

# FOR 5 DAYS, EAT THE RAINBOW AND YOU COULD FIND YOUR HEALTHY POT OF GOLD! 

Join our meatless challenge and
PLEDGE TO GO MEAT-FREE FOR 5DAYS. Who knows, you might even like it enough to incorporate the change as a part of your lifestyle going forward. Be daring... give it a try and swap to plant-based proteins.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Not only is consuming less meat
good for your health but its also helps the planet.
Check out our '5 days on the veg' postcards to see the rainbow of benefits that eating vegetables and fruit can bring you.

Look in your restaurant for tasty, healthy, convenient ways to get more fruit and vegetables into your diet.

Check out the delicious
recipes towards the pack of the back - Don't forget to share photos of the recipes you have tried with us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.


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## TIPS TO HELP REDUCE YOUR MEAT CONSUMPTION:

1. Plan ahead-meal planning is a way of ensuring you have a variety of foods and nutrients in your diet, plus it helps save time and money!
2. Include a meat-free day once a week- this can benefit your health as well as the environment.
3. Swap meat with more plantbased protein sources such as lentils, beans, and pulses. Protein has many benefits, such as helping us feel fuller and satisfied for longer. The UK Recommendation for protein is 0.75 g per kg of body 7 . weight per day.
4. Be daring and explore new grains and vegetables that can add a variety of new flavours and textures to your meals.
5. Bulk up your meals with beans, grains, and vegetables to help reduce its meat content. Try adding lentils or carrots in your spaghetti bolognaise or sweet potato and extra kidney beans into your chilli con carne. This makes the meal just as flavourful and doesn't hinder the integrity of the dish.
6. Worried you will miss meat? Try adding "meaty' flavours to your meals such as soy sauce or mushrooms or 'meaty' textures like aubergines.

Improve the nutritionally density of your snacks by trying to include more whole and unprocessed foods such as vegetables and houmous, instead of crisps and cookies.
8. Try using meat alternativeshowever double check their food labels when purchasing, these can be high in salt!
9. Research new foods and cusines for inspiration to add more plant-based proteins into delicious meals!



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Eating at least one portion of each colour ( 6 in total) a day is a great goal to strive for and incorporate into your daily diet!

A plant- based diet is centred around whole, unrefined foods, based on fruits, vegetables, tubers, wholegrains and legumes that are nutrient rich!


Studies have found consuming more plantbased foods has been linked with a reduced risk of chronic disease, better brain health and supporting the immune system.

## Eating the colours BLUE, PURPLE \& BLACK

The darker the colour of food, the higher the contents of antioxidants and nutrients. One study found that those who ate purple fruit and vegetables regularly often had a reduced risk of having high blood pressure and cholesterol levels.
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## Blue, purple, black

 foods...Aubergine, berries, purple cabbage, figs, grapes, purple kale, black olives, plums, prunes and raisins.

## Benefits

Cancer protective, healthy inflammatory response, cell protection, cognitive health, heart health, liver health. Blue and purple phytonutrients can significantly help reduce the risk of cancer while helping provide a broad array of benefits for memory, heart disease and diabetes.

## Ways to add more blue, purple \& black foods to your diet:

- Snack ideas: Blueberries, blackberries, figs and plums.
- Swaps white potatoes to purple potatoes.
- Replace white rice with wild rice.



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## Eating the colour RED

Hot stuff! Chillies are said to starve off hunger and even burn some calories, they are also said to relieve pain.

## Red Foods...

Red apples, beetroot, kidney beans, red peppers, chillies, oranges, cranberries, cherries, red onions, plums, radishes, red skin potatoes, pomegranate, strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes and watermelon.

## Benefits

Cancer protective, healthy inflammatory response, cell protection, gastriontestinal health, heart health, hormone balance, liver health. Many of these red phytonutrients are essential for optimal health while helping provide a broad array of benefits for memory, heart disease and diabetes.

## Ways to add more red foods to your diet:

- Great Snack ideas: watermelon, raspberries, cherries, strawberries, or red apple slices.
- Delicious lunch: Mediterranean salad with red-rich tomatoes, olives, garlic, fresh herbs, and feta cheese.
- Jazz up your green salads with fresh tomatoes, goji berries or pomegranate seeds.



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## Eating the colour GREEN

Eat your way to
gorgeous skin by eating your greens, just like your mum told you too.

## Green Foods...

Apple, artichokes, asparagus, avocado, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, spinach, chard, celery, cucumber, peas, lettuce, green tea, olives, okra, watercress and rosemary.

## Benefits

Healthy inflammatory response, brain health, cell protection, skin health, hormone balance, heart and liver health. Many of the foods that contain green phytonutrients also help improve eye health.

## Ways to add more green foods to your diet:

- Squeeze fresh lime into your water.
- Bulk your stir fries with edamame, broccolini, pak choi or bok choy.
- Garnish your dishes with delicious fresh herbs.



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## Eating the colours YELLOW \& ORANGE

Experts say beta-carotene found in orange foods is not only good for eye health it can also delay cognitive aging and protect skin from sun damage.

## Yellow \& orange foods...

Apricots, bell peppers, carrots, nectarine, orange, pumpkin, sweet potato, turmeric root, yams, bananas, sweetcorn, chickpeas, ginger, lemon and pineapple.

## Benefits

Cancer protective, immune health, cell protection, reproductive health, source of vitamin $A$, healthy inflammatory response, cognition, skin health, eye and heart health.

## Ways to add more

 yellow \& orange foods to your diet:- Swap your jacket potato to a baked sweet potato.
- Snack ideas: peach, nectarines, clementines, tangerines, satsumas, pepper, or carrot sticks.
- Add fresh orange or lemon slices to your water.


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## Eating the colours WHITE, TAN \& BROWN

Research from Harvard shows that women who incorporate wholegrains, such as brown rice, into their diet were more likely to maintain a healthy body weight.
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## White, tan \& brown

 foods...Apples, butter beans, cannellini beans, cauliflower, cinnamon, clove, coconut, cocoa, dark chocolate, flaxseed, garlic, ginger, houmous, mushrooms, nuts, onions, pears, seeds, shallots, tahini, oats, quinoa, corn, millet and rice.

## Benefits

Cancer protective, microbial, cell protection, hormone balance, gastrointestinal, heart and liver health. Helps maintain healthy cholesterol levels, and may lower the risk of some types of cancer.

## Ways to add more white,

 tan \& brown foods to your diet:- Garnish your stir-fries with sesames seeds, nuts or seeds.
- Dip your vegetables into the houmous.
- Add flavour enhancing spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and allspices to your cooking and baking.



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Fresh Produce
(1) 6 sweet potatoes
(1) 400 g butternut squash
(c) 10 g coriander
(c) 500 g cherry tomatoes
© 2 green peppers
(1) 1 bulb of garlic
(c) 500 g mixed mushrooms
(c) 800 g mixed colour tomatoes
() 1 bunch of spring onions
(C) 100 g rocket
(1) 250 g beetroot, cooked
(1) Ilemon
(c) 2 oranges
(1) 1 apple

## Fridge Items

(1) 230 g feta cheese
(1) 50 g parmesan cheese
(1) 160 g natural yoghurt
(1) 150 g crème fraiche
© 200 g butter/baking margarine
(0. 500 ml apple juice

## Spices / Kitchen Stables

(1) Ground cumin
(1) Smoked paprika
(c) Mixed spice
(c) Cinnamon, ground
(0) 1 cinnamon stick
(C) 40 g chipotle paste
(1) Black pepper
(1) Olive oil
© 400 g tinned black beans
© 400 g tinned chickpeas
© 300 g spaghetti
(1) Wholemeal flour
(c) 100 g brown sugar
(c) Baking Powder
(c) 3 eggs

## Recipes:

Main: Mexican Sweet Potato and Black Bean Tray Bake
Main: Creamy Garlic Mushroom Pasta
Salad: Warm Sweet Potato Salad
Snack: Beetroot Houmous
Juice \& Smoothies: Hot Apple and Cinnamon Punch
Fruit/Vegetable Dessert: Spiced Autumn Muffins


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## MEXICAN SWEET POTATO \& BLACK BEAN



## METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to $220^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 180^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ fan.
2. Peel and chop the sweet potatoes into bite-sized pieces.
3. Deseed the peppers and chop into bitesized pieces.
4. Cut the cherry tomatoes in half and add to a baking tray along with the chopped sweet potatoes and peppers.
5. Drain and rinse the black beans, add these to the vegetables onto the baking tray.
6. Combine the smoked paprika, ground cumin into a bowl with 6 tbsp of Olive Oil. Add the spice mix to the vegetable and black beans and give it a good mix. Place in the oven for 15 minutes.
7. Crumble the feta roughly and chop the coriander finely with the stalks.
8. Once the vegetables have been in the oven, sprinkle the feta on top, and return to the oven and cook for a further 5 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are tenders.
9. Meantime combine the chipotle paste with the natural yoghurt.
10. Serve the tray bake and drizzle over the chipotle yoghurt and garnish with the chopped coriander.

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## INGREDIENTS

- 300 g dried spaghetti
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 500 g mixed mushrooms
- 50 g parmesan cheese
- 2 heaped tbsp of half-fat crème fraiche
- Pinch of black pepper


## METHOD

1. Cook the pasta in a pan of boiling water according to packet instructions.
2. Once cooked, drain and reserve about a mugful of the cooking water.
3. In the meantime, finely slice the garlic and cook it on medium heat on a non-stick pan, followed by the chopped mixed mushrooms 1 minute later. Add a pinch of black pepper and continue to cook for approx. 8 minutes or until the mushrooms are golden.
4. Add the pasta to the mushrooms with a splash of the reserved cooking water. Finely grate most of the parmesan cheese, stir in the crème fraiche and serve!
5. Finish with a final grating of parmesan.

## WARM SWEET POTATO SALAD


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## SPICED AUTUMNAL MUFFINS

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## INGREDIENTS

- 200 g wholemeal flour
- 3 eggs
- 200 g unsalted butter/baking margarine
- 100 g light brown sugar
- 5 g baking powder
- 5 g mixed Spice
- 5 g cinnamon
- 400 g butternut squash
- 1 orange - juiced and zested


## METHOD

1. Place the butter, sugar, mixed spice, cinnamon, orange juice, zest and grated butternut squash into a bowl and mix together.
2. Add the eggs and mix well.
3. Add the sifted flour slowly and fold in until smooth and creamy.
4. Place into muffin cases and bake for 18-25minutes until fully cooked and golden brown.

## HOT APPLE \& CINNAMON PUNCH



