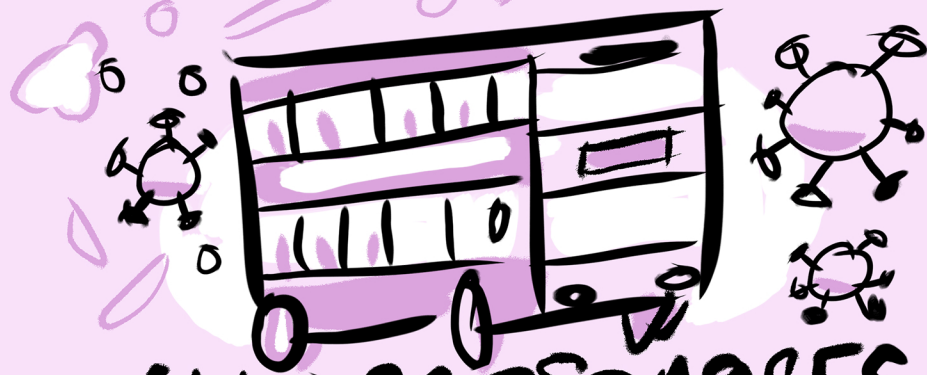


Microbial
neighbouring

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We started
on the buses



with passengers
thinking about
attitudes to COVID-19
MICROBES, EACH OTHER...



We now
want to
explore
people's
relationships
to MICROBES
in a wider
sense
(those hands
are a bit
grubby...)



We have done
research around
other non-human
neighbours



Though obviously
most of us
can't see
our microbial
neighbours!

Let's get
in gear by
thinking
about how
we view
our
HUMAN
neighbours

So think about
YOUR HUMAN
Neighbours..

My relationship
with next door
neighbour is like
COMFY PAIR
of SHOES!
(so like
gut
bacteria?)

There are some
we kinda
know but
are
ambivalent
to...



MYSTERY
NEIGHBOURS!

Who knows
if they're
friends?
COULD-19
PENICILIN?

???
We have
NO IDEA
who many
neighbours
are!

We are
quite
DISTANT
on our
street



We appreciate
our space



...which comes
with privilege
of having
some



Most of
our interactions
are OUTDOORS



We mostly bond (or disagree)...



...our ANIMALS



We live in a
terrace

With a
few
'FOREVER'
NEIGHBOURS

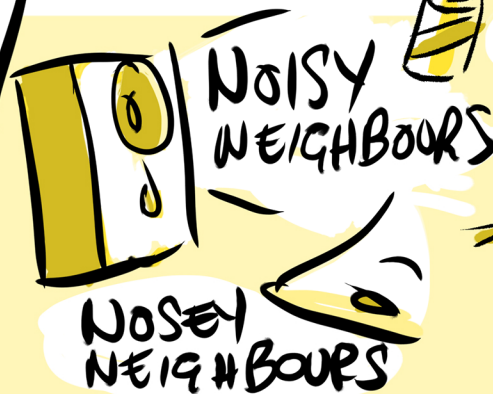
My family's
been here
for generations



But more
TRANSIENT
NEIGHBOURS



TO
LET
HIGH
TURNOVER
=
NUISANCE
RISK

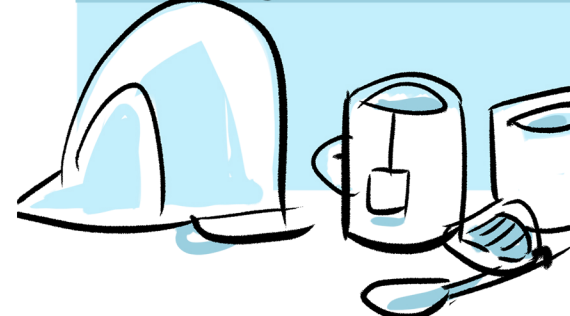


SMELLY
NEIGHBOURS



All the
more
noticeable,
since home-working
came in!

BUILDERS
have become
PART of
our
household...

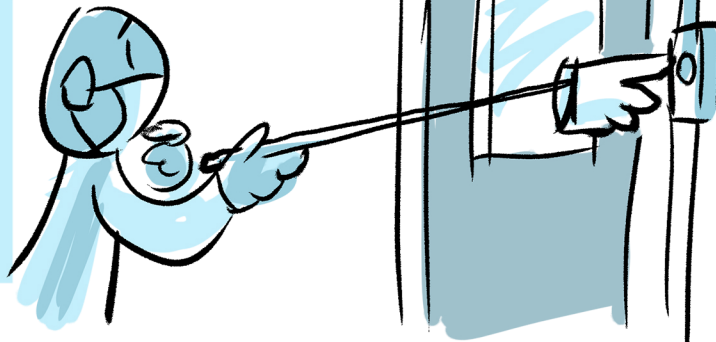


And our
neighbourhood



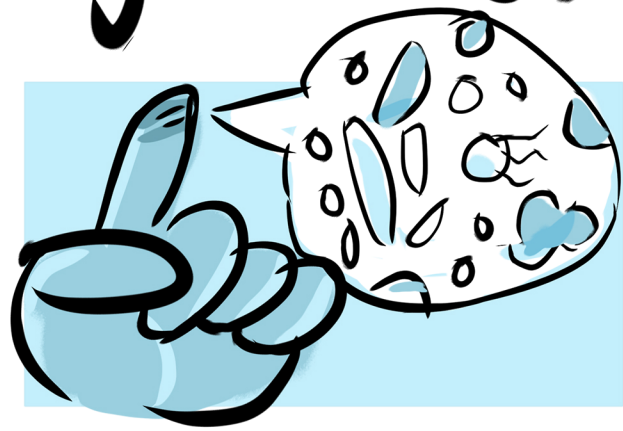
COVID-19
brought
neighbours
together

But also
made us
fearful



A SPACE
thing again,
Microbe/
virus spread
was a BIG
concern in
our block

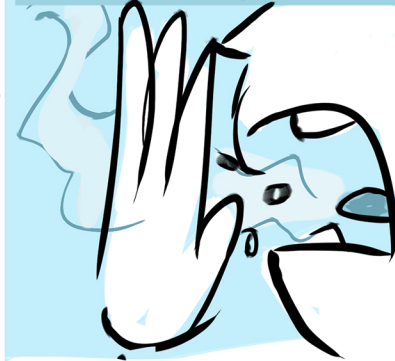
Body neighbours?



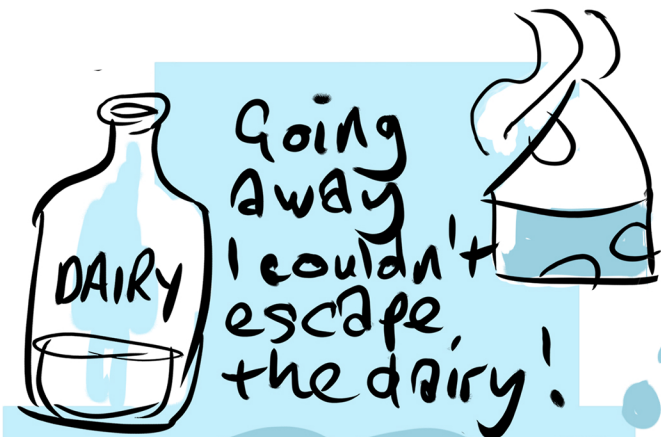
What can you feel?

What are you aware of?

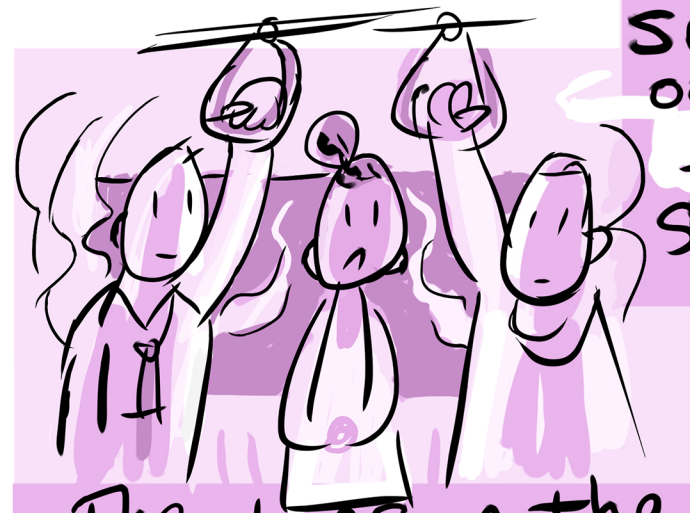
Waiting on overdue dental appt...



I was hyper aware of party going on in my mouth



Going away I couldn't escape the dairy!
What effect is this having on my gut?



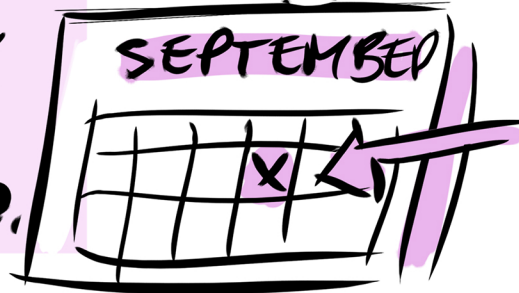
Sweet... occasionally fecal smells



My skin feels greasy during my period...

Feels like ACNE to come.

And it's a regular thing



Microbes can be itchy scratchy



The whiff on the tube is microbial



Inability to shower for few days - EEEK!



I can't wash my hair!



WASHING



What effect will ENERGY CRISIS have?

Slimy salad



In the tropics microbial infection is hugely accelerated.

Food sent as aid can be a danger



When my dog was sick, it was out with the gloves!

She doesn't bother so much for me - I'm much more hygienic

ARE YOU THOUGH?

How does this thinking play out in interactions with other HUMANS?

With pets...

FAMILIARITY = CLEAN

UNKNOWN = DIRTY

Microbes transfer via surfaces which is why COPPER is good

You wouldn't share toothbrush

Where was that ENDOSCOPE DONE?

Microbes can pass via medical equipment

What is a TOLERABLE LEVEL?

Lots of factors at play when people weigh up their safety levels

COMPLACENCY

How ill will I get?

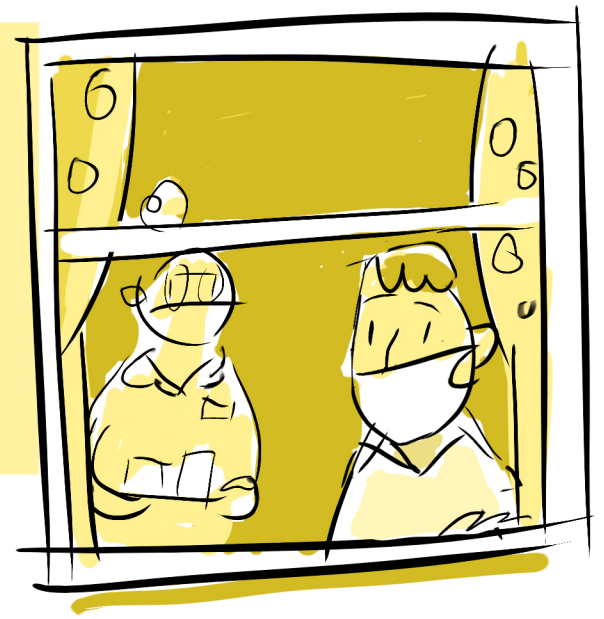
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO GOT IT

ONLY BAD FOR OLDER PEOPLE

NOT A THING ANYMORE IS IT?

PERCEIVED RISK

VULNERABLE GROUPS cannot afford to be COMPLACENT or ill informed

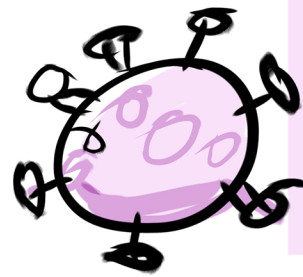


CLEAN IS DIRTY?

What does this mean?

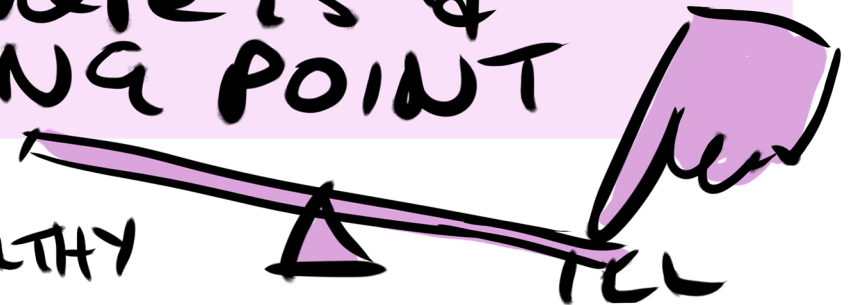


Dirty is when it's a PROBLEM (or perceived risk of one?)



Like VIRAL LOAD? There is a TIPPING POINT

HEALTHY



With regards to getting dirty...

As a kid I could do what I wanted

...and that outlook I pass to my kids



(JUST WATCH OUT FOR POO!!!)



LOOK AT THOSE NAILS!

Wash hands before meals?



There are cultural differences...

...IN FRANCE we use NAPKINS (not our clothes) to wipe hands



POLITENESS & microbe awareness



Should you move if someone sits next to you on the bus?

what part does racial prejudice play?

or class prejudice?

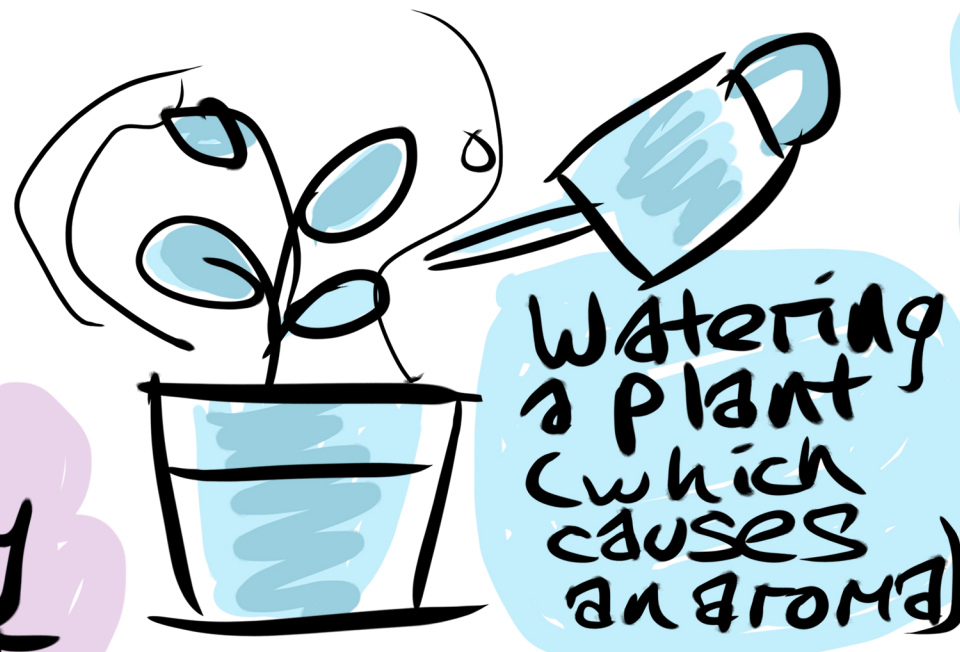
UNKNOWN = DIRTY

BUS = POOR = DIRTY

Any thoughts on MICROBIAL NEIGHBOURS in the break?



Stinky rubber soles



Watering a plant which causes an asthma

I'd never really thought about the microbes at play...



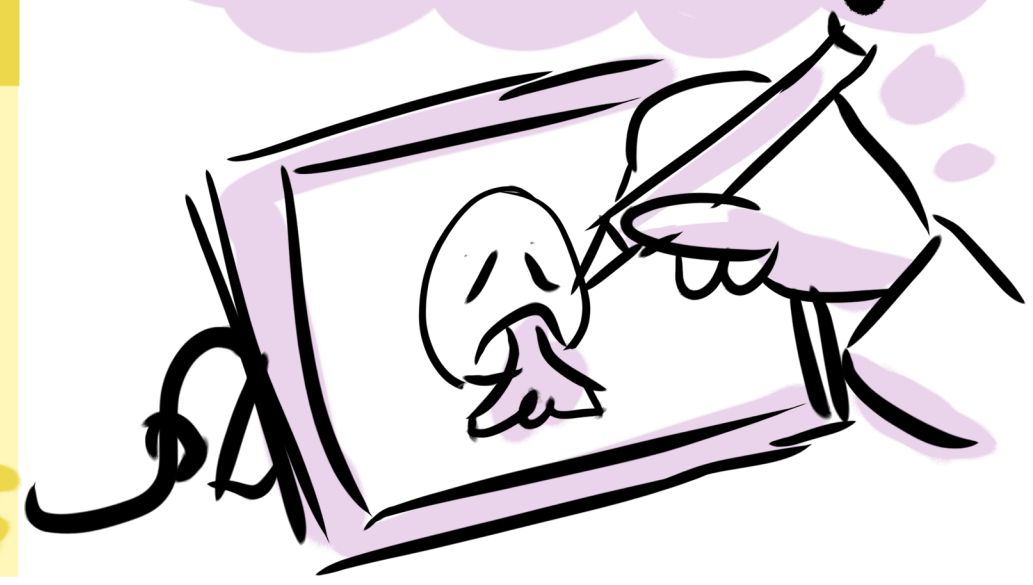
LOOK AT THAT GRUBBY NECK!

Soap dodging kids...

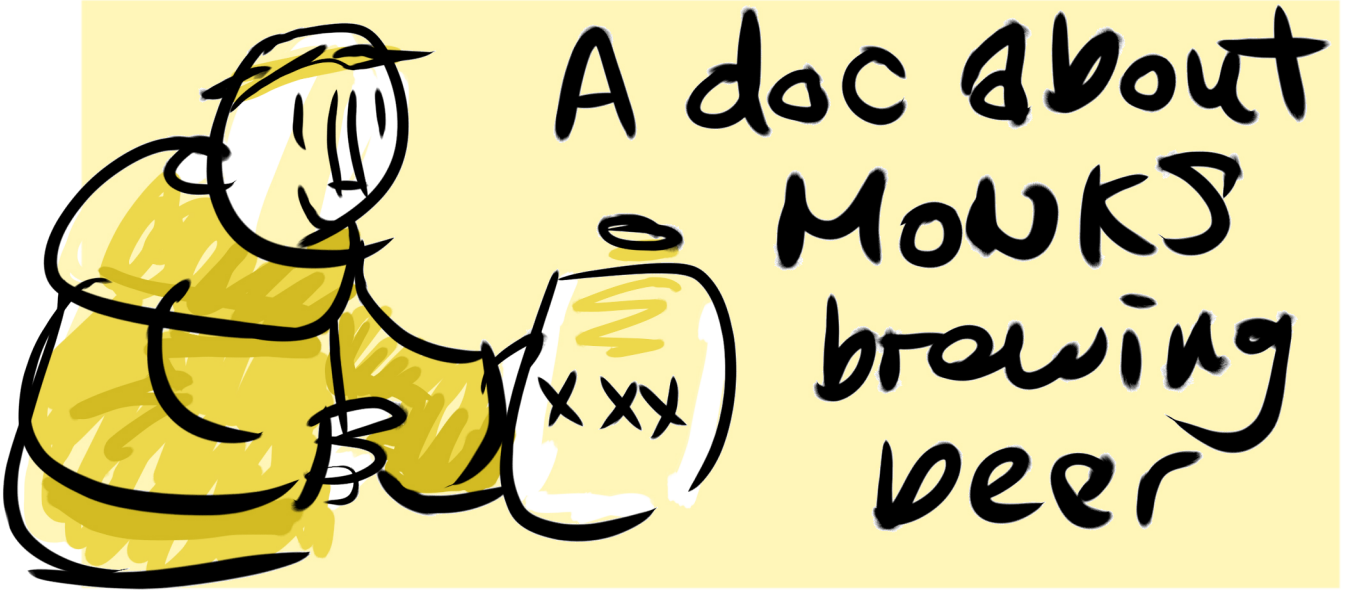
... and their bathroom... (AVOID!)



The tablet I draw on is a bit 'filmy'...



First experiences of microbes?

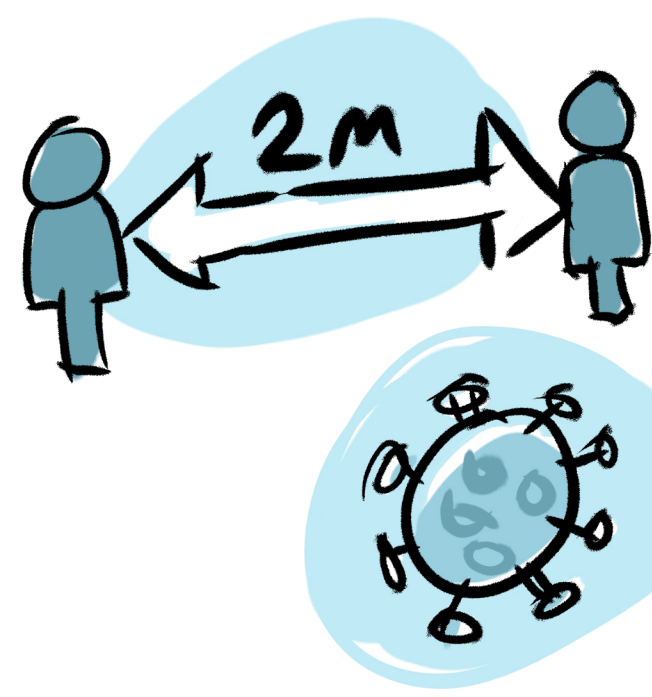
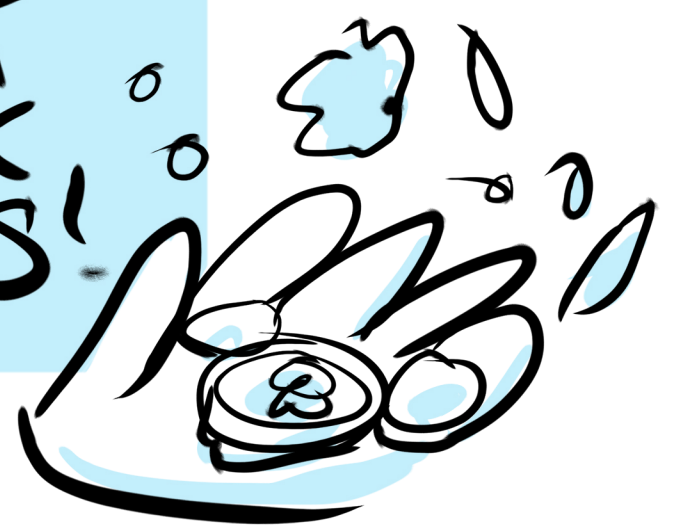


A doc about MONKS brewing beer



First SORE throat

DON'T SUCK COINS!



What will today's kids say when asked this?



(could be COVID-19 related, but could also be that time they got LEGO stuck up their nose...)



COST OF LIVING
PERFECT STORM

In so many ways
we live in a time
of
US & THEM.

Same with
MICROBES

Words we use
to talk MICROBES...

'Tolerance levels'
'CLEANSING'

... Sadly also are
used to talk about
people...

Just
trying to
keep warm!



If you kill
99% of microbes
DEAD
You get
rid of
good ones



A sidenote...

For the Queen's
funeral...

...the GREAT & THE GOOD
have been asked to
travel on
Shared COMMERCIAL
flights & BUSES...

Which brings us
full circle...
WORLD LEADERS
on the MEGABUS!

I know a song
that'll get on yer nerves!
Get on yer nerves!
Get on yer nerves!



...with (them) 'the
great unwashed'