



The Thinking Times

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Welcome to Blair Everywhere!

And welcome to the first edition of this year's Thinking Times.

Feel free to print them out, and display them somewhere where you can take a few minutes during the day to think. We hope that these provide you with daily stimulation giving you 'food for thought', a smile, a challenge, and maybe all three.

A Farmer's Donkey

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided that as the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and begin to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realised what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quietened down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that fell on his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Moral: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick is to not to get bogged down by it. We can get out of the deepest wells by not stopping. And by never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

It is not our abilities that show what we truly are.

It is our choices.

- Albus Dumbledore

Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried but you've actually been planted.



Aspire not to have more but to be more.

- Oscar Romero

You can't go back and change the beginning,

but you can start where you are and change the ending.

- C. S. Lewis

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable.



I asked my llama if he wanted to go camping. Thrilled, he ran off screaming, "Alpaca tent!"



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