



This week is **Children's Mental Health Week**.

Why not try some of the activities below with your child.

# 9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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## WORRY TIME



- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with you or problem solve to overcome them

## THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they have experienced. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

## ACTIVITY PLANNING



- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

## TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

## WELLBEING



- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

## 3 GOOD THINGS



- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

## IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

## BEING PRESENT



- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

## THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.

