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### October Health and Wellbeing Dates:

- Baby Loss Awareness Week (9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October)
- World Mental Health Day (10<sup>th</sup> October)
- Stoptober (where smokers try to quit for a month)
- Breast Cancer Awareness month
- National Depression & Mental Health Screening month

#### 5 Steps to Mental Wellbeing:

- 1. Connect with other people.
- 2. Be physically active
- 3. Learn new skills
- 4. Give to others.
- 5. Pay attention to the present moment (Mindfulness)

#### **Useful links:**

https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/

Calculate your body mass index (BMI) - NHS - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Sleep and tiredness - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Three bears breakfast recipe: Adding fruit to porridge really livens it up – and contributes to your 5 A Day. Prep: 5 mins. Cook: 8 mins. Servies 4

Porridge with fruit - Recipes - Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)



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