# HEALTHY TEETH AND GUMS

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#### 3 IMPORTANT THINGS WE MUST DO...

#### 1. Brush Twice a day for 2-3 minutes

- If you are under 8 years of age, you need help from an adult
- JUST SPIT OUT THE TOOTHPASTE AFTER BRUSHING AND DO NOT RINSE
- Brush in circular movements and make sure you brush the gumline too



#### 2. USE AN ADULT TOOTHPASTE

- Water in Lancashire doesn't contain Fluoride.
- Fluoride helps to make our teeth resistant to cavities
- Children's and baby toothpastes often don't contain enough Fluoride
- If you are under 7 years old age, use a pea sized amount

AVOID whitening toothpastes



If using a mouthrinse DO NOT use

straight after brushing





## 3. LIMIT SWEET FOODS AND DRINKS TO MEALTIMES

- Decay occurs when we eat sweet foods and drinks regularly between mealtimes
- We should only drink milk or water between meals
- Save your treats and have them as your pudding with teatime
- Avoid sticky sweets that stick to the teeth





#### DECAYED TEETH (3)

- **◆**PAIN
- ◆SWELLING / ABSCESS
- ◆SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
- **♦FILLINGS**
- **◆**TOOTH LOSS
- ◆ROOT CANAL TREATMENT





#### **GUM DISEASE**



## BRUSH YOUR GUMS!!!



GINGIVITIS (mild gum disease / inflammation)

**BRUSH GUMS** 

**FLOSS** 

INTERDENTAL BRUSHES



**SEVERE GINGIVITIS** 

- **♦**Bad smell
- ◆Bad taste
- ◆Sore gums
- **♦**Loose teeth
- **♦**Tooth loss
- ◆Unable to eat properly



PERIODONTITIS

(advanced gum disease -→
loose teeth and tooth loss!)



DO NOT SMOKE!

### WHAT ABOUT RAISINS??





One small pack of raisins has 7 and ½ teaspoons of sugar

#### WHAT ABOUT FRUIT JUICE?

"Full of Vitamins"



6 teaspoons of sugar



As much sugar as Coke!
Limit to 1 small glass to a mealtime



About 12 ½ teaspoons of sugar

"Fruit is good for you"



5 ½ teaspoons of sugar. Low sugar fruit shoot has 1-2 teaspoons of sugar in depending on the flavour.

#### How the sugar stacks up... Mountain Monster Rockstan Lucozade Energy Pink **Dew Citrus** Energy Punched (500ml) Fruit Blast (500ml) 286 cals (500ml) 235 cals Booster 240 cals Rasberry Guava (500ml) & Orange 335 cals (655ml) 236 cals 19.5 13.75 13.6 16.5 tsp tsp tsp tsp This Juicy Coca-Cola Lipton Jamaica Smooth Water (330ml) Iced Tea Lemons & 139 cals Peach (376ml) Limes (500ml) (330ml) 255 cals (420ml) 150 cals 159 cals 201 cals Did Jamaica Jüicy de Water 10.9 8.5 tsp tsp tsp tsp Shloer Red Volvic Britvic Sainsbury's Orange 55 (275ml) 134 cals Grape Mango Juiced Juice Berry Juice (275ml) Medley (500ml) 118 cals (200ml Sparkling SANPELLEGRING 130 cals serving) (330ml) 121 cals 149 cals 8.25 7.5 tsp tsp tsp Dr Pepper (330ml) Capri-Sun Welch's Sparkling Blackcurrant White 115 cals Elderflower 96 cals (200ml) Grape Lemonade 100 cals Pear & (330ml) Apple (200ml CAWSTON -PRESSserving) Elderflower 92 cals tsp tsp tsp tsp tsp Sainsbury's Bottlegreen (200ml) 50% Apple & High Juice Elderflower Mango Juice Blackcurrant Cordial (200ml (200ml servina) servina) serving) 92 cals 66 cals 66 cals 58 cals 3.9 3.6

#### SUGARY DRINKS — BEWARE!!!

HAVE OCCASIONAL ONE AT MEALTIMES ONLY AS A TREAT

TRY AND AVOID HAVING
CONSTANTLY THROUGHOUT
THE DAY – TEETH NEED
TIME TO RECOVER!!



# IS YOUR CHILD'S SWEET TOOTH HARMING THEIR HEALTH?

SUGARY DRINKS CAN CAUSE TOOTH DECAY, OBESITY AND EVEN TYPE 2 DIABETES, HEART DISEASE AND SOME CANCERS IN THE FUTURE

Set your child up for a healthier life by making the swap to water, low-fat milk and sugar-free drinks



#### **ENERGY DRINKS**



#### X Stick to water during

sports







Nearly 7 teaspoon s of sugar



17 teaspoon s of sugar (500ml)



Nearly 14 teaspoons of sugar

#### HOW LONG DO WE BRUSH FOR?

Manual or Electric toothbrush?





Small head

Soft to medium bristles

Brush teeth AND gums

Use a mirror!

#### **VISIT THE DENTIST REGULARLY**

- Every 6 months is the usual period that children are advised to visit the dentist
- If the dentist feels you need to come more regularly, you may need to visit every 3 months
- Free dental check ups and treatment if you are under the age of 18 (and if you are 18 and in full time education)

From 6
months to get
baby used to
the dentist



Less likely to have fear of the dentist later in life if attend regularly as a child

#### **Oral Health Quiz**

- 1) After brushing your teeth, should you spit <u>OR</u> rinse out with water
- 2) When is the best time to use a mouthwash? Which is the best mouthwash to use?
- 3) Is an electric **OR** a manual toothbrush best?
- 4) Which is the best toothpaste to use?
- 5) How often should I visit the dentist?
- 6) If juice has lots of vitamin C, is it good for your teeth?
- 7) If fruit is good for you, is dried fruit ok for your teeth too? E.g. raisins
- 8) Is it safe for children to use adult's strength toothpaste?
- 9) How early should my child attend the dentist?
- 10) Which snacks are for good oral health?
- 11) Is chewing gum good for my teeth?
- 12) Who qualifies for free dental treatment?
- 13) Why should I floss?