

The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse



Charlie Mackesy

WATERSTONES
BOOK OF THE YEAR

The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse are four friends who share a deep, unshakable bond.

Through a series of brief but profound conversations, Mackesy teases universal truths and rich wisdom from the mouths of his characters, celebrating warmth and empathy. Exploring kindness through exquisite, sensitive artwork and delicate calligraphy,

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a moving study of friendship, kindness and the world.

Use this You Tube link to have the book read to you. Alternatively, search the book on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMVc8afLFG0>

WHAT DOES THIS PICTURE MEAN?
WRITE A FEW SENTENCES EXPLAINING THE
POINT THAT THE AUTHOR IS TRYING TO
MAKE.

"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

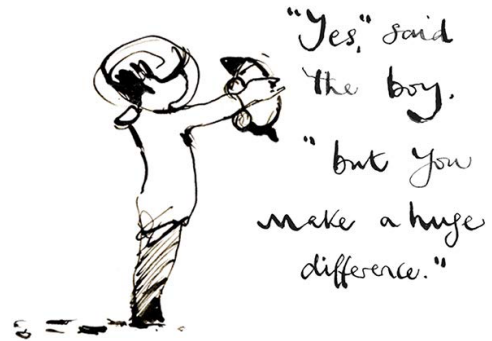
WHY DOES KINDNESS MAKE US FEEL
HAPPY?

GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF A TIME WHEN
YOUR KIND ACTIONS MADE YOU AND
SOMEONE ELSE FEEL HAPPY.





"I'm so small," said
the mole.



"Yes," said
the boy.

"but you
make a huge
difference."

HOW DOES THIS MESSAGE
RELATE TO US?

How do we make a difference?

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME THAT YOU
REACTED IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION?
HOW DID YOU RESOLVE THIS?

"One of our
greatest freedoms
is how we
react to
things"





"Being kind to yourself
is one of the greatest kindnesses."
said the mole.

WHAT DOES 'BE KIND TO
YOURSELF' MEAN?

DO YOU HAVE ANY
FAVOURITE
SAYINGS/MESSAGES OF
YOUR OWN?

"Do you have a favourite saying?" asked the boy.
"Yes" said the mole.
"What is it?"
"If at first you don't succeed, have some cake."
"I see, does it work?"
"Every time"

A small illustration of a mole and a boy. The mole is on the left, and the boy is on the right. They are both looking towards the right. The mole is wearing a blue hat and the boy is wearing a brown shirt and blue pants.

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Lesson 2

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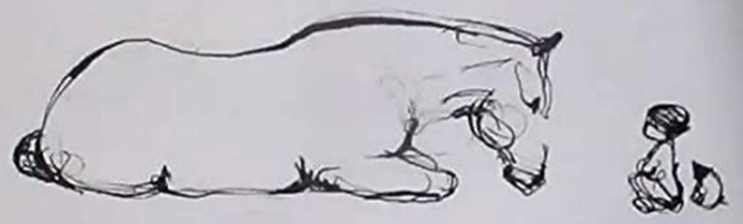
We are going to have a go at creating our own piece of art work through the inspiration of Charlie Mackesy.

- Firstly, you must have a think about a messaging/saying that means a lot to you.
- Next, write it down as beautifully as you can.
- After that you will have a go at drawing an image to go with it. BUT you must include the characters from the book.

The characters are:

- The boy
- The mole
- The fox
- The horse

"Do you have any other advice?"
asked the boy



"Don't measure how valuable you
are by the way you are treated."
said the horse



"We will become kinder"
said the horse.

"What do you think
of fame?" asked
the boy.



"We will have
no friends
left"



"Everyone is a bit scared,"
said the horse



"But we are less scared
together."

"Yesterday I was
weak and you carried
me.."



".. today you are weak"
said the boy.