



# Head's Weekly Newsletter

## Week 27



### Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter!

I thank every staff member and congratulate every student today – you have all worked extremely hard on making it a superb learning week and the results are truly showing. I invite you all to reflect on the lovely stories and photos celebrating your successes in today's newsletter.

I do wish to remind all of our students of the need to maintain adherence to our school uniform norms. I was a little concerned to see relaxation of the students' dress code in the past few days and so I ask all families to ensure that students arrive at school in formal school uniform specific to their key stage allocation. Footwear is a part of the uniform and so, I ask that this is reviewed at home over the coming days, with a request for compliance. Thank you! If any family requires support with the second-hand uniform items, we have plenty of those on sale at a very attractive £1 per item price – please contact [reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk) for assistance and we will be delighted to help.

With only two weeks to go before the Easter holidays, I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that the last day of term on 8 April 2022 is a shorter day, with the school closing at 1pm for all of our students.

For now, I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful weekend!

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher

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# Key Diary Dates

## Key Diary Dates for Week 28

The Key Dates for Week 28	
w/b 28 March 2022	World Autism Acceptance Week
w/b 28 March 2022	Family Consultation Week
30 March 2022	KS4-5 Travel Training
30 March 2022	Family Information Session: Benefit and Grants Help and Support – 10am-12.15pm on Zoom
30 March 2022	Family Information Session: Year 9 Accredited Learning – 12.15-1.15pm on Zoom
31 March 2022	Deadline for Leavers Destinations (Year 11-14)
31 March 2022	HPV and COVID vaccinations for Year 8-10 students whose families have provided consent
1 April 2022	Drumming Sessions
2 April 2022	World Autism Day

## Key Diary Dates for the Rest of the Term

6 April 2022	Easter Events – Primary Department Easter Bonnet Parade; Secondary Department Easter Egg Art Competition; Easter Egg Hunt
6 April 2022	KS4-5 Travel Training
7 April 2022	Drumming Sessions
8 April 2022	School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays



**Students' school day**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

## Current term

<b>Term 4</b>
28 February 2022 – students return
<b>Ends: 8 April 2022 at 1pm (early finish)</b>
Easter break: 11-22 April 2022

## School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2021-22 (current academic year) – [Term dates 2021-22](#)

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)

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# Students of the Week

## Students of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
<b>Early Years and Key Stage 1</b>		
Ireland	Troy	For learning how to use his new communication app on his iPad.
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Portugal	Georgie	For completing all of his Maths work and for trying his best to work really hard.
France	Ben	For always trying his best, being a kind friend and making us all smile.
Spain	Jamie	For excellent participation in English looking at poetry, identifying the repeated rhyming words and great ability jumping in time with the rhymes.
Italy	Lucas	For being kind and making everyone in Italy Class their own personalised placemat for snack time.
Peru	Maxi	For always reading for pleasure with his friends and class team.
<b>Key Stage 3</b>		
Mozambique	Sam	For working really hard in all subjects especially PE. Well done Sam!
Madagascar	Olivia	For trying really hard in Maths and asking for help when needed. Well Done!
USA	Jamie	For being confident sharing his thoughts and opinions on many topics.
Brazil	Rebecca	For never giving up and always trying her best.
Kenya	Charlie	For showing great resilience when building his bridge.
Cape Verde	Ethan	For going above and beyond in all aspects of work.
Seychelles	Ciaran	For doing great at swimming and following instructions.
Botswana	Ellis	For collaboratively writing an incredible rap about Mr Higgins.
<b>Key Stage 4</b>		
Australia	Alex	For a determination to complete all tasks and a consistent positive attitude towards peers and staff.
Samoa	Shasih	For being so positive all week, being kind to all of his friends and making everyone around him smile.
New Zealand	Jack	For having a brilliant week and having a great attitude towards school.
Papua New Guinea	Jacob	For showing a positive attitude towards Maths and supporting his peers on questions they struggle on.
<b>Key Stage 5</b>		
Malawi	Henry	For showing a strong work ethic in reading and comprehending Ratburger by David Walliams and following strategies to calm himself down after a stressful last week.
Christmas Island	Elliot	For being positive and supporting students in class.
Fiji	Joe	For being very respectful to staff and pupils.
<b>Nurture Provision</b>		
Wales	Charlie	For wonderful singing and dancing!
Canada	Jay Jay	For showing resilience.
Tasmania	Francis	For improved attendance in school.

# Next Week's Menu

## Next Week's Menu



## Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 28/03/22

Week 5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Vegetable Stir Fry served with Egg Noodles and Stir Fry Vegetables	Homemade Chicken Pie with Mash Potato and Green Beans	All Day Breakfast with Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms, Tomatoes	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese served with Crusty Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
<b>Alternative</b> Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Tomato Pasta	Veggie spring Rolls with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Salad	Cheese and Tomato Toasties	Macaroni Cheese and Peas	Veggie Sausage Roll
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chefs Choice	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice
<b>Starchy Food</b> Various bread choices available	Noodles	Mash Potato	Wholemeal Toast	Spaghetti	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b> Salad Bar with Hummus	Carrots	Peas	Mushrooms	Tomatoes	Mushy Peas
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake  Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream  Fresh Fruit	Sponge Cake with Custard  Yoghurts	Homemade Cookies  Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers  Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

### Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

# Class News

## Early Years and Key Stage 1

<p>Ireland Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Hattersley</p>	<p>Ireland Class have enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of a flower. They have painted daffodils and flowers and also labelled parts of a flower. The boys planted seeds and have been watering them each day.</p> <p>Ireland class have enjoyed learning the new rhyme of the week "Old McDonald" and reading our story of the week "The Tiny Seed".</p> <p>The boys have enjoyed going to the play park on site while the sun has been shining! They love to play hide and seek there and use the basket swing.</p>
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## Key Stage 2

Portugal Class  Teacher: Miss Gibney	Portugal have had a fantastic week. We have been looking at the story Handa's Surprise. The students made a story map so that they could tell the story. We have also been doing lots of practical activities in Maths continuing to learn about money. Not only is this a Maths skill, it is also an important life skill. On Thursday we had an amazing day out at Speke Hall. The students planted their own trees and had lots of fun in the sunshine. Well done Portugal. Have a lovely weekend.
France Class  Teacher: Miss Last	What a fantastic week France Class have had. We have been working really hard in all of our lessons and been learning some wonderful things. On Thursday we enjoyed a lovely trip to Speke Hall where we planted some trees and enjoyed spending some time outside in their beautiful grounds. France Class have really concentrated on our reading and phonics this week during our morning routine and enjoyed a trip to our school library. The weather has been beautiful this week so it has us feeling fantastic and looking forward to sunnier days to come.
Spain Class  Teacher: Miss Ledward	Spain Class have had a lovely week measuring things in centimetres using a ruler. We have enjoyed the lovely sunshine doing dodgeball in P.E and other activities outside, like rhyming words in English, and sensory activities, including water trays, sand trays and the small world area set up in our small garden space. We've enjoyed playing instruments in Music and explored through lots of sensory and play activities, what animals belong in the reptile category and had a wonderful school trip to Speke Hall.
Italy Class  Teacher: Mrs Cooney	This week Italy Class have enjoyed hearing the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. On Wednesday they followed instructions and planted their very own beans and now we are waiting in anticipation for them to grow. The children have loved spending time in the sunshine in our outdoor space. The new spray water bottles were a hit with pupils mark-making sounds from their Phonics lessons on the ground, working their muscles washing the windows and watering their plants of course! On Thursday we had a fantastic day out at Speke Hall and Gardens, where we toured the estate and put our gardening skills to good use by helping to plant some new trees. We had great fun playing on the Adventure Playground too! This week the pupils have been busily preparing for their class assembly as well and they got to share it with other classes from their Key Stage in this morning's assembly. Well done Italy Class!
Peru Class  Teacher: Miss Laird	This week in Peru Class we have been creating our own 'How to cook...' recipes by working together to write a class recipe called Peru-Balls and Worms. Peru Class really enjoyed thinking of funny ingredients. Peru Class also had the opportunity to go and visit Speke Hall, where we were able to plant our own trees. Well done Peru on working so hard this week!

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## Key Stage 3

Mozambique Class Teacher: Mr Hodgson	Mozambique Class have had a great week. In Design Technology we made our own truss bridge constructions using traditional structures e.g the warren truss. Students will test these out next lesson and see how strong they are. In Music we learnt how to play the glockenspiel and follow the rhythm to a song. In Physical Education we continued working on our long distance running and introduced relay races. Have a lovely weekend!
Madagascar Class Teacher: Miss Jennings	This week in Madagascar Class, we have learnt about the reproduction of plants and learning the different parts of a plant. In PE we continued to practice our badminton skills. In Maths we have continued to convert units, such as metres to kilometres, and measured different lengths using a ruler. We have enjoyed our group reading of play scripts and independent reading of our chosen books. In Life Skills we have learnt about what makes a good team, and worked together as a team to complete LEGO challenges. We are also looking forward to starting our swimming sessions next week. We hope you have a lovely weekend!
USA Class Teacher: Mrs Suku	USA Class have had a great week! During DT, USA class built bridges using different materials such as marshmallows, spaghetti, pasta, Lego and lollipop sticks. For English, we all wrote poems about chocolate and what chocolate tastes and smells like using similes and descriptive language. On Wednesday, we had our MVP mentors visit our class and talk about violence and how males and females are depicted in society through films and media. USA Class had brilliant ideas and enjoyed the lesson. They have all worked very hard and learnt a lot during this week. Well done everyone and have a nice weekend!
Brazil Class Teacher: Mrs Rodway	Brazil Class have been working hard this week. In English we have been reading a diary written by Samuel Pepys during the Great Fire of London. In Maths we have continued looking at the capacity and volume of liquids. We looked at the life cycle of a frog in Science and in RE we talked about being positive and negative and how this is incorporated into the way of life of a Buddhist. Well done Brazil Class!
Kenya Class Teacher: Miss McClintock	This week Kenya Class have been taking part in our second week of swimming lessons each morning. In Life Skills we celebrated Neurodiversity Week by researching different celebrities who are neuro-diverse. In Design Technology we focused on famous suspension bridges and made some of our own using natural materials in the forest school. In Geography, we continued our work on maps. We used the internet and road maps to spot different features on the maps in our local area.
Cape Verde Class Teacher: Mr Hatton	This week Cape Verde Class have continued their work on fractions focusing on equivalent fractions. We have introduced Train your Brain in the morning which helps us wake up our brains. This week we have been completing multiplication sums. In English we are still reading Goodnight Mr Tom and have created a piece of descriptive writing based on the characters Tom and William. In DT we worked together as a class team collectively to build our own bridge out of different materials. We all took a guess about how many cars our bridge would hold. Students have also focused on the reproduction of animals in Science, focusing on internal (grown inside the

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	<p>body) and external (hatched from an egg). Throughout our busy week we have also implemented handwriting. Students have worked really hard this week. Have a lovely weekend and a quick reminder that we are going swimming on Tuesday 29 March!</p>
<p>Seychelles Class Teacher: Miss Joyce</p>	<p>This week in Seychelles Class the students have enjoyed our swimming lessons at Halewood. They have been very sensible and followed instructions well. We explored Neurodiversity Week and learnt about all the ways people can be different. The students worked really hard on posters, PowerPoints, information sheets and some of the students interviewed each other.</p> <p>Some of our KS4 and KS5 students came into class following their MVP course to work with our students on breaking through barriers and stereotypes and looked at students working together.</p>
<p>Botswana Class Teacher: Miss Caveney</p>	<p>This week in Botswana we have had a great time learning about different environments in our science lesson, discussing how to collaborate and compromise in our Life Skills lesson and have continued to work on our fitness levels, running cross country in PE. We have been enjoying the brilliant weather, having most of our English lessons out in the sunshine. The students have also been recreating scenes from Goodnight Mr Tom using sticks and leaves.</p>



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## Key Stage 4

<p>Australia Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Lyons</p>	<p>Australia Class have had another fantastic week! Our class have been working really hard building our knowledge across all subjects. In Maths we have been learning how to work out the surface area and volume of various 3D shapes. In English we have been focusing on analysing two different extracts to examine what the writer means and how various writing methods that they have used can show us how they are feeling and what message they are trying to convey to the reader. During Project we have had the exciting opportunity to build our own paper rollercoasters! It was so much fun but we think we might use card next time to allow our rollercoasters to have a more stable structure! We have also had the pleasure of learning how to create 'terrific tuna tarts' during Food Technology this week. The class experimented with new flavours and ingredients to create a dish that was extremely yummy and fun to make. Thank you for all your hard work Australia! We appreciate every single one of you and your dedication to learning. We can't wait to see you next week after a very well deserved break.</p>
<p>Samoa Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Gibney</p>	<p>Samoa Class have been working extremely hard this week! We have been studying 3D shapes and their nets in Maths. We created our own 3D shapes and in pairs discussed their vertices, edges and faces. In English this week, we have been learning about 'The Ballad of Reading Gaol' by Oscar Wilde. We have particularly enjoyed reading this extract, as we were learning about prisons in the 19th century and comparing them to modern prisons. In Project this week, we have designed and built our own rollercoaster, using materials we had accessible in school! We teamed up to design our rollercoaster using classroom materials. We had to follow the rules of the class game which got us thinking about speed, velocity and distance! In Science we are continuing and developing our learning from Project. We are discussing the moment of turning force and gravity. We have got some fun experiments coming up next week when we will be building our own rocket! In Food Technology this week, we are making terrific tuna tarts! Miss. Gibney is so impressed by not only the learning taking place this week, but the students' enthusiasm and passion towards it.</p>
<p>New Zealand Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss McKenna</p>	<p>This week New Zealand Class have had a brilliant week. In Maths, we have started a new topic which is 2D and 3D shapes. This week we have focused on prisms, where we have used a number of resources to support our learning. In English we have been looking at and creating our own persuasive writing. We also made tuna tarts in Food Technology this week. Great week this week New Zealand!! Well done!</p>
<p>Papua New Guinea Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Wong</p>	<p>This week in PNG, we have been looking at creative writing and how to develop a crime story in English. We started planning our story by establishing a crime and a villain of the story. We described the details of the setting and gave our hero a backstory. Some students have written a few chapters of their stories already. It was enthralling reading these very creative stories. In Maths, we have been studying the order of operations and how this rule can be applied to both arithmetic and algebra. It was</p>

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interesting to find out that our answers could be different when we don't follow BIDMAS.

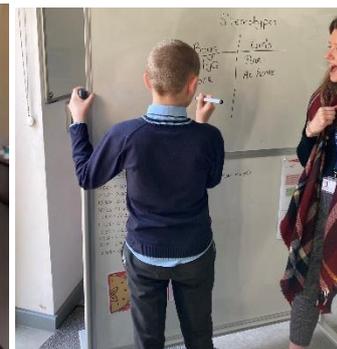
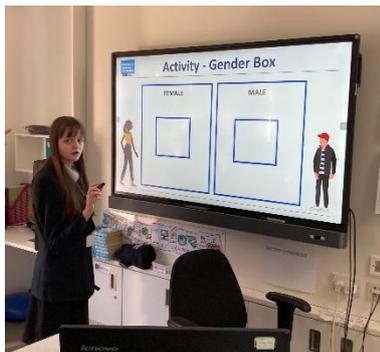
We are sad to be saying to goodbye to Mrs Jones this week who has made the decision of a career change from working in the education sector. She has worked in Abbot's Lea School for 11 years and some of the students here in KS4 have known her since they were in primary school. We wish her the very best for her new adventure!



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## Key Stage 5

Malawi Class Teacher: Mr Mason	Malawi made some excellent cookies in Food Technology and showed good problem solving skills as we put the cookies in the oven without flour but saved it! The class also have been working hard on GL Assessments and workout circuits in PE.
Christmas Island Class Teacher: Mr Griffiths	Christmas Island have been practicing shapes this week and learning about homophones, working within groups and also independently. During Food Technology we made cookies and enjoyed them at lunchtime. For Life Skills we have been looking at our own personal qualities for applications for college, internships and jobs, individually and also supporting each other.
Fiji Class Teacher: Miss Ham	This week Fiji Class has been using positional vocabulary and went outside to hunt QR codes in Maths. We also made some chocolate cookies in Food Technology. We have also enjoyed the nice weather and continued with our class reader on the field. Have a great weekend Fiji Class!



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## Nurture Provision

<p>Wales Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Leyland</p>	<p>It's Spring! In Wales Class we have been creating acrostic poems using lots of describing words. We have also celebrated the Holi festival, designing self-portraits using lots of colour! In Maths, the boys are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and making patterns, they have been working super hard! Our book of the week is called The Little Red Kite. We have been discussing the zones of regulation and what it feels like to be in the different zones. Alongside this, we have made our very own little red kites and got to play outside in the sun with them. Lastly, Wales Class have been talking about how special their mums are for Mother's Day. We have been getting creative designing gifts to show our appreciation. Wales Class have had a brilliant week!</p>
<p>Canada Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Roach</p>	<p>It has been a good week of learning for Canada Class. We have enjoyed our theme of 'Stories from other cultures' looking at the story 'The No 1 Car Spotter' and completing activities based around its characters and settings. Students have also enjoyed taken part in outdoor learning such as completing physical education and art activities. Well done Canada Class!</p>
<p>Tasmania Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Terry</p>	<p>The students have had another excellent week in school and have enjoyed learning about World Oral Health Day, World Maths Day and the Hindu festival of Holi.</p>



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## Coffee Mornings and Open Assemblies

We are excited to launch our Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings for families in Term 5.

These will take place on Friday mornings each week, with the expectation of the final Friday of each term. The timings of the Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings are as follows:

- KS4, KS5 and Tasmania Open Assembly - 9.15am – 9.35am
- EYFS, KS1, KS2 and Wales Open Assembly – 9.40am – 10.00am
- KS3 and Canada Open Assembly – 10.05am - 10.35am
- Coffee Mornings – 9.30am-11.00am

We hope that as many of you as possible will attend on Friday mornings when your availability allows. We would ask you to arrive no earlier than 9.00am (if attending the first Open Assembly slot) or 9.25am (if attending the Coffee Morning) to first allow for the transport team to leave site swiftly.

The Coffee Mornings will be a chance for you to meet with other families and during these mornings we will take the opportunity to learn from you and share ideas with you. A training schedule will be released ahead of each Coffee Morning, which will comprise of a mixture of internal and external facilitators. Please be mindful that should you not need the information on offer, we would still love to see you here socialising and relaxing.

## Human Resources

This week we have been interviewing some of our TAs for HLTA positions within the school. It was lovely to hear the staff talk so passionately about the work they do and the progress of the students they work with. News on the new appointments coming soon!

A big welcome to Kirsty who is studying for a BSc in Nursing at Edge Hill University and has joined us on placement for three weeks.

# Useful Information and Resources

In this section, you will find information on services that are available to you across the city over the next few months. There are links that you can click on which will take you to lots of different places of support and services for our parents across the city. Remember to check online at [Liverpool Early Help Directory](#) for regular updates and new programmes from a wide range of council and partner services.

## **Merseyside Youth Association - MYA Raise Team**

Merseyside Youth Association's mental health promotion team (RAISE Team) continue to deliver their range of bite-size courses, adapted from courses they have previously delivered.

These sessions cover a range of mental health issues that impact children, young people and their families.

Bite-size sessions coming up in March and April, delivered via Zoom unless otherwise stated:

- **Post Traumatic Growth** - Bite-size via ZOOM  
31/03/2022 - 10:00 am - 10:45 am - [Book](#)
- **Managing Teen Worry** – Bite-size via ZOOM  
31/03/2022 4:00 pm - 4:45 am [Book](#)
- **Managing Child Worry** – Bite-size via ZOOM  
06/04/2022 4:00 pm - 4:45 am [Book](#)

## **ADDvanced Solutions Community Network**

The team at ADDvanced Solutions Community Network continue to support the families living with Neurodevelopmental conditions in Liverpool pre, during and post-diagnosis.

### **What's available?**

A weekly programme of Virtual Community Network Groups and webinar Learning Workshops for parents and carers of children and young people living with neurodevelopmental conditions pre, during and post-diagnosis and also to the professionals who support them while we are unable to deliver our face-to-face delivery.

You can see their calendar of activities for Liverpool parents [here](#) and also find information on the services [here](#).

## **Family activity sheets for Online Safety from ThinkuKnow**

ThinkUKnow has a new platform available for 11-18 year olds with resources about online safety, healthy relationships and consent: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_18/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/)

ThinkuKnow also have resources available to families to start conversations about online safety using their [family activity sheets](#) and [#AskTheAwkward](#) links

# Useful Information and Resources

## Charlie Waller Trust Mental Health Charity Webinars

The Charlie Waller Trust is a registered charity that helps young people to understand their own mental health, to equip them to support themselves and those around them, and to empower them to talk more openly about the subject.

They are running a series of live webinars for families and educators. The webinars are free to attend and are all presented by their mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing.

Book the below free webinars [here](#)

- **29 March 6pm** - Supporting children and young people: low mood and depression
- **6 April 12pm** - Managing the highs and lows: what our experience taught us
- **15 April 12pm** - Teen brain matters
- **18 April 6pm** - Managing the highs and lows: what our experience taught us
- **2 May 7pm** - Teen brain matters
- **4 May 12pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it
- **10 May 12pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **17 May 6pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **25 May 6pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it