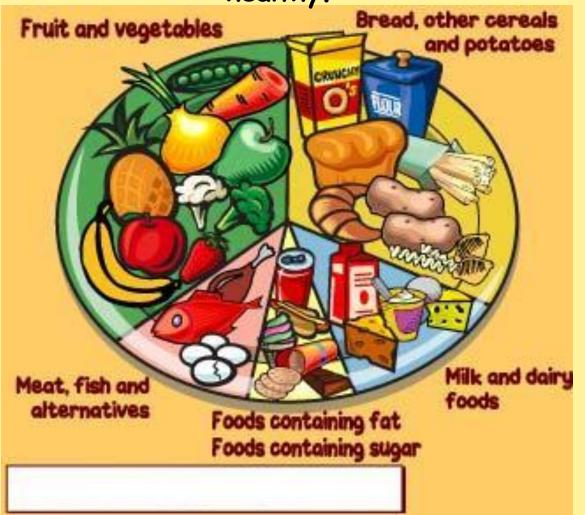


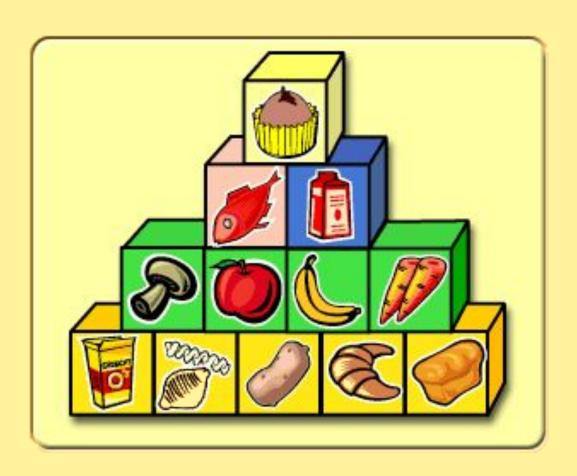
Food Facts-The balance of good health

Food can be divided into different groups. We need to eat from each of the groups to stay healthy.



Food Facts-Getting the Balance Right

It is important that we eat the right amounts of food from each of the groups. It's a bit like building blocks - we have to balance the blocks carefully to make sure we get the correct nutrients, otherwise the body will not work properly.



What Do Nutrients Do?











CARBOHYDRATES

- Potatoes
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Rice
- Bread
- Noodles



You can increase your carbohydrates by:

- always having a breakfast
- having thick sliced toast like whole grain bread
- *eating brown rice or pasta
- having boiled potatoes rather than chips which are cooked in fats

VITAMINS and MINERALS

FRUITS

VEGETABLES



- Apples
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Peaches
- Strawberries
- Oranges
- Kiwi



You can increase your vitamins and minerals by:

- drinking a class of pure fruit juice with breakfast
- *eating fruit rather than sweets as a snack
- having a fruit salad for dessert
- eating two servings of vegetables or salad for your evening meal

CALCIUM



- Milk
- Cheese
- Yoghurt
- Fromage frais

You can increase your calcium by:

- taking a cereal for breakfast with extra milk
- having a yoghurt after your evening meal
- *adding a matchbox size piece of cheese to your pack-lunch box

PROTEIN

- Chicken
- Lentils
- Beans
- Meat
- Soya
- Fish
- Eggs



You can increase your protein by:

- choosing lean meat or chicken
- *eating at least two servings of fish a week
- having beans or lentils with meat or as a meat free meal

FATS and SUGARS

FATS

- Cheese
- Margarine
- Whole Milk
- Butter
- Fat on Meat and Poultry



HIDDEN FATS AND SUGAR

- **♦**Cake
- **♦**Sweets
- **Biscuits**
- ♦Ice-Cream
- ♦ Crisps
- ♦Fizzy Drinks
- ♦Fast Foods Chips, Fried Rice



CHOOSING the RIGHT FOOD

Think Before You Eat!

We need to make sure we eat a balanced diet so that the body gets all the nutrients it requires.

By making just a few small changes to what we eat, we can help our body grow, and protect it against future illness.

Remember we are what we eat - so think before you eat!

REMEMBER!

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

It helps replace energy your body uses while sleeping. Breakfast suggestions:

- cereal with milk and chopped bananas
- experiment with eating different types of bread, brown wholegrain bread, French bread, Naan, Ciabatta or plain bagels
- freshly squeezed fruit juice

DID YOU KNOW?

- □ 70% of the body is made up of water. We should drink between 8-10 cups of water a day. More when we exercise or in hot weather.
- Carbohydrates contain lots of fibre which helps the body get rid of waste products.
- You should eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day. Remember frozen, canned food fruit and vegetables can count as well.
- The body renews every one of its cells once every week so it's important to take enough sleep so the body can restore itself.
- Cans of fizzy drinks can contain between 6 $7\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of sugar.

THE END