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY NEGATIVE, WE CAN FIND IT HARD TO FIND HEADSPACE TO THINK POSITIVELY. TRY THIS... IMAGINE YOU ARE SAT ON TOP OF A HILL AND YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN AT A TRAIN TRACK BELOW WHERE TRAINS ARE COMING AND GOING. NOW IMAGINE THE TRAINS ARE YOUR THOUGHTS. WATCH THEM COME AND GO, BUT DON'T GET ON THE TRAIN. JUST WATCH THE THOUGHTS COME AND GO IN YOUR MIND WITHOUT ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THE NEGATIVE ONES DOWN AN UNHELPFUL/NEGATIVE TRACK JUST WATCH IT PASS!



GOOD QUALITY SLEEP ZZZZZ

IF YOUR MIND FEELS FULL UP OR YOUR EMOTIONS ARE OVERWHELMING, YOU WILL FIND IT HARD TO ENJOY A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. THERE ARE LOTS OF FREE MEDITATION AND SOOTHING SOUND VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE (WAVES, RAIN, CALMING MUSIC), OR FIND A PODCAST WHICH IS FUNNY OR HUMOROUS. WRITE YOUR THOUGHTS DOWN ON A PAD OR CREATE A 'TO DO' LIST, THEN PUT THE PAD OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL THE MORNING. DEEP BREATHING FOR AT LEAST 3 MINUTES CAN ALSO HELP. IN SLOWLY THROUGH YOUR NOSE AND OUT SLOWLY THROUGH YOUR MOUTH.

EAT WELL



A 2004 STUDY FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF WELLBEING WERE REPORTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ATE MORE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. THE KEY TO BALANCING EATING WELL WITH BUSY FAMILY LIFE IS TO PLAN AHEAD. IF YOU CAN PLAN WEEKDAY MEALS AND BUY THE INGREDIENTS AHEAD OF TIME THIS REDUCES THE NUMBER OF 'LAST MINUTE' UNHEALTHY MEALS.

ACCEPTING HELP



WE MUST BE ABLE TO LEAN ON OTHERS WHEN NECESSARY. IT IS UNREASONABLE FOR US TO ASSUME WE WILL NEVER NEED HELP THROUGHOUT OUR LIFE. THIS MEANS ACCEPTING HELP WHICH MAY BE VOLUNTEERED OR ASKING WHEN THE NEED ARISES. THE HELP COULD BE THROUGH A FRIEND, RELATIVE OR SERVICE YOU TRUST, INCLUDING NATIONAL HELPLINES.

DOING GOOD DOES YOU GOOD

THERE IS A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WELLBEING AND COMPASSION. DOING GOOD CAN HELP LOWER STRESS LEVELS AND IMPROVE YOUR WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH. HOWEVER, THIS CAN ALSO WORK THE OTHER WAY AND YOU SHOULD ALWAYS ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT HELPING OTHERS AT THE COST OF YOUR OWN WELLBEING.



STAYING CONNECTED

HIGHER RATES OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY, ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION. OFTEN SOCIALISING WITH OTHERS CAN FEEL LIKE A LOT OF EFFORT IN THE EVENING WHEN WE'RE TIRED. HOWEVER, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS TO OTHERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON MAINTAINING GOOD WELLBEING. USING VIDEO CALLS, LIVE STREAMING OR 'FACE TIMING' IS A GREAT WAY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY IF YOU'RE FEELING ISOLATED. IF YOU PREFER CALLING, PICK UP THE PHONE FOR A CHAT. MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS HELPS TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR CHILDREN, AS THEY NOTICE AND IMITATE THE BEHAVIOUR AND EMOTIONS OF THOSE AROUND THEM.



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MEET OUR EXPERT

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FOR FURTHER INFO, CHECK OUT THESE ONLINE RESOURCES:

- <https://www.nhs.uk>
- <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>
- <https://www.livingsd.org.uk>
- <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>

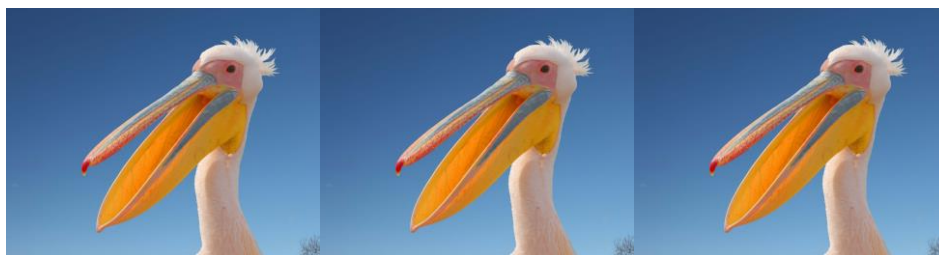
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Competition

This week I am going to give you a selection of questions that I would like you to try and answer. Don't worry I will share the correct answers with you next week ☺

1. How much does the Sahara desert expand by each month?
2. How many kilos of water and fish can a pelican hold in its pouch?
3. How long does it take for sunlight to reach Earth?
4. How long can a whale swim without eating?



YEAR 8 SURVEY

Please could you take the time to complete the following [survey](#). We really want to hear from you and we would like you all to answer the survey honestly. The purpose of the survey is to help us identify anything that might be a concern for you now so we can put things in place to support you leading up to September.