# Mental Health Matters Wales Activity Pack World Friendship Day

#### Mental Health Matters Wales Aim

Our Therapeutic Support Service aims to make every effort in creating a friendly hospital environment. Our therapeutic activities focus on maintaining a sense of identity and purpose. We provide a safe, friendly and adaptable network of support using evidence based approaches including:

- Validation
- Creative
- Activity
- Reality Orientation
- Socialisation
- Physical Exercise

#### Mental Health Matters Wales Mission

To enrich nursing support provided by the NHS to ensure patients are treated with understanding and dignity in hospital and encouraged to participate in socialising activities in order to maintain their optimum well-being.

The provision of routine and therapeutic activities to patients who are 'ready for transfer' and are awaiting placement to a care home or complex package of care in their own home.

To increase the overall environmental, emotional and physical wellbeing of patients whilst reducing their fears and confusion in a hospital setting.





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## Aim of Pack:

To create activities that celebrate...

World Friendship Day

World Friendship Day takes place on 30th July.

The original idea for a day of friendship came from Hallmark Cards in the 1930's. Originally celebrated on 2nd August, the day was viewed cynically by the public as a money making exercise. Sales of Friendship Day cards did not take off at all in Europe and by the mid-1940's the day had faded into obscurity in the USA. The idea of a day to honour friendship was, however, adopted by a number of countries in Asia where it remains a popular custom to reserve a day for celebrating friendships and the exchange of gifts between friends.

### The Benefits of these Activities include but are not limited to

#### **Better Communication**

Participants living with a cognitive impairment and other illnesses may express feelings by drawing pictures.

## **Improved Coordination**

Activities can delay the loss of muscle control.

#### Relaxation

It is a wonderful distraction from the blues, chronic pain, and other stressful situations.

#### **Pride**

There can be immense satisfaction and pleasure taken from drawing projects.





# FIVE Facts about



Want to live longer? A network of friends is actually even more important than a close family group. Older people live 22% longer if they have an extensive friend network.





Babies understand the concept of friendship at just 9 months old! Research shows that babies can recognise and pay attention to the fact that people with similar likes and dislikes tend to be friends.

Friends or colleagues? If you have a close friend at your job, you're seven times more likely to be productive and enjoy your work. If you don't have any friends at work, there's only a One in Twelve chance that you'll like what you do.



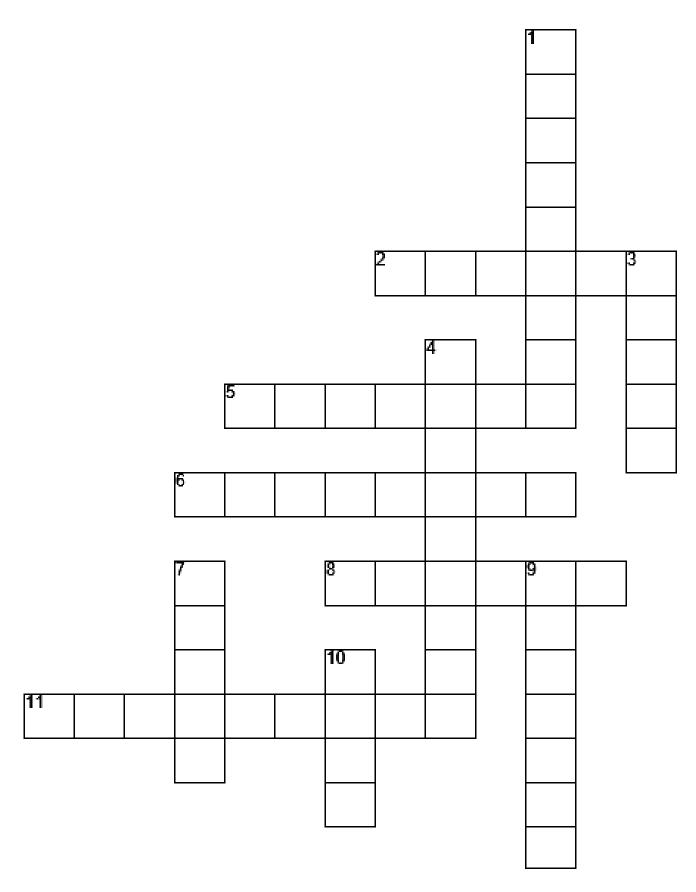


Marriages rooted in friendship last longer than those rooted in other things

Animals have friends, too! Furry creatures can have lifelong friendships with animals outside of their species. Research has demonstrated this is true for Chimpanzees, Baboons, Dogs, Hyenas, Elephants, Dolphins, Horses, and even bats



## **Friendship Crossword**



## **Friendship Crossword Clues**

### **Across**

- 2. When a person trusts you, you can keep a
- 5. The quality that people have when they tell the truth
- **6.** When you don't agree sometimes, you have an
- 8. When you feel good about yourself, you have good self \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. If you do harm to someone, you should

### **Down**

- 1. When you do what's right, even when no one is looking, you have
- **3.** When someone always is there for you, you have
- 4. When you stand up for yourself, you are
- 7. A person who tries to make people unhappy in many ways
- 9. When you understand someone's feelings, you have
- 10. If you are not mean, you are



## Friendship Word Search

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# Friendship *Unknown*

The best of friends can change a frown, Into a smile, when you feel down.

The best of friends, will understand, Your little trials, and lend a hand.

The best of friends, will always share, Your secret dreams, because they care.

The best of friends, worth more than gold, Give all the love, a heart can hold.



We share a cute equation,
Where we fight like Tom and Jerry,
But, having you in my life,
Is like icing and the cherry,
Coz our bond is special and true,
Coz our bond will remain new,
Our friendship rocks!

## **Friendship Split Words**

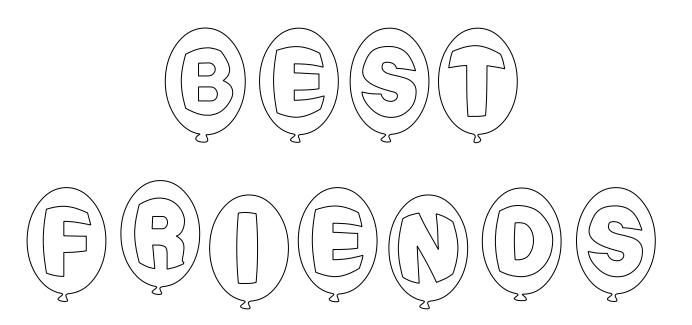
With a pencil, form words from the syllable fragments in each grid. Cross out each grid as you use it! All words are related to friendship.

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## Words

## **Colouring Pages**









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## **My Weekly Planner**

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## Say to Yourself...

there are friends,
there's family,
and then
there are friends
that become family



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