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Remember to complete your mood tracker!

MINDFUL MOMENTS

Brilliant things happen in calm minds. Be calm. You're brilliant.

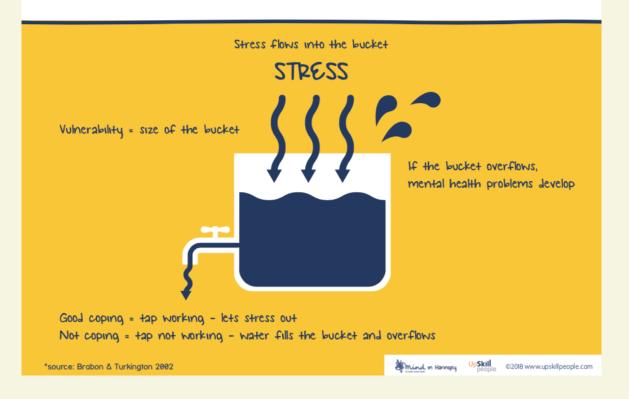


WEEK 1

Stress bucket



How to mange stress - stress bucket model



Remember that stress is a NORMAL part of life

We all suffer from stress!

Remember that we all feel stress differently, and different things will cause different stress... what might cause ME stress, won't cause YOU stress, and vice versa!



What goes into your stress bucket?

What helps you empty your stress bucket?



Give the mind the time it needs to unfold, unwind, and let go.



WEEK 2

Coping strategies

Following on from last week's stress bucket exercise, let's think of some coping strategies to cope with stress and low mood.





Coping clouds display: produce a small display in tutor room full of ideas to help cope with anxiety and low mood





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"No matter how fast life is moving around us, there is always a place of stillness inside."

WEEK 3

Daily routine

DAILY ROUTINE

It is natural to have feelings of helplessness and uncertainty, especially at a time when things are constantly changing.

This makes it even more important to feel like what we say or do matters, and that our actions make a difference.

Self-efficiency is the belief that we can make a difference and have strengths we can draw on in times of challenge. By taking care of yourself, you are able to cope better with stress or other feelings that you may experience. A simple way to start doing this is by thinking about activities we can do every day that make our mind and body feel calm and happy.

It's so important we fill our lives with things we love! Here's a space to think about what lunch time and after school clubs you could get involved with to balance out your school work.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time club					
A.C. 1 1					
After school					

Complete your own daily routine

Remember to factor in time to get your school work done, but to also spend time with family and friends and partake in some hobbies that make you happy

Extra: what does a good morning routine look like for you? What about a night time routine?

FROM MY MEDITATION TODAY

Meditation isn't about getting rid of your thoughts. It's about learning how to be at ease with them.

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WEEK 4

Mindfulness

MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is all about being really aware of ourselves, what we see, hear, taste, smell, etc.

It's a skill that helps us cope with big emotions and challenging experiences and, just like a muscle, it's something we can all build with practice.

8 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF MINDFULNESS

The ancient roots of mindfulness can be traced back to Hindu yoga disciplines in India.

500s BCE

Mindfulness is embedded in the Buddha's teachings in Northeast India and continues to spread across Asia for centuries.

1880s

Thomas William Rhys Davids, a British scholar and magistrate in what is now Sri Lanka, roughly translates the Pali word sati into English as mindfulness.

1960s-1970s

Asian spiritual traditions and disciplines gain popularity in the U.S. as air travel accelerates immigration and cultural cross-pollination.

Vietnamese Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, publishes The Miracle of Mindfulness: An Introduction to the Practice of Meditation, an attainable guide to mindfulness methods.

Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy is developed, fusing mindfulness practices with cognitive therapy to treat mood disorders (with a MBCT manual published in 2002).

A rapidly growing volume of scientific research and 2000s institutional adoption of mindfulness practices validate its efficacy and increase its popularity.

Mindfulness holds massive mainstream appeal across medicine, psychology, and general wellness spaces, particularly in North America.



Anxiety Busting!

The next time your mind is stuck on anxiety and worry, try the following simple exercise!

Look around you and notice:



5 things you can see: Your hands, the sky, a plant.



4 things you can <u>feel</u>: Feet on the ground, the chair.



3 things you can <u>hear</u>: Birds chirping, your breath.



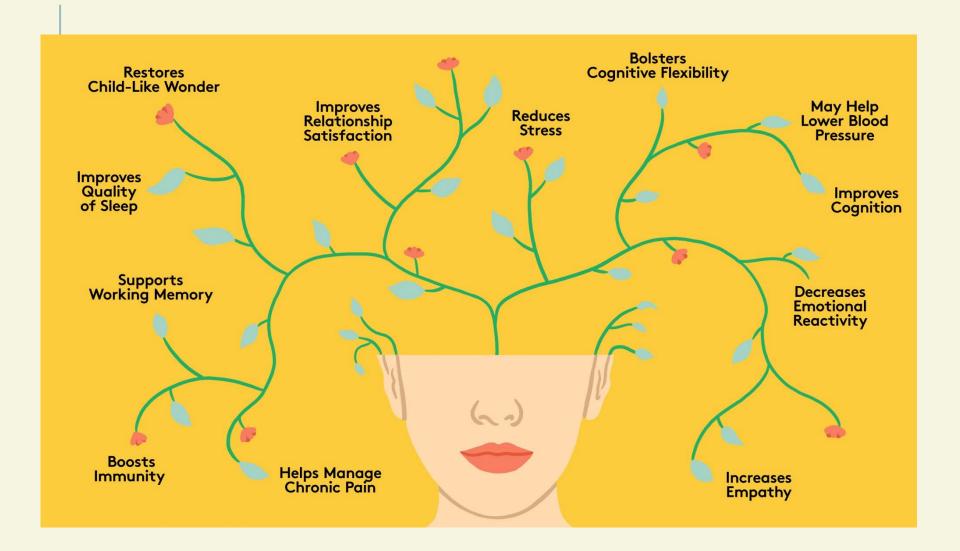
2 things you can <u>smell</u>: Coffee, your lunch, clothes.

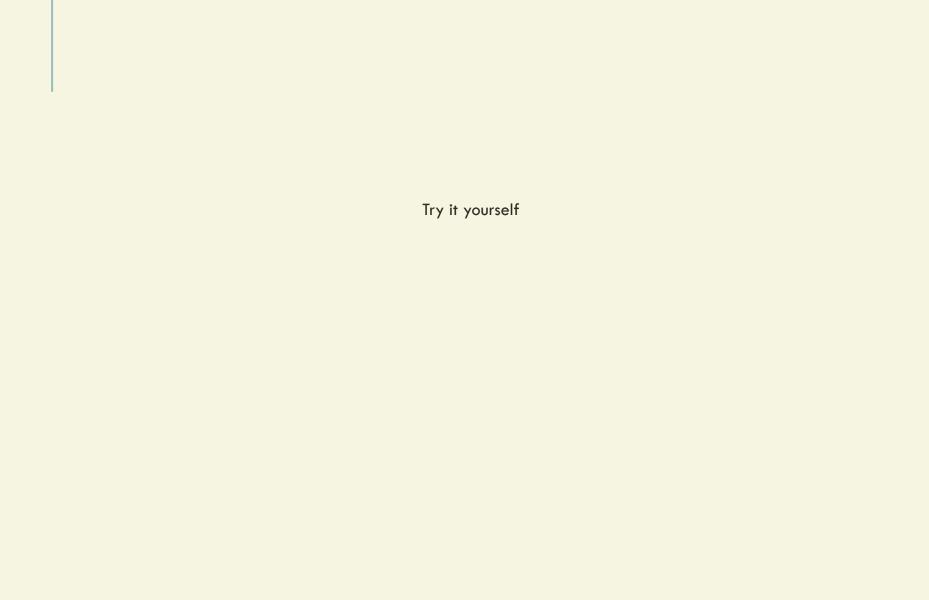


1 thing you can <u>taste:</u> A mint, gum, the fresh air.

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"Be present,
be patient, be
gentle, be kind.
Everything else will
take care of itself."

- ANON



WEEK 5

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness pledge!

5 things you will do to be **KIND** this week



CELEBRATE THE GOOD.

make kindness the norm.

GIVE RESPECT. RECEIVE RESPECT.

make kindness the norm.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS AWARD

This award honors

for making kindness the norm.

Authorized Signature

Date

make kindness the norm.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

















make kindness the norm.

SAY ONLY POSITIVE THINGS TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF LOVE YOURSELF DON'T COMPLAIN FOR 24 HOURS TAKE A DEEP BREATH REMAIN TRUE OFFER TO HELP TO YOUR WORD SOMEONE IN NEED ASK A COWORKER HOW THEY ARE DOING (AND REALLY LISTEN TO THEIR ANSWER) STAND UP FOR A COLLEAGUE SHARE SOME THE LIST 5 OF YOUR BE ASSUME THE BEST TREAT FOLLOW A 10-MINUTE IN EVERYONE STRETCHING ROUTINE SHOW ENTHUSIASM ABOUT WHAT YOU DO GIVE SOMEONE YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OWN UP TO A PESTAKE TAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE ELSE'S IDEAS RELAY AN OVERHEARD RESPOND TO EMAILS IN A TIMELY FASHION ITIVE INTENTIONS INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO SOMEONE NEW AT THE OFFICE EXPLORE A NEW CUSTOMER PICK UP PLACE FOR LUNCH ABIG SMILE LITTER COMPLETE A TASK YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF E INCLUSIVE O

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

CREATIVITY

Regardless of whether we consider our *creative talent* to be great or small, as long as it might benefit others, it deserves to go beyond the realm of thought.

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WEEK 6

Creativity

MEDITATIVE COLOURING

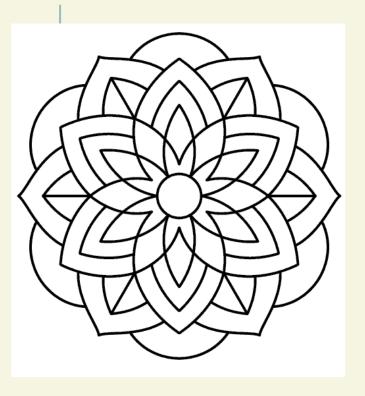
A mandala is a spiritual symbol in Buddhism and Hinduism. It is a symbolic representation of the universe with an inner and outer world.

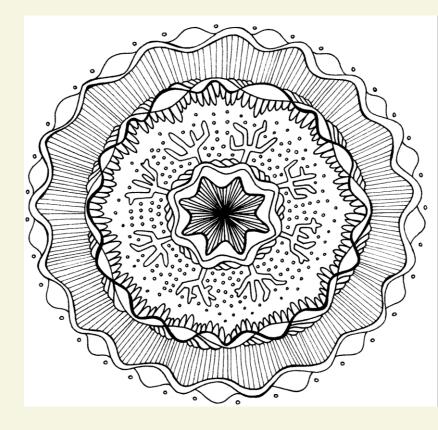
The world mandala comes from Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language. Mandala literally means 'circle'.

Mandalas are usually circular geometric patterns.

Some people find the drawing and colouring of a mandala as a form of meditation.

As you focus on colouring in the patterns of the form, you relax and your mind grows quiet and you may enter a spiritual space.





FROM MY MEDITATION TODAY There's always a chance of clouds, but the idea of the blue sky will help things feel a little bit lighter.

WEEK 7

Food and mood and exercise



HOW CAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HELP MY MENTAL HEALTH?

Better sleep- making you feel more tired at the end of the day

Happier moods- exercise releases feel-good hormones that make you feel better in yourself and give you more energy

Managing stress and anxiety- doing something physical releases cortisol which helps manage stress. Being physically active also gives your brain something to focus on and can be a positive coping strategy for difficult times

Better self esteem- being more active can make you feel better about yourself as you improve and meet your goals

Reducing the risk of depression- studies have shown that doing regular physical activity can reduce the likelihood of experiencing depression

Connecting with people- doing group or team activities can help you meet new and likeminded people, and make new friends

Everything changes, nothing stays the same. This can feel overwhelming, but the direct experience of this truth is what sets us free.

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WEEK 8

Achievements



WEEK 9

Blank week for students/ tutor to choose from the 8 weeks of HH