POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES

What makes children's lives positive?

What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

You could use the questions below to find out what other children your age think...

What makes your life 'good' or 'positive'?

Are there any people that make your life positive?

Are there any objects or occasions that make your life positive?

Where do you enjoy being? What do you enjoy doing?

What do you think a positive childhood will look like in the future?

Primary poster competition resource To support children with thinking and discussion ahead of creating their entries

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Use this sheet to jot down your thoughts before you create your poster.
You could use words or pictures to record your ideas.

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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What is the research behind this year's poster competition?

This year the British Science Week poster competition is linked to a real scientific research question. The UK government are thinking about how to build a positive future for children. They are keen to understand children and young people's own ideas on this, so they are asking:

What are children and young people's visions for a good/positive childhood?

The British Science Association and the NUSTEM team at Northumbria University have teamed up with the Government Office for Science to help explore this question.

How will the poster competition entries be used?

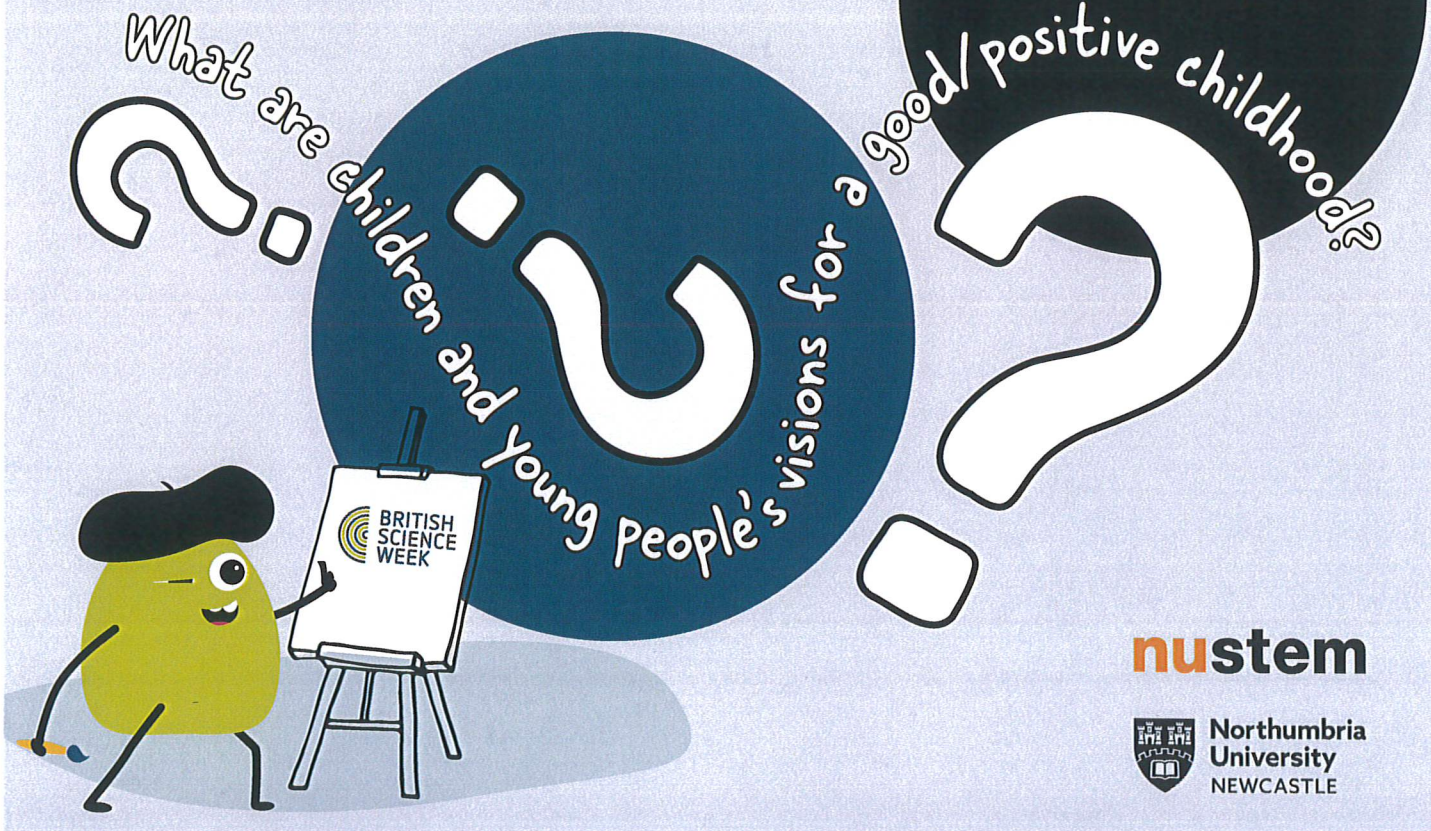
Once the competition is closed for entries, all the submitted posters will be considered by a team of judges. We'll also collect some data, like where in the UK the posters are from, the age of the entrants, and the themes that they reflect. This data will be anonymised before being analysed.

The team at NUSTEM will also look in detail at some of the posters, to gather further ideas and insights based on the children and young people's entries. They will then be able to look for patterns and trends as they analyse the results.

What will happen to the findings of the research?

Once the posters have been analysed, the results will be published in a report. As soon as this is available, we will share the results with everyone who takes part in the competition so you can see the outcomes and insights – it should be a fascinating piece of research.

To find out more about the competition, the full set of rules, and how to submit entries, visit: britishscienceweek.org/poster-competition



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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

This year, the British Science Week poster competition is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists who are curious about what children and young people think makes a 'good' childhood. We will all be thinking together about the same question. You can read more about this research on page 15, but if you're keen to get started here's how your children can enter...

Instructions

Introduce the poster competition theme using the following question:

What makes children's lives good?

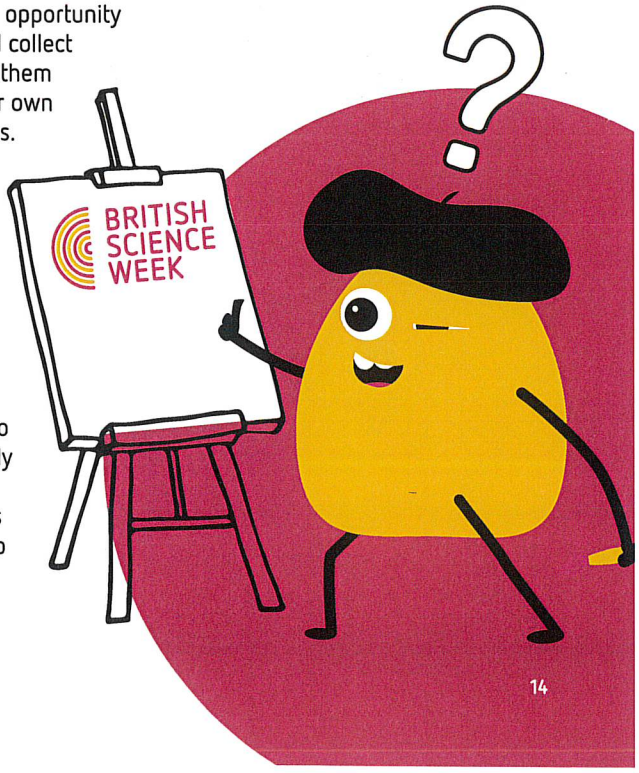
To get children thinking about this question, you could talk together using some of these prompts:

- What do you like about being a child?
- Do you have any favourite people, objects or places?
- What do your friends enjoy? Ask children in your class or family.
- You might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests, activities.

'Childhood' is a broad phase of life (from 0-18!), so we would encourage you to focus their ideas on children who are the same age as them, although they may also bring in thoughts about friends/siblings, which is fine. There are some additional resources on pages 16-17 that you can use to help children consider some of these prompts.

Make your poster

Once children have had the opportunity to explore the question and collect their thoughts, it's time for them to respond by creating their own poster to present their ideas. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to supply 2D image of them (e.g. photo, jpeg or PDF file) so they can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and pens to create their posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed. Shortlisted posters are often shared publicly, so please don't include any personally identifiable information such as names or photos of real people.

Send us your posters

Once the children's posters are complete, schools should select the best five and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes. For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website: **britishscienceweek.org/poster-competition**.