

Celebrating the NHS

What Is the NHS?

NHS stands for National Health Service. The NHS was founded in 1948 and is made up of many organisations which help people to stay healthy. In 1948, the UK **government** decided that everyone had the right to be looked after so they set up the NHS. Before this, people living in the UK had to pay for all their medical care but some people didn't have enough money to pay. The NHS is important because it allows people who live in the UK to get free medical care.

Many people work for the NHS including:

- cleaners
- cooks
- doctors
- **midwives**
- nurses
- office staff
- paramedics



Why Do People Clap for the NHS?

Many people in the UK are very thankful for the NHS because everyone can get the care that they need. Lots of other countries in the world do not have free medical care. In recent months, people have been standing on their doorstep every Thursday at 8pm to clap, cheer and even bang pots and pans for **healthcare workers**. This is to say thank you to all the hard-working NHS staff who are helping people in the UK to stay healthy.



A group called 'Clap for Carers' encouraged as many people as possible to join in and it has been a great success. Even the Prime Minister and some members of the Royal Family have been known to take part.

Why Are There Rainbows in Windows?

Have you spotted the colourful rainbows in many windows? Most have been drawn or painted by children who have been staying at home. The idea started in Italy and has spread to other countries. In the UK, the rainbows show support for the NHS and other important workers. Many people have said that seeing the rainbows in the windows has put a smile on their face as they walk past!



Glossary

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healthcare workers	People who work to improve people's health.
midwives	People who help women to give birth.

Questions

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- ☐ 1948
- ☐ 2000
- ☐ 2020

2. What day do people clap for carers? Tick one.

- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Thursday

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- ☐ Lots of other countries in the world do not have free medical care.

4. How was medical care different after 1948? Tick one.

- ☐ It was free for people living in the UK.
- ☐ People had to pay for their medical care.
- ☐ People have been standing on their doorsteps.
- ☐ Rainbows show support for the NHS.

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6. Fill in the missing words.

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success

6. Fill in the missing words.

Most have been drawn or **painted** by children who have been **staying** at home.

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Pupil's own responses, such as: This is a non-fiction text. It has been written to inform the reader about the NHS and why it is being celebrated.

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The National Health Service is also known as the NHS and it was set up in 1948. The **government** at the time believed that everybody had a right to be looked after even if they didn't have enough money. The NHS is a group of organisations which offer free medical treatment to people who live in the UK.

There are different professions in the NHS including:

- cleaners
- cooks
- doctors
- **midwives**
- nurses
- office staff
- paramedics



It is very expensive to provide **healthcare** for a whole country. Some of the money that funds the NHS comes from donations. Recently, Sir Captain Tom Moore, raised an incredible £32 million for NHS charities by walking laps of his garden. On the morning of his 100th birthday, his achievement was recognised by **flypasts** from the British Army and the Royal Airforce. He also received over 150,000 birthday cards.

Why Do People Clap for the NHS?

Many people in the UK are very thankful for the NHS because it allows them to access the care that they need. Everybody is treated the same regardless of how much money they have. Some experts think that people have healthier lives with the NHS. Lots of other countries in the world do not have free medical care.



Every Thursday, many people have been standing on their doorsteps at 8pm and clapping, cheering and even banging pots and pans for **healthcare workers**. This is one way to say thank you for all their hard work making sure that other people in the UK stay healthy and well. A group called 'Clap for Carers' has used social media to encourage as many people as possible to join in and it has been a huge success. Even the Prime Minister and some members of the Royal Family have been known to take part.

Why Are There Rainbows in Windows?

You may have noticed that rainbows have been appearing in windows. Most of the rainbows have been drawn and painted by children who have been staying at home. The idea started in Italy and has spread to other countries. Here in the UK, the rainbows show support for the NHS and other important workers who are helping to look after the public. They have become a symbol of happiness and positivity. Many people say that seeing the rainbows in windows has put a smile on their face as they walk past!



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Questions

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2. Who has the author written this text for? Tick one.
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 - ☐ Adults who are baking a cake.
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3. Which phrase best describes the NHS? Tick one.
 - ☐ one organisation
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 - ☐ a private service

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the NHS because it allows
them to access the care
that they need.

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5. Which phrase told you that people felt happier after seeing rainbows in windows?

6. Read the section titled 'What Is the NHS?'.

Find and copy a word which means the same as **costly**.

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expensive

7. Why do you think Sir Captain Tom Moore received so many birthday cards?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think Sir Captain Tom Moore received a lot of birthday cards because people really admired his determination. He raised millions of pounds money for the NHS by walking even though he is 100 years old and uses a frame to walk.

8. Summarise what you have learnt about the NHS in 25 words or fewer.

Pupil's own responses, such as: The NHS was founded in 1948 to give free healthcare to people who live in the UK. People are thankful for our hard-working NHS staff.

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What Is the NHS?

When people who live in the UK need medical help, they can use the NHS to help them to get better. NHS stands for National Health Service and is a free service for anyone living in the UK to access. The NHS is a group of organisations which offer free medical treatment to people who live in the UK.

There are many professions in the NHS including:

- cleaners
- cooks
- doctors
- midwives
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It is very expensive to provide healthcare for the whole population of the UK. The NHS is paid for in a few different ways. Adults pay taxes to the **government** to fund part of the NHS; some of the money that pays for the NHS comes from donations. Sir Captain Tom Moore raised an incredible £32 million for NHS charities by walking laps of his garden. On the morning of his 100th birthday, his achievement was recognised by **flypasts** from the British Army and the Royal Airforce. He also received over 150,000 birthday cards.

Who Started the NHS?

Before the NHS, people had to pay for **healthcare**. This meant that many people didn't get the care that they needed as they couldn't pay. The National Health Service was founded in 1948 after the Second World War.

The government introduced the new system because they believed that everybody had a right to be looked after.



Why Do People Clap for the NHS?

Many people in the UK are very thankful for the NHS because it allows them vital access to the care that they need. Everyone has a right to treatment through the NHS; therefore, some experts think that people have happier, healthier lives. Lots of other countries in the world do not have access to the same services for free.

Every Thursday, people have been standing on their doorsteps at 8pm and clapping, cheering and even banging pots and pans for **healthcare workers**.

This is to show their appreciation for the hard-working NHS staff who have made sacrifices to ensure that the public stay healthy. A group called 'Clap for Carers' has used social media to encourage as many people as possible to join in and it has been a great success. Even the Prime Minister and some members of the Royal Family have been known to take part each week.



Why Are There Rainbows in Windows?

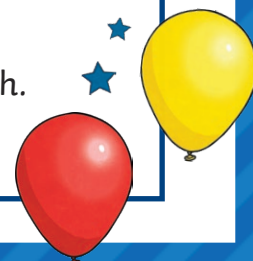
When walking outside, you may have noticed that rainbows have been appearing in many windows. Mostly, these rainbows have been drawn and painted by children who have been staying at home. The trend started in Italy and has spread to

other countries. Here in the UK, the rainbows show people's support for the NHS, key workers and **volunteers** who are helping look after everyone. Rainbows have become a symbol of hope and positivity; many people say it has put a smile on their face as they walk past them!



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- ☐ Lots of other countries in the world do not have free medical care.

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4. List three things that people might do on Thursdays at 8pm.

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appreciation

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- **clap**
- **bang pots and pans**

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Pupils' own responses, such as: astonishing, amazing, and unbelievable.

6. Why is free healthcare important?

Pupil's own responses, such as: Free healthcare is important because you might be ill or need treatment one day. The NHS helps everyone and it doesn't matter how much money you have. Everyone is treated fairly whether they are rich or poor.

7. Compare 'Clap for Carers' and the rainbows in windows. How are these celebrations similar?

Pupil's own responses, such as: 'Clap for Carers' and rainbows in windows are similar because they both are in support of the NHS. They are both things that people look forward to and enjoy seeing or doing.

8. Based on what you know about celebrating the NHS, how could we support our NHS workers in the future?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think that we could support our NHS workers in the future by awarding them with a trophy or a medal for all of their hard work and sacrifice.