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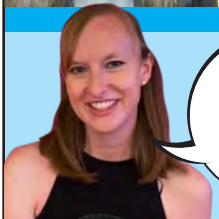
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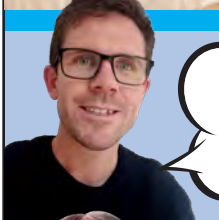
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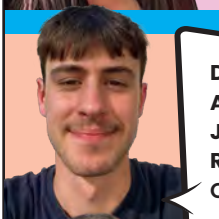
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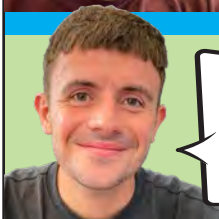
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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Snappy stories to get you talking!

FA plans to grow kids' disability football



A new plan to help more children with disabilities play football has been announced by The Football Association (FA). Football Without Limits aims to make it easier for five to 11-year-olds with disabilities to join in the UK's most popular sport. The FA wants to train more coaches and get more clubs involved. It hopes this will lead to a large increase in the number of children playing disability football by 2028. Head of Para Performance Catherine Gilby said the plan will help young players "reach their full potential" and inspire future para football stars.

Parents clashing more with teachers after Covid



Schools in Scotland are seeing more arguments between parents and teachers about how students behave. The Scottish Covid Inquiry has heard that the problem has become worse since the Covid-19 pandemic. Graham Hutton, who speaks for school leaders, told the public inquiry that some parents are now less likely to accept that their children might be misbehaving. He thinks this might be because parents found it hard to set rules for their kids during lockdowns. The investigation is looking at how the pandemic affected schools and what changes might be needed in the future.

OMG!



A giant firefighting panda sculpture 'climbs' up the side of a building in Chengdu, China, to celebrate Chinese National Fire Prevention Day.



The Rock's TOP TIPS!

First News interviewed Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson about his role in the new Christmas film *Red One* (rated 12A). Check out his top tips for staying off the naughty list! You can watch the full interview on the *First News* app.

THEY SAID THAT!

"Listen to your mum and dad. Don't talk back, and when you sneak in the cookie jar... do it in a way where you don't get caught!"

– Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson

This year set to be the hottest year ever recorded



Scientists warn that 2024 is likely to be the hottest year ever recorded. The World Meteorological Organization reports that temperatures are climbing faster than expected, with the first nine months of 2024 being 1.54°C warmer than pre-industrial times. This heat is causing problems worldwide; glaciers are melting quickly, sea levels are rising and extreme weather is becoming more common. Experts say we must act fast to reduce pollution and prepare for further climate change. They stress the importance of working together globally to tackle the growing crisis.

Satellites spot beach plastic from space



Australian scientists have created a clever way to find plastic rubbish on beaches using satellites. A team from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology has taught satellites to tell the difference between plastic, sand and water by looking at how they reflect light. In a test, satellites could spot plastic items on a beach from more than 600km (373 miles) up in space. This new method could help clean-up teams find plastic waste more easily, especially on remote beaches where it's hard to spot from the ground. Researchers hope this technology will help protect sea life and keep our beaches clean.

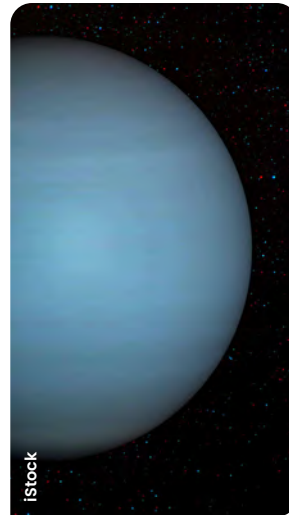
Scottish council drops shorter school week plans



Dumfries and Galloway Council has decided to keep the current five-day school week after discussing the alternatives with parents and teachers. They were thinking about changing to a four-and-a-half-day week, but many disagreed with the idea. The council leader, Gail Macgregor, said it was good to decide finally because people had been worried about the uncertainty for a long time. Teachers' groups agreed to keep the five-day week and said there were still too many things they didn't know about how a shorter week would work.

Uranus' moon may have hidden ocean

Scientists have reported on an exciting discovery about Miranda, one of Uranus' moons. Writing in *The Planetary Science Journal* they reported it might have a secret ocean under its icy surface. Using old pictures and new computer models, they found clues suggesting Miranda could have a deep ocean. They think the pull of gravity from nearby moons may be keeping the ocean warm, but experts say more research is needed to fully confirm the findings.



Thousands of Chinese students cycle for dumplings



A 50km night-time bike ride by four students in search of good soup dumplings has turned into a massive event in China after trending on social media since June. Last week, more than 100,000 students cycled four hours from Zhengzhou to Kaifeng. Authorities have put limits on bike rentals now as the riders have blocked roads and taken over the small tourist city.

Science book shortlist announced



The Royal Society has announced its shortlist for the 2024 Young People's Book Prize, featuring six outstanding science books for children under 14. The selection covers topics from human biology to space exploration, aiming to inspire young people and encourage a love for science. Professor Dorothy Bishop, chair of the shortlist judging panel, said: "Narrowing them down to just six was an almost impossible task, but we are thrilled with the shortlist and hope the young judges enjoy reading them as much as we did." More than 770 schools and youth groups across the UK will judge the books, with the winner to be revealed in Scotland in March.



New Star Wars trilogy!

Three new *Star Wars* movies will be coming to the big screen soon! Simon Kinberg, known for his work on *Star Wars Rebels*, is set to create a brand-new trilogy. However, it's unclear if these will continue the Skywalker story or start something new. Some think the films might be continuation episodes, while others say they'll be the beginning of a fresh adventure. Either way, fans can look forward to more space battles, lightsabers, and Force-wielding heroes in the galaxy far, far away.

Grapes may fight bowel cancer

Scientists are testing if a substance found in red grapes could help prevent bowel cancer. The Colo-Prevent trial will involve 1,300 people across England and Wales. Researchers will use a pure form of resveratrol, which is a natural substance also found in blueberries and peanuts. The team hopes this research could lead to new ways to defeat cancer.

● WORLD TOILET DAY 19 NOVEMBER

Highlights the importance of everyone having access to a clean, safe and hygienic toilet.

● GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS DAY 21 NOVEMBER

People across the world will put their skills to the test. What record would you try to break if you had the chance?



CALENDAR DATES



Go to the *First News* app for daily news posted throughout the week.



WORLD UNITES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST KIDS

MORE than 100 countries have made new promises to stop violence against children, at a big conference in Colombia.

The UN says that about one billion children – which is over half of all the kids in the world – are thought to suffer some form of violence, and a lot of

it comes from adults. It could include smacking, bullying or emotional abuse at home or at school.

Among its promises, the UK wants to tackle online harm, make schools safer and halve violence against women and girls within the next ten years.

8 countries will ban physical punishment, like smacking, in all places. In addition, Nigeria will ban it in schools.

18 The Solomon Islands will raise its legal age of marriage from 15 to 18 to reduce the risk of violence to girls.

38 countries plan to increase support for parents, which is a good way to reduce the risk of violence happening.

“Violence remains a horrific day-to-day reality for millions of children around the world... today, countries made critical pledges that could finally turn the tide on childhood violence.”

– Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization



EDITOR'S COMMENT

THIS World Children's Day, it's important to remember about the rights of children across the world (see the centre pages).

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has been signed by 196 countries. It sets out children's rights – wherever they are in the world.

The rights include things like the right to be safe, to have an education, to have a home, time to relax and play, and to be listened to. Read our feature on child rights in this issue of *First News* and let us know what you think. Should more be done to protect children's rights?



Nicky Cox MBE



Parkour is fast-paced fun!



PE

PACK away those dusty old bean bags and broken cricket bats, because you might soon be learning something new and exciting in PE! The Oak National Academy, which offers lesson ideas to teachers, is releasing tips on how to teach parkour (free-running) as well as other sports like pickleball and korfbal!

COP29 boss caught bigging up fossil fuels

A BOSS of the COP29 climate conference is in hot water after getting caught discussing new planet-harming fossil fuel deals.

COP29 is a gathering of world leaders in Baku, Azerbaijan, to discuss how to tackle the climate crisis. Its motto is: 'In solidarity for a green world.'

However, Elnur Soltanov, the chief executive of the conference, was secretly filmed talking to someone who was interested in funding his

country's fossil fuel industry.

After talking about green projects, Soltanov said: "We have a lot of gas fields that are to be developed... these are possibilities to explore."

Selling its oil and gas to other countries makes a lot of money for Azerbaijan – but they're fossil fuels. Digging them up releases carbon, which damages the climate.

An ex-head of a UN climate body told the BBC that Soltanov's words were "completely unacceptable".



He's COP-ping some flack!

The robot millionaire

Most expensive artwork created by a robot EVER sold!

A PAINTING created by this robot woman has been sold for just over \$1 million (which is about £850,000).

The machine is named Ai-Da (after computer pioneer Ada Lovelace), and her painting is one of 15 portraits she's created of British maths hero Alan Turing (right). It was sold in New York at an auction, where items are sold to the person who bids the most money.

In an interview, Ai-Da said: "The art is called *AI God*, to reflect the increasingly powerful role new technologies are taking... what will AI do in the future?"

Ai-Da won't keep her cash – her creator, Aidan Meller, will use it to further develop her painting skills, instead!



Ai-Da's painting



Ai-Da is built with cameras in her eyes

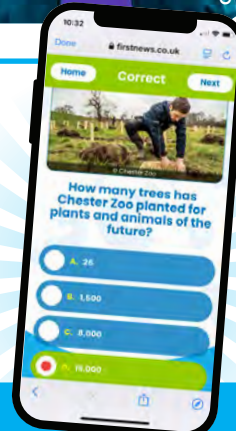
Raygun

AUSTRALIA'S Olympic breakdancer Rachael Gunn (aka Raygun) has quit the sport due to the "upsetting" way that people made fun of her moves this summer. She's worried about them doing it again. "People will be filming it, it will go online," she told the radio station 2DayFM. "Dancing is so much fun, and it makes you feel good. I don't think people should feel [bad] about the way that they dance."



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Test yourself on this week's news with our new quiz, included with every subscription. Play with your family, friends or by yourself. Read this week's issue to get all the answers right!



Ask a grown-up/bill-payer for your **WEB ID** to use the app.



LISTEN UP, TRUMP!

American kids react to Donald Trump's election victory



CHILDREN in the USA have spoken out about Donald Trump's big victory in the presidential election.

Mr Trump, the Republican Party's candidate, received more votes than his Democrat rival, Kamala Harris, meaning he'll return to the White House in January. Trump served as president before, from 2017 to 2021.

First News' partner show,

Sky Kids FYI, has spoken to pupils at one school in New York to see how they felt about the result.

"I was so shocked," said one student, Aaliyah. "I thought we were going to vote for Kamala."

However, Trump trumped her. Now it's up to him to unite a divided USA. The children shared their messages and advice for their next president...



Oumou



Ayden

Raúl

WHY DO YOU THINK TRUMP WON?

"Immigration. There are a lot of immigrants coming in and people feel like they're taking their jobs and stuff. I don't really agree with that... but Trump doesn't really like immigrants" – **Ayden**

SHOULD HE CHANGE AMERICA'S GUN LAWS?

"He should. Even this morning there was a shooting. Nobody should have guns except the military." – **Ayden**

DOES IT WORRY YOU THAT TRUMP DOESN'T BELIEVE IN CLIMATE CHANGE?

"It really doesn't. The climate changes all the time... we're still living." – **Raúl**

WHAT ABOUT HIS FALSE CLAIMS?

"As president, he's representing all of us to the world. And if he's making false claims to us, what's that going to make us think of him? That's our president – we should be able to trust him." – **Oumou**

CAN HE UNITE THE USA?

"A lot of people don't like Trump – especially now. Maybe he can try to bring it together. But, at this point, I don't think there's anything that can make us one again." – **Oumou**

TRUMP BY NUMBERS

78

Trump's age. He was born on 14 June 1946.

31

The number of states that voted for Trump, out of 50.

2

Trump is only the second person to lose the presidency then win it back. Grover Cleveland did it in 1893.

1

Trump is the only president to have been found guilty of a crime.



Lindsay Hoyle lives here!



SPEAKER'S SEEKERS!

Children snoop around Sir Lindsay Hoyle's home, inside the Palace of Westminster

IT'S UK Parliament Week from 18–24 November – and a lucky group of primary school politicians will be marking it in style!

To kick off this year's activities, 12 kids will get to visit Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the Speaker of the House of Commons, at his home inside the Palace of Westminster.

As the Speaker, Mr Hoyle controls the debates that politicians hold – including the weekly Prime Minister's Questions, when MPs get the chance to quiz Keir Starmer. It's up to Mr Hoyle to make sure everyone obeys the rules, a bit like a referee.

The visiting children are all from the David Amess UK Children's Parliament (UKCP). Named in honour of a much-loved MP who died in 2021, the UKCP brings together primary school children across Britain to debate important topics and enjoy fantastic opportunities – just like this one!

UK Parliament Week will see 1.6 million young people take part in 16,000 activities to spread the word about what Parliament is. If you'd like to get involved, there are free resources and digital kits at ukparliamentweek.org.

Tax our snacks

HEALTH groups have joined forces to ask the government to increase taxes on unhealthy snacks.

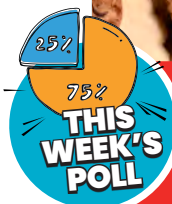
The NHS says that one in ten children are obese by the time they start primary school – a figure that has crept up since last year.

There are 35 groups, including doctors, dentists and charities like Diabetes UK, who want the government to put higher taxes on salty and sugary snacks like cakes,

crisps and sweets to persuade brands to make their products healthier.

Anna Taylor from the Food Foundation said: "The damage the food industry is doing to children's health is the biggest threat to our nation's wellbeing and future productivity."

In a YouGov poll, two-thirds of adults support the idea if it raises money to help improve children's health.



Should unhealthy snacks be made more expensive?

Vote at first.news/polls

Mystery beach balls are actually... POO!



AUSTRALIA

Mysterious tar balls wash up on Sydney beaches

Our World News in issue 958

SCIENTISTS have uncovered the mystery behind sticky, icky balls that washed up on Sydney beaches, forcing them to close.

First News reported last month that residents were warned not to touch the tar-like balls and, as it turns out, that was very good advice – because they were in fact a combination of cooking oil, chemicals and human poo!

The balls had a firm surface and a soft, oozy middle. "They smell absolutely disgusting – worse than anything you've ever smelt," said Professor Jon Beves from the University of NSW.

● In Canada, spongy white blobs that recently washed up on beaches turned out to be clumps of PVA glue. It's still bad for the environment, but at least it's more sticky than stinky...



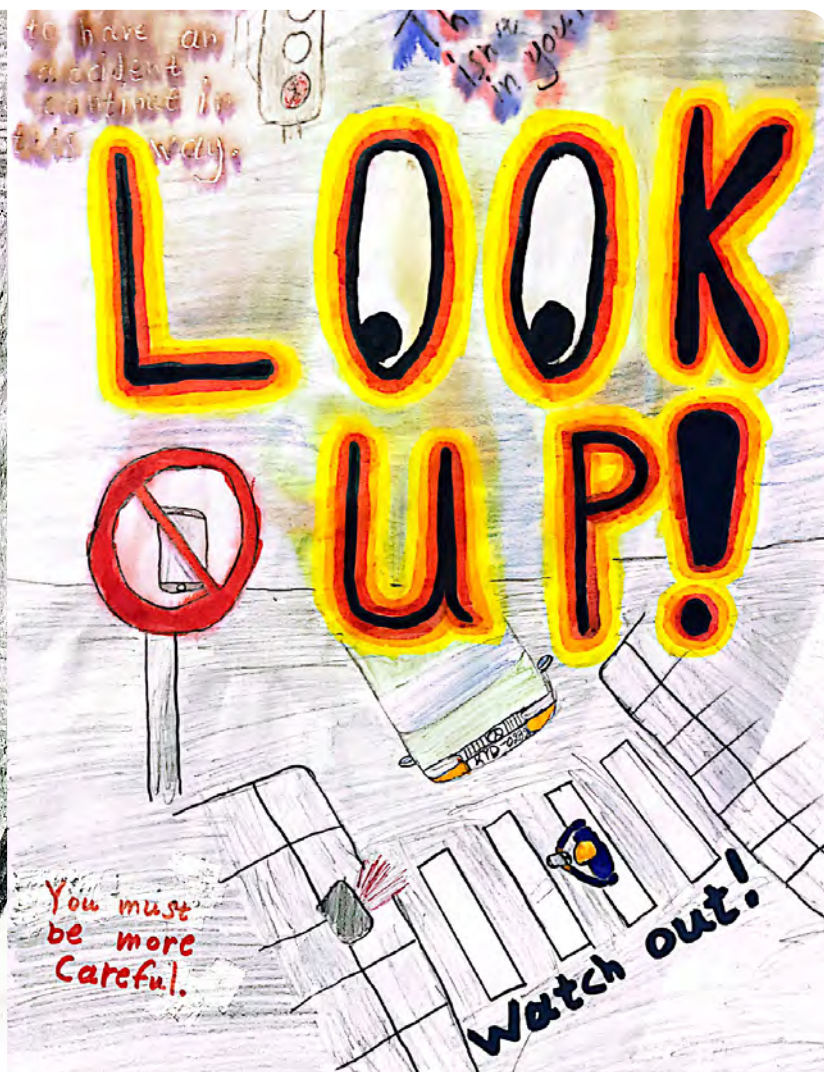
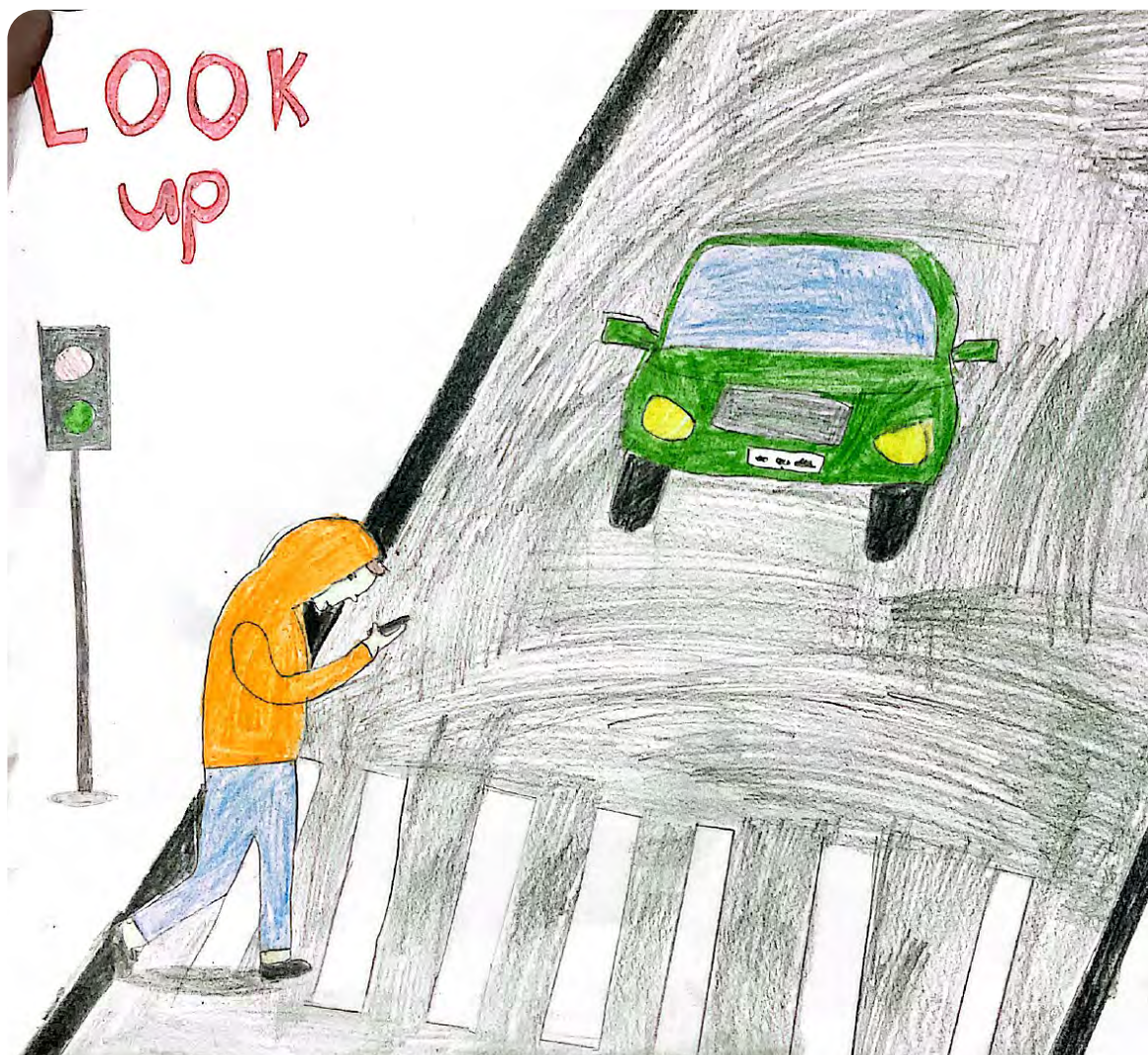
Imagine the fried eggs at breakfast!

IF you designed a dream hotel, what would it have? Water slides, robot butlers, a fountain of fudge?

A man from the Philippines decided that, above all else, he'd love his hotel to be in the shape of... a chicken.

"I had a vision to make something with a wow factor!" Ricardo Cano Gwapo Tan told *Guinness World Records*.

With 15 rooms and standing 114ft 7in (35m) tall, the Campuestohan Highland Resort's newest hotel has been crowned the largest chicken-shaped building in the world – although we can't imagine there was too much competition!



HERE are some of the amazing posters you've made for our Look Up! campaign, which urges everyone to look up from their phones before crossing the road. You can find out more by going to schools.firstnews.co.uk/look-up-campaign. We're also marking Road Safety Week, which is the charity Brake's biggest annual road safety campaign. Taking place between 17 and 23 November, the week aims to raise awareness of road accidents and how important it is to stay alert.

New York, USA



ARTWORK *Little Shop Of Hunger* has been made out of unopened cans of food for the annual Construction competition. The cans are later donated to help those in need.

Oxfordshire, UK



A STATUE has been unveiled at Blenheim Palace to celebrate the 150th anniversary (30 November) of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill. He was born at the palace in 1874, before going on to become prime minister of the UK during World War Two.

Sydney, Australia



JACARANDA tree blooms are a sign that spring has arrived in Australia. Here, a sulphur-crested cockatoo perches among the spectacular purple flowers.

Berlin, Germany



SEEING the sights of Berlin in style! This city tour puts tourists in mini hot rod cars.



Edinburgh, UK



Royal Mail

EDINBURGH Cathedral features on one of five Christmas stamps released by the Royal Mail. The other four stamps, also illustrated by British artist Judy Joel, feature famous cathedrals in Liverpool, Armagh, Bangor and Westminster.

London, UK



Tom Grennan/Instagram

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SINGER Tom Grennan had the honour of turning on the iconic Oxford Street Christmas lights this year, in partnership with Great Ormond Street Hospital and its GOSH Charity. It also provided a magical moment for Emily, a patient at the hospital.

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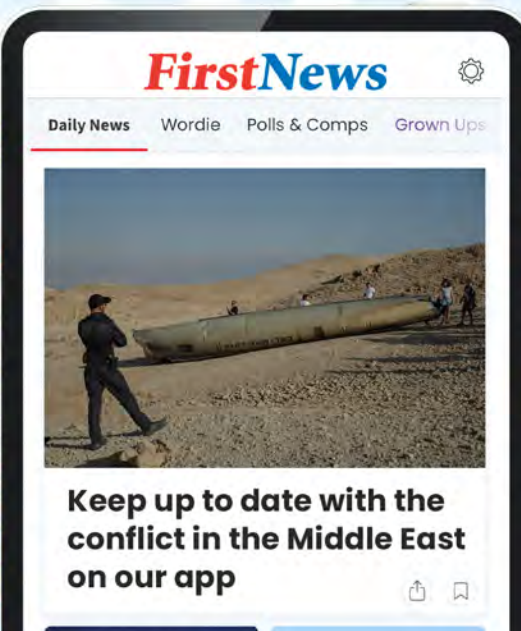
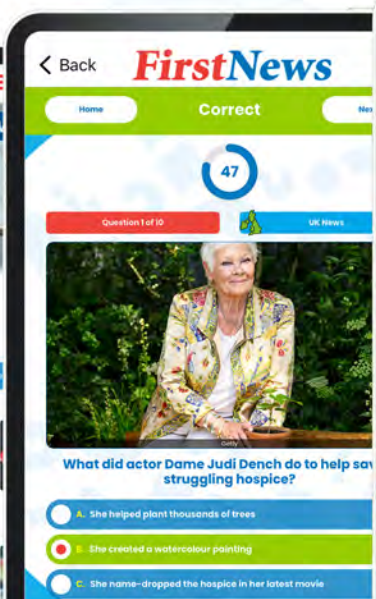
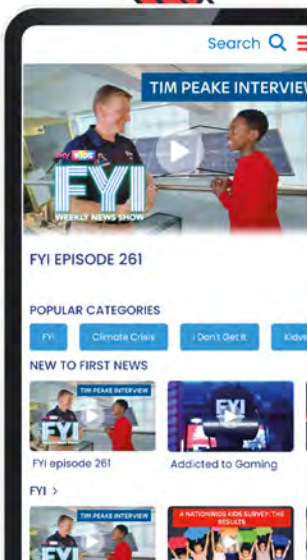
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CAIRNGORMS

Reviving rare trees

A rewilding charity is aiming to restore aspen, one of Scotland's rarest native tree species. Trees for Life has partnered with the Cairngorms National Park to bring back the endangered Caledonian forest trees. Aspen provides food for more than 60 insect species but, largely, has disappeared from Scotland's landscapes due to deforestation. It also grows fast and dies young, meaning it locks away carbon more efficiently than most tree species. All trees turn CO₂ from the air into wood and leaves, locking up the carbon. When the tree dies or drops leaves, most of the carbon stays in the soil, helping new trees grow.



Trees for Life

An aspen's vibrant colours

The pool can generate up to 1,000 waves an hour



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EDINBURGH

Making waves

Scotland's first inland surf resort has officially opened after ten years in the making. Edinburgh might not be the first place that comes to mind when you imagine lots of waves, but Lost Shore Surf Resort is aiming to change that. It's now home to the largest wave pool in Europe – three times the size of the Wembley Stadium football pitch! If surfing isn't your thing, the £60 million resort also includes restaurants and shopping areas. It has partnered with surf charity The Wave Project to support local young people.

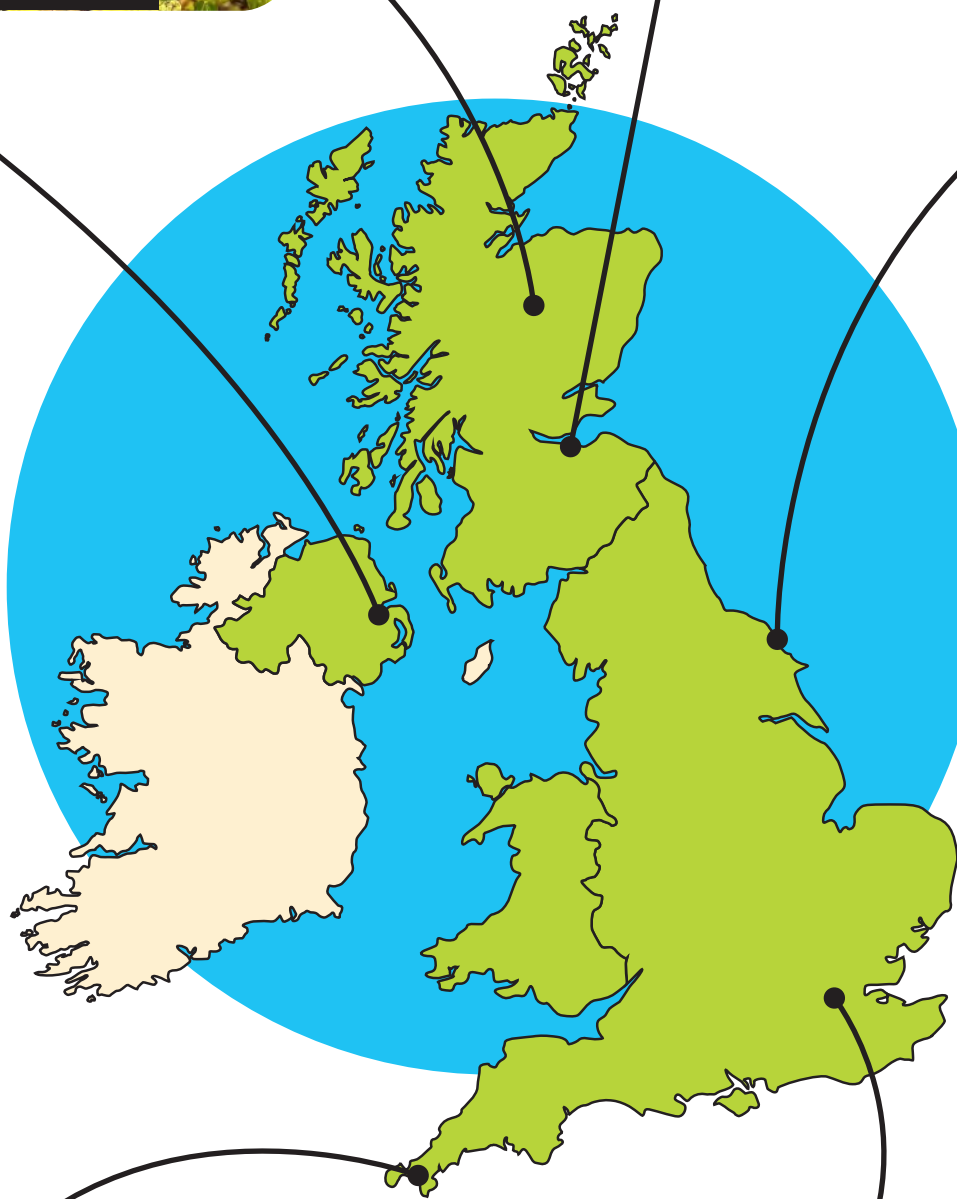
BELFAST



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Tributes paid to "trailblazer"

Tributes are being paid to Anna Lo, the first Chinese person to be elected to a parliament in western Europe, who has died aged 74. She has been described as a "groundbreaking" politician by the Alliance Party, which she had represented before retiring in 2016. Ms Lo was the first ethnic-minority politician elected to Stormont, the Northern Irish parliament, after moving from Hong Kong in 1974. Her two sons said in a statement: "Anna stood for and fought for equality, for women's rights, against discrimination including racism."



SCARBOROUGH

Lighting up dark nights

Scarborough Lights is back to brighten up the dark winter months. Lots of venues will be playing host to displays, including South Cliff Fire Garden, where roses are replaced with flames. Local people have contributed to many of the shows, including a mini planetarium within St Mary's Church that will tell the story of the night sky. Scarborough's Victorian spa will be illuminated, too, with its windows becoming portals peering into the sea. Scarborough Lights is on until 22 December, and many of the events are free of charge. Find out more at www.scarboroughfair.uk.



Sony Music

The Fire Garden

HELSTON

Iconic theme park closes

Flambards Theme Park in Cornwall has announced its immediate closure after 48 years. The much-loved theme park put the decision down to rising costs and falling visitor numbers. It was founded in 1976 and had 15 attractions, although some rides had already closed in the summer. The Victorian Village exhibition, which the park hopes to preserve, included a 1909 pharmacy that had been preserved as a time capsule. The park said Flambards has been a "cherished destination" for visitors to Cornwall for generations.



Flambards

LONDON

Scottish authors in town

Scotland's best authors are descending on London for the first ever St Andrew's Book Festival. The week-long event celebrates a wide variety of topics, from history and cookery to economics and the environment. There'll be lots of events taking place for schools, including a fun and free session for James Campbell's latest book, *Don't Panic! We CAN Save the Planet*. The festival takes place from 25 November – 1 December at multiple venues. Find out more at www.standrewsbookfestival.org/events.



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EARTHSHOT PRIZE WINNERS!



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AT the awards ceremony for this year's Earthshot Prize, Prince William said he hopes that people will be inspired to "change the world for good".

Speaking at the close of the event in Cape Town, South Africa, he also called for people around the world to join the "movement for change".

Prizes of £1 million are awarded in five categories for sustainable, eco-friendly projects around the world.

The 2024 winners are: **Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative**, a group that saves rare antelopes in Kazakhstan; **Green Africa Youth Organization**, which manages waste in Africa; **High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People**, a group protecting oceans globally; **Keep IT Cool**, a Kenyan company providing solar-powered refrigeration to stop fish and harvested crops spoiling; and **Advanced Thermovoltaic Systems**, which turns industrial waste heat into electricity.

Giant spiders thrive in UK



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THOUSANDS of fen raft spiders are thriving in the UK thanks to a breeding programme led by Chester Zoo.

The fen raft spider is harmless to humans but very important for the health of wetlands. They get their name from the way they hunt on the surface of water.

However, 15 years ago, they were close to extinction in the UK because their habitats were being destroyed.

That's why Chester Zoo worked with the RSPB to raise hundreds of baby spiders in test tubes.

The spiders were hand-fed with tweezers until they were big enough to be released into the wild, and have now had their most successful breeding year.

Although these spiders grow to be the size of your palm, the zoo says they're very friendly!

Emperor penguin makes epic journey

AN emperor penguin has been spotted on a beach in Western Australia, thousands of miles from its icy home.

The penguin, about a metre tall, surprised people when it waddled out of the water. "It was massive, it was way bigger than a sea bird," said surfer Aaron Fowler.

Scientists think this might be the longest journey ever recorded for this species. It likely swam over 2,100 miles (3,400km) from Antarctica, following ocean currents.

The penguin is being cared for by wildlife experts, and it's hoped it will find its way back home once released. Dr Belinda Cannell, one of the experts, says the birds "are excellent at finding their own colonies".



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ANEESHWAR Kunchala is a nine-year-old wildlife campaigner and officially the world's youngest newspaper columnist! He shot to fame as a finalist on *Britain's Got Talent*. Now, he's presenting the documentary *Save Our Wildlife* from Sky Kids and Sky Zero. You can watch it at first.news/climatecrisis.

Aneeshwar's Animal of the Week is the...

RAINBOW LORIKEET



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HABITAT:

This parrot lives in the rainforests, coastal bush and woodland areas of eastern Australia.

FUN FACTS:

- They mate for life and, unlike other birds, both sexes look pretty much the same. The only way to tell them apart is with a DNA test.
- They have 21 sub-species, more than any other species of parrot.

SPECIAL SUPERPOWER:

They have a long tongue that looks like a paint brush, to feed on nectar and pollen.

CONSERVATION STATUS:

The International Union for Conservation of Nature says they're of least concern.



We're asking you to send in photos of your own drawings or paintings of wildlife to add to an online gallery. Ask a parent, guardian or teacher to send in your photos by emailing them to yournews@firstnews.co.uk. You can view the gallery by asking a responsible adult to scan this QR code!





THE WAR ON DIRTY WATER

COP29 IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN 11 – 22 NOVEMBER

WHEN you think of polluted water, images of grimy sewage or beaches covered in rubbish might spring to mind. But if you look closer – much, much closer – you'll see a type of pollution that is far more dangerous: PFAS. We spoke to Stockholm Junior Water Prize winners Christopher Whitfeld and Jonathan Zhao to find out more.

WHAT ARE PFAS?

"PFAS (or poly and perfluoroalkyl [per-floor-o-al-kyle] substances) are chemicals used in lots of consumer products, like non-stick pans and make-up. Research shows they are very dangerous because they can cause huge damage to people's immune systems and dramatically increase the development of cancers, even if you're only exposed to a small amount."



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OUR TOP TIPS

For Christopher, his passion for solving environmental problems came from his time reading *First News* as a child. "I remember reading predictions about our planet's future, and slowly realising they were coming true. But stories about climate activists and science that was stopping environmental damage inspired me to one day take action myself," he says.



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Here are the boys' top tips for scientific research:

- "Read, read, read! It's so important to understand as much as possible about the problems you want to solve. If you don't understand something, try to avoid ChatGPT and read scientific articles instead to learn more."
- "Ask for help. No-one knows everything! If reading doesn't help you, ask your parents, teachers or even email a professor at a university for help. In our experience, professors are very happy to share more details about their work!"
- "Enter competitions! You will need to ask your teachers for help with this, but organisations like the TeenTech Awards or the UK Junior Water Prize are great ways to improve your research and make sure you keep to deadlines."
- "Stay positive! Research is hard, but always remember the benefits your research could bring to others. Use that motivation to keep pushing, even if things don't go as planned."



A reverse osmosis filter

WHAT CAN WE DO?

"Though they are not well understood in the UK, there are a few solutions that have been considered. Particular types of water filters, called reverse osmosis filters, are able to remove PFAS from your tap water. However, these are expensive. Equally, there are almost zero government regulations of PFAS at the moment. This means companies are still allowed to produce them.

"It is very hard to detect PFAS, which means that not many people know about them."

OUR SOLUTION

"We are two 17-year-old researchers, who have proposed a new approach to dealing with the problem. Using an AI model, and a very cheap filter, we have been able to predict how much PFAS there is at any place within the UK, and then remove up to 94% of PFAS.

"We worked with researchers and experimented in labs, but perhaps most excitingly, we took our research to Sweden.

"We were invited to the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, an international water research competition that is held during World Water Week in August. There, we presented our solution to a jury of nine experts, and were ultimately crowned winners out of 10,000 global entries from 30 countries!

"We were completely and genuinely shocked to win! They read the description of our project out, so we only slowly realised we had won.

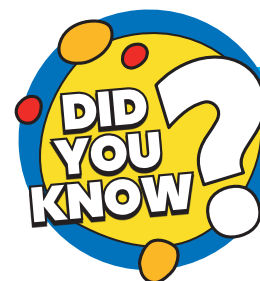
"After receiving our trophy from the hands of



Christopher and Jonathan in Sweden

Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria, we were able to speak to her privately. She is so friendly; we were a bit flustered, but she was super approachable.

"Though we were delighted to win, the prize was only the cherry on top of an incredible week. We met friends that we will know for the rest of our lives, and we even got to have a royal banquet with the King of Sweden!"



PFAS are known as 'forever chemicals' because they do not break down naturally



VAMPIRE BATS PUT BLOOD TO USE STRAIGHT AWAY

TREADMILLS are a pretty common sight in gyms across the world, but we'd never seen a vampire bat jogging along on one until this week.

Two scientists writing in *Biology Letters* revealed how they caught 24 adult vampire bats in Belize, South America, and fed them with cow's blood. The blood contained a heavier type of carbon atom so that it would show up in CO₂ the bats breathed out.

Unlike most bats, vampire bats are good runners and can stalk their prey on the ground. They ran on the treadmill at speeds of up to 30 metres per minute, and the scientists collected samples of the air they breathed out.

By looking at this air, it could be seen that the bats were using the amino acids in the blood for energy within minutes of drinking it. This is really unusual because most animals, including humans, use stored sugars and fats for energy, and only burn proteins for energy as a last resort.



THE special diet of a vampire bat means that it can't really store energy and would starve if it didn't eat for about 24 hours. But they will share a meal with a hungry pal whose hunt hasn't been a success, by bringing some blood up from their stomach and passing it into their pal's mouth. Which is kind of gross, but also kind of cute at the same time.



Price Sewell

One of the bats on a treadmill. Vampire bats live in Central and South America and mostly prey on pig-like animals called peccaries, as well as capybaras, cows, pigs and horses. They have been known to nibble on humans, but it's very rare!

How a volcano can be good for the planet

AN enormous volcanic eruption in 2022 helped to boost marine life and could also have slowed down the rate of global warming.

New research has shown that when Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai erupted in the South Pacific in January 2022, it released around 32,000 tonnes of iron into the sea. That's what would normally enter the ocean in that area in a whole year.

Iron is a crucial element for life, and a report in the journal *Nature Communications* says that numbers of phytoplankton (microscopic marine animals) increased. Phytoplankton take CO₂ out of the atmosphere and it eventually gets stored at the bottom of the ocean, where it can't get back into the atmosphere.

A similar eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991 led to the rise in CO₂ levels in the atmosphere slowing down by 1.5ppm (parts per million), and researchers say the same could happen this time. However, levels of CO₂ are now at 422ppm, so the effect isn't world-changing.

Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai is an underwater volcano that reaches **1.8km (1.1 miles)** up from the seafloor and is **20km (12 miles)** across

The 2022 eruption is estimated to have thrown **2.9bn tonnes** of rock, ash and water up to a height of **57km (35 miles)** and over a distance of **600km (373 miles)**

Scientists estimated that the blast had the same power as **100–200 million tonnes** of the explosive TNT

For comparison, the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in World War Two had a power of **15,000 tonnes** of TNT



A previous eruption in 2015 created new land between two existing islands (the mostly green bits at either end), which were the only parts of the volcano that stuck up above the surface of the water...



...but the eruption in January 2022 obliterated the new section, as well as much of the original two islands

This report is from the Science Museum in London

SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP

BACK in 17th century Europe, pineapples were considered a luxury. This fruit, which usually grows in South America, was difficult to bring back, and even harder to make it grow in the colder European climate.

Their rarity, green 'crown' and golden colour earned it the title 'king of fruits'.

On Christmas Day 1733, King Louis XV of France received an incredible gift: the first pineapples grown in his palace gardens, thanks to a clever use of greenhouses that the gardeners kept heated to recreate a tropical climate. The king was so pleased that he asked one of his official painters to make a 'portrait' of this royal fruit to celebrate this scientific achievement.

You can see the painting in Versailles: Science and Splendour at the Science Museum from 12 December.

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Pineapple in a Pot by Jean-Baptiste Oudry



EGG-CITING RECORD CRACKED IN MEXICO



Unión Nacional de Avicultores

Dude, watch your egg!

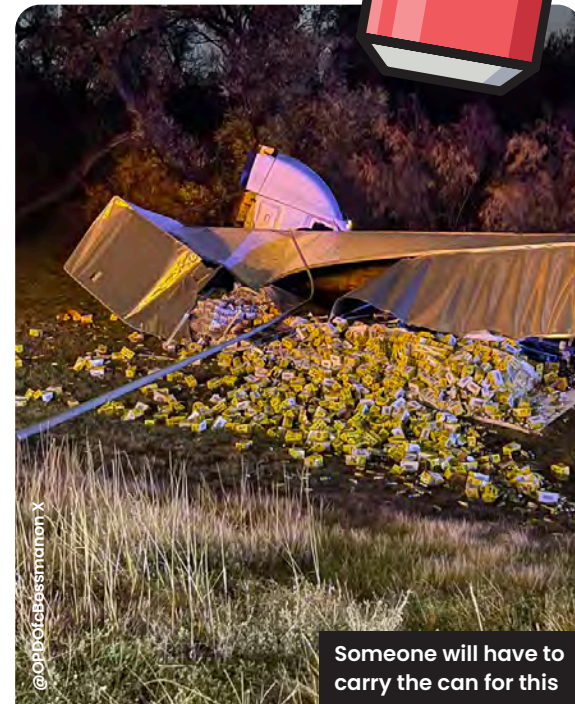
A SMALL town in Mexico has scrambled its way into the world record books with an enormous egg event.

More than 2,000 students balanced eggs on spoons while racing 100 metres, breaking the Guinness World Record for the largest egg and spoon race.

The eggs-travaganza in Jalisco state was part of a fair organised by local chicken farmers, and beat the previous record set in London.

The event also featured an egg hunt, decorated cart races, and a tasty showcase of 100 egg-based dishes.

Fizzy fiasco!



@opofebassmanonx

Someone will have to carry the can for this

A STRANGE sight greeted drivers on a busy motorway in Nebraska, USA, as hundreds of C4 energy drinks littered the area.

The unusual scene was caused by an overturned lorry that spilt its caffeinated cargo all over the road. Local police urged drivers to stay alert, warning them of potential delays due to the clean-up operation.

Luckily, things were back in order soon enough, and drivers could continue their journeys as normal.

MONKEYS ON THE LOOSE



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FORTY-THREE monkeys escaped during the night from a research facility in South Carolina, USA.

Police in Yemassee warned residents to keep doors and windows closed and to call emergency services if they spotted any of the animals. Officers were using heat-sensing cameras and traps to find the rhesus macaques, and by the start of this week, 25 had been caught.

This isn't the first time monkeys have escaped from the Alpha Genesis research centre. In 2016, 19 monkeys escaped but all were caught within six hours. Before that, in 2014, a group of 26 got loose.

Staff were trying to tempt the macaques back with treats of apples, as there are none growing in the local woods where the monkeys were hanging out.

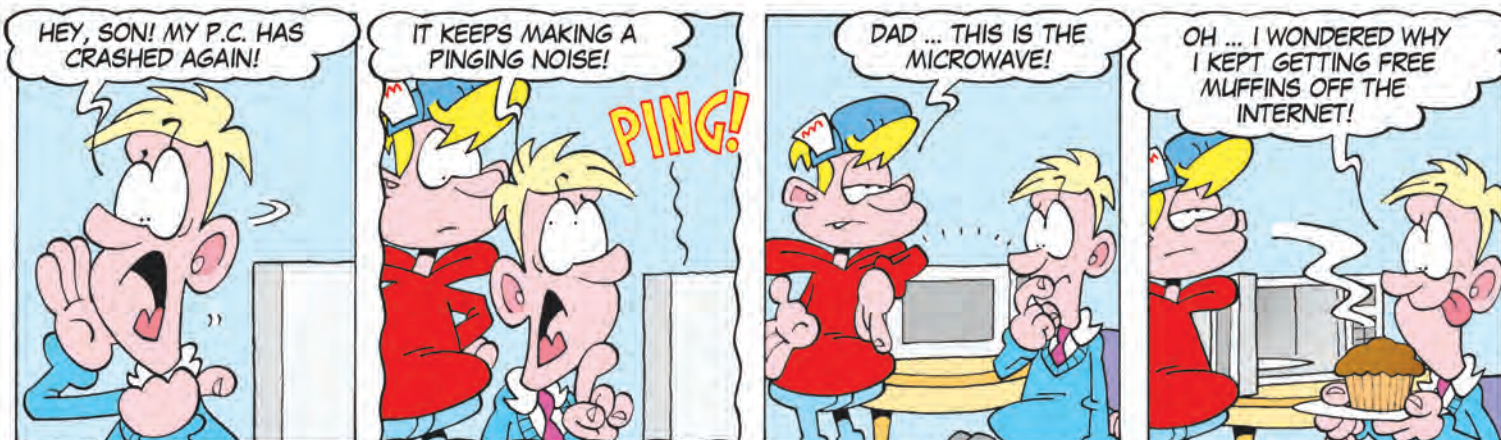
JOKE OF THE WEEK

ha ha ha

What do you call a disco-loving primate?
A funky monkey!

Paper Boy!

Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



HEY, SON! MY P.C. HAS CRASHED AGAIN!

IT KEEPS MAKING A PINGING NOISE!
PING!

DAD ... THIS IS THE MICROWAVE!

OH ... I WONDERED WHY I KEPT GETTING FREE MUFFINS OFF THE INTERNET!



GROWING UP IN THE USA

AND MY THOUGHTS ON THE ELECTION



OLIVE Steadman is an English 12-year-old currently living in California. She moved a year ago for her dad's job, but the family plans to move back to south London next year. Here, she gives her account of what living in America during the election was really like, as well as all the differences from school life in the UK.

● Meet Olive

Almost exactly a year ago, I left my friends and my primary school in south London and flew 5,000 miles away to the USA. Three days later, I was sitting in a classroom in a brand-new elementary school (our version of primary) in California where I knew no-one. It was a bit of a rollercoaster to say the least and pretty much everything was different.

While I was used to thick jumpers and jackets, it's always hot in California so most girls wear short shorts to school and the boys wear Hawaiian shirts – I haven't put on a coat in a year! The focus isn't as much on academics as it is on confidence and social skills, and school finishes SO early! Especially on Wednesdays, when we're home by 2pm!



Olive

● The US election

At school, during the build-up to the election, the only topic of conversation was who would become the next president and, although teachers weren't allowed to express their political views, school was still full of the buzz of a presidential debate.

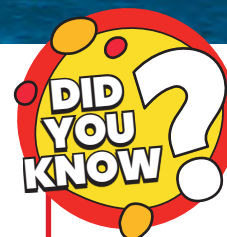
California was rooting for Kamala Harris, so many of my peers and teachers were hoping for a blue (that's the colour of the Democrats) win, but there were still mixed feelings throughout my classroom.

When the result came in last week, I arrived at school to find a few friends whose families are from Mexico really worried that some of their relatives might get deported [thrown out of the country]. Donald Trump is really strict on who should be allowed to live in America.

● My hopes for the new president

I really hope that Trump supports education more – we don't get lots of things in school in America that the government in England pays for. Schools here rely on donations from parents for art, music and drama classes and our school doesn't have a kitchen, so the food gets delivered on a cardboard tray; it's DISGUSTING! Most people have a packed lunch. That is all despite this being one of the richest parts of the world!

I really hope Trump will get stricter on guns – if people have a licence here, they're allowed to own them. This means we have to have 'bad people' drills at school. We have thick, metal doors in our classroom and in the drills we have to hide in silence and make it look like we've run away – everyone has a different role. It's really weird. We also have to have earthquake drills, and last year a mountain lion came into my school playground (which they call a blacktop here!).

Olive and her friend
Annie on the boat home
from San Francisco

- In England if you're in Year 6, that's 5th grade in America!
- You don't get break time here – you get 'recess'. And there are no uniforms!

● We don't have half-terms, but we do have an 11-week summer!

● We don't have the Labour and Conservative parties here. Instead we have the Democrats and the Republicans.

● Many of the laws are made by the state, and there are 50 states. So even though the Republicans won the election and Trump controls national law, state decisions are made by each individual state.



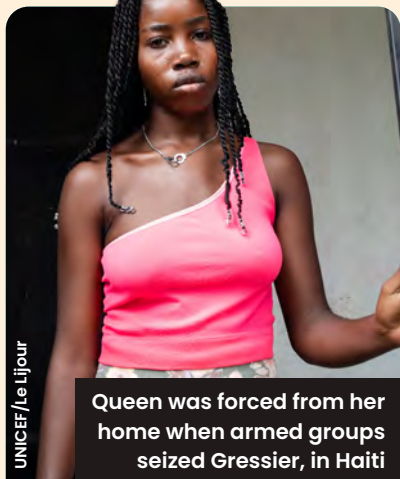
Olive often heads to the beach after school. Here she is making s'mores – a classic American treat where you melt marshmallows over fire and eat them with crackers (a biscuit) and chocolate



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

HAITI

Every child has the right to life, survival and development

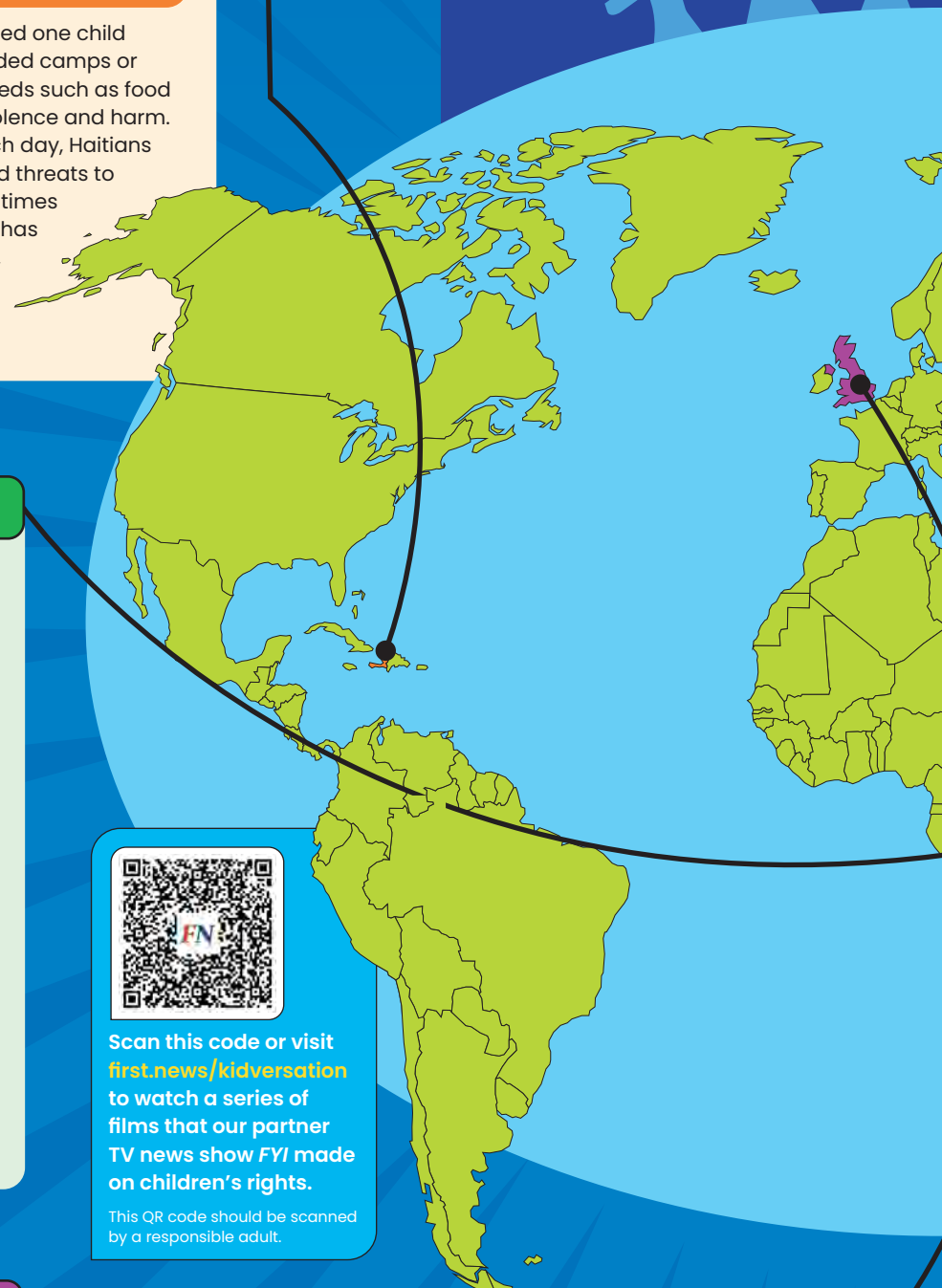


Queen was forced from her home when armed groups seized Gressier, in Haiti

"I don't like my current life. I want to live as I did before – eating regularly, drinking regularly, being able to afford a home."
– Queen, 14

Ongoing violence from armed groups in Haiti has forced one child from their home every minute since March. Overcrowded camps or shelters, like the one Queen now lives in, lack basic needs such as food and water, and see thousands of children at risk of violence and harm. Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director, said: "Each day, Haitians endure some of the worst abuses, rights violations and threats to their lives that we're seeing anywhere in the world." In times of crisis, nutrition is more important than ever. UNICEF has reached more than 1.2 million people with food, water, sanitation and hygiene, and is working to provide vital nutrition supplies to ensure every child's right to food security.

IT'S World Children's Day
Here we explore children's rights
helping to protect children



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Every child has the right to the best possible health



Rosine holds her young niece inside the UNICEF-supported mpox isolation and treatment unit in South Kivu

"I'm no longer too afraid of mpox, as I'm in the hospital, I've seen the medication, and if I fall ill, the doctors can treat me." – Rosine, 15

Mpox is an infectious disease caused by the monkeypox virus. Earlier this year a public health emergency was declared due to an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In the DRC, children under 15 are particularly affected and account for six in ten suspected cases and eight in ten deaths. To help bring this outbreak to an end, UNICEF has delivered 265,000 doses of vaccines for mpox to the DRC. UNICEF-supported mpox isolation and treatment units, like the one Rosine stayed at with her niece who caught the disease, ensure children can receive free treatment and families are equipped with correct information on symptoms, to help reduce the spread of the disease.



Scan this code or visit [first.news/kidversion](https://www.bbc.com/news/first-news/kidversion) to watch a series of films that our partner TV news show *FYI* made on children's rights.

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UK

Every child has the right to freedom of expression

UNICEF UK runs a Child Friendly Cities & Communities programme that works with councils to put children's rights into practice. The programme ensures children's voices are heard so that they can benefit from the local decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives and communities. Latifa is a proud Child Friendly Ambassador for Lambeth and wants to make her home

the safest borough in London. Latifa is promoting children's rights in schools and listening to young people's concerns, such as feeling safe in their communities. UNICEF's programme protects children from discrimination and harm, and upholds their rights to enjoy access to health, education, housing and transport designed to meet their needs.

"I ensure that Lambeth is a safe place for all children and young people. I'm proud to be an ambassador because I want to ensure that every child in Lambeth reaches their full potential."
– Latifa, 14, Child Friendly Ambassador



Latifa is a Child Friendly Ambassador for Lambeth

STORIES AROUND THE WORLD

Children's Day on 20 November!
Protect children's rights, and how UNICEF is working for their wellbeing across the globe.



VIETNAM

Every child has the right to a clean, healthy, sustainable environment

"My mum was able to save my notebooks, but there are still a lot of clothes, pens and scissors left in the collapsed house that we couldn't retrieve." - Cao, six

Climate change continues to devastate the lives of children around the world. In September, Vietnam was hit by the strongest storm in 70 years, Typhoon Yagi, causing severe flooding and landslides. Typhoon Yagi damaged 240,000 houses and left three million people with limited access to safe drinking water. One of the many children affected by the storm was Cao, whose family home was destroyed. Cao later went back to find what was left of her toys among the ruins. UNICEF is working with the government of Vietnam to help provide life-saving emergency relief services and supplies, such as water-purifying tablets to avoid the risk of disease. To protect children's right to live in a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, UNICEF recognises that the climate crisis is a child rights crisis. In addition to providing lifesaving assistance, UNICEF helps communities adapt to climate change and build protections against its future impacts.



Cao collects the remains of her toys. A landslide caused by Typhoon Yagi has destroyed her home, leaving it in ruins

GAZA

Every child has the right to an education

"We were living a good life. I wish the war would end so I could go back home and continue reading and studying." - Laith, ten

Children in Gaza continue to be exposed to conflict, destruction and displacement. With devastating consequences for children and families, 85% of all Gaza's schools have been damaged or destroyed since the beginning of the war, with many serving as shelters for those who have lost their homes. To respond to this situation, UNICEF and its partners have established 39 Temporary Learning Spaces serving over 12,400 students to help uphold their right to education. In addition, fun activities, emergency learning kits, and mental health and social support are being offered to children, young people, caregivers and teachers in shelters. UNICEF is calling for a ceasefire, as well as the release of all hostages currently held in Gaza, and humanitarian access to reach children.



Laith: "I'm displaced from the north to the south. I've benefited from school - now I can read and write"

SUDAN

Every child has the right to relax and play

Malaz and her mother Rokhya were both told that they'd lost one another during the brutal 18-month conflict in Sudan, which is home to one of the world's largest displacement crises. Rokhya kept searching and was reunited with her daughter at the beginning of the year. Since then, they have taken shelter in a camp in Chad where Malaz likes

to play volleyball and draw in UNICEF's child-friendly space, which ensures that children affected by conflict have the right to learn, play and heal. The ongoing conflict in Sudan has displaced more than 11 million people. UNICEF continues to provide critical services to children like Malaz with places to play and learn, and mental wellbeing support.



Sudanese refugees Rokhya (left) and her daughter Malaz inside Farchana refugee camp in eastern Chad

"I left my home because of the war... the people were telling us that [my mother] had been killed." - Malaz, 14



To find out more about UNICEF's work for children around the world, visit [unicef.org.uk](https://www.unicef.org.uk)



“PEOPLE SHOULD NOT FEEL HOPELESS”



GOVERNMENT CLIMATE CHIEF ED MILIBAND TELLS KIDS FOR COP29

RIGHT now, the COP29 summit is taking place in Azerbaijan. COP stands for Conference of the Parties and it's the planet's most important climate meeting, where world leaders come together to agree on action to tackle the climate crisis. Scarlett went to meet Ed Miliband, the UK Government's Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, before he headed out to the conference.

● What do you want to achieve at COP29 for the UK and for the rest of the world?

At COP, we are going to announce our climate target for 2035, which is to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees. We want to work with other countries to make sure that poorer countries have the climate finance [money] they need so that they can move to using renewable energy and cheaper, cleaner forms of power.

● How are you going to do those things?

We have to be ambitious, which means moving all of our power sources to renewables by 2030 and not issuing any new oil and gas licences. We want to set an example to others and encourage them to join us.

● Donald Trump was recently re-elected as the president of the US. In the past, he's been heavily criticised for calling climate change a scam. How do you plan on convincing him that climate change is an issue?

The US and the UK are close allies [friends]. People in the US have elected Trump as their leader, and we will work with him and his government to find areas of common ground to move forward on this important issue.



Donald Trump has said he thinks climate change is a scam (a trick)

● Has the government got any stable plans put in place to tackle wildlife loss?

Absolutely, because by taking action on the things I've talked about, we absolutely protect nature and biodiversity. And we have a 30 by 30 plan, which is to



Scarlett interviewing Ed Miliband

HE SAID THAT!

“Put pressure on me. Demand we do more.”

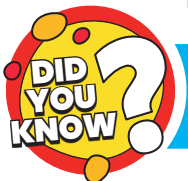
ensure that 30% of our land and oceans are protected for biodiversity in nature by 2030. The biggest threat to nature and biodiversity is, frankly, the climate crisis. And that's why we've got to act. And that's why we've got to act with urgency.

● WWF recently reported that the Earth is nearing dangerous tipping points, like the melting of polar ice caps and the collapse of the Amazon rainforest. What concrete plans have you got in place to tackle these issues?

They're right. They're right to be worried. But people should not feel hopeless, because there are things we can do. We've got to go as fast as we can. When I think about my kids, who are 15 and 14, I think they will judge me on: “Am I actually doing something about this? Am I really taking action?” And so you're right about the urgency. But people shouldn't think: “Oh, nothing can ever be done”. There are solutions. And that's what's so exciting about this. Solar is cheaper, wind is cheaper. We know what we can do. We can do the right thing for future generations.

● How can young people like myself get involved with the discussions about climate change that are happening at COP29?

Put pressure on your local MP. Put



WILDLIFE in the UK has fallen by a fifth since 1970.

pressure on me. You know, demand we do more. But I'm not somebody who believes it's just governments that change things; people change things. Think about all of the great things that have happened – people getting the vote, the National Health Service, all of those things. That wasn't just because nice politicians came along and did it. It's because people demanded it. So I think it's people, movements, young people making their voices heard, that's really important.

WATCH A FILM ABOUT HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING NATURE IN THE UK

Climate change is having a big impact on nature in the UK. One in six species are at risk of extinction. You can find out all about it in a special *FYI Investigates* film. Watch *Saving Nature: Where Has Our Wildlife Gone?* and more episodes of *FYI Investigates* at [first.news/investigates](https://www.firstnews.com/investigates) or jump straight to it by asking a responsible adult to scan this QR code.



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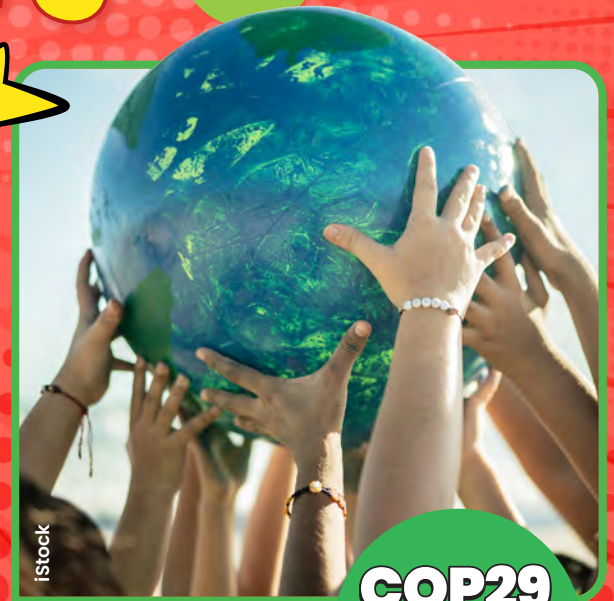
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ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAVAGANZA!

THIS year's biggest live TV extravaganza is back, as *BBC Children in Need* touches down! Here's everything you need to know about the mega fundraising night...

● **Where's it happening?**

The three-hour show will be broadcast live from MediaCity UK in Salford, packed with special performances, comedy sketches and more.

● **Who's on hosting duties?**

Mel Giedroyc, Vernon Kay, Rochelle Humes,

Chris Ramsey, Lenny Rush and Ade Adepitan will all present throughout the night.

● **What's it raising money for?**

BBC Children in Need raises life-changing funds for children and young people across the UK. It'll be used to help family centres, community spaces, youth clubs, homeless shelters, hospices and helplines.

BBC Children in Need will air at 7pm on BBC One and iPlayer on Friday 15 November.



The presenting line-up



LAST year, schools across the UK raised nearly £4m, which helped to support 30,000 children and young people!

THE HIGHLIGHTS

● This year, for the first time, the *BBC Children in Need* Choir will feature kids who've been supported by projects that the charity has funded. They'll be singing the Take That hit *Never Forget*.

● Graham Norton's Red Chair is back with a twist as a group of children decide the fate of some famous faces who attempt to make the children laugh. Fail and they and the chair will be tipped up!

● Paddy McGuinness will find out the total raised by his Radio 2 Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge, which has seen him cycle through three UK nations and eight counties in aid of BBC Children in Need's 2024 appeal.

Paddy McGuinness with Pudsey Bear



● *The One Show's* Challenge Squad, which features young people who have been supported by BBC Children in Need projects, will finish



Last year's *BBC Children in Need* Choir

with two live performances in the *BBC Children in Need* studio! Look out for special guests including singer Ella Henderson.

● The 15th Doctor, Ncuti Gatwa, will introduce a preview of the *Doctor Who* Christmas special.

● You'll also get to see the BBC's *Gladiators* as you've never seen them before, as well as a very special performance from *Strictly Come Dancing* as the professionals are joined by a global superstar. There'll also be a performance from the cast of the new circus spectacular, *Come Alive! The Greatest Showman*.

● We're also promised that there'll be a "very special" CBeebies *Bedtime Story!*



● **I'm A Celeb kicks off!**

A new group of eager celebrities have entered the Australian jungle for this year's *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!* The show, hosted by our favourite duo (below), begins on 17 November.



I'm A Celebrity presenters Ant and Dec

● **Prince Will's a Swiftie!**

We knew Prince William was a fan of Taylor Swift when he was spotted dad dancing at one of her concerts in London this summer. But now he's taken things a step further and started wearing a friendship bracelet! The prince was spotted with the 'PAPA' bracelet during a visit to South Africa for the Earthshot Prize awards. He said his daughter, Princess Charlotte, made it for him for the Eras Tour.



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● **What a Wicked surprise!**

The cast of *Wicked* are in town this week for the upcoming film's UK premiere! On 18 November, stars such as Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo and Jonathan Bailey are expected to walk the carpet to celebrate the epic musical blockbuster. The movie officially hits cinemas on 22 November.





UNICEF GETS GIRLS GAMING



UNICEF and the Game Changers Coalition have partnered to help girls around the world get into the gaming industry.

Women and girls make up half (50%) of videogame players, but less than a quarter (24%) of people working in the industry are women.

With nine out of ten jobs (90%) today requiring digital skills, the partnership aims to turn the tide on tech for girls. Teaching from industry specialists will be mixed with hands-on videogame development.

Over the next three years, the coalition aims to reach three million girls. This would help UNICEF get closer to its goal of equipping 26 million girls worldwide with the skills they need to earn a living from the tech and gaming industry.



Young people in Armenia play at a Game Jam – hackathons where participants create videogames from scratch

Girl gamers are breaking down stereotypes



The Game Changers Coalition has already reached:

- More than 100,000 adolescent girls, parents and teachers
- 41 schools in Armenia, Brazil, Cambodia, India, Kazakhstan and South Africa

Head over to the *First News* app to hear from girl gamers about the amazing skills they've learnt from the initiative, and why it's important to build tech skills.

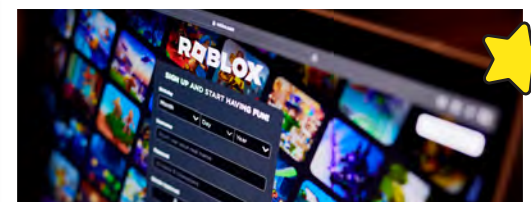


Roblox's new safety features

ROBLOX is advancing its protection of under-13s with new safety features.

Of its 70 million or so daily players, many are under 13, but the free platform has faced criticism in the past for its lack of protection for these users.

From 18 November, under-13s will not be able to access 'social hangouts', where players can chat to each other using text and voice. Also, from 3 December, under-13s will not have access to games if the creator says it isn't suitable for them.



Play old games on Switch 2

NINTENDO has announced that its upcoming Switch 2 console will be backwards compatible.

This means that you'll be able to play your old Switch games on the new hardware. Nintendo's president, Shuntaro Furukawa, addressed fans directly on social media with the announcement.

He also said that Nintendo Switch Online, a paid membership that allows extra features like online play, would also be available on Switch 2.

FIRST LOOK AT DONKEY KONG COUNTRY



WE'RE going bananas for the first look inside *Donkey Kong Country*!

A new area has been added to Super Nintendo World in Japan, and it features fun rhythm games and a highly-anticipated Mine-Cart Madness rollercoaster. A Super Nintendo World Direct video tour was led by legendary game designer Shigeru Miyamoto, who managed to get a quick picture with DK too (right)! The area will officially open in Universal Studios Japan on 11 December 2024.



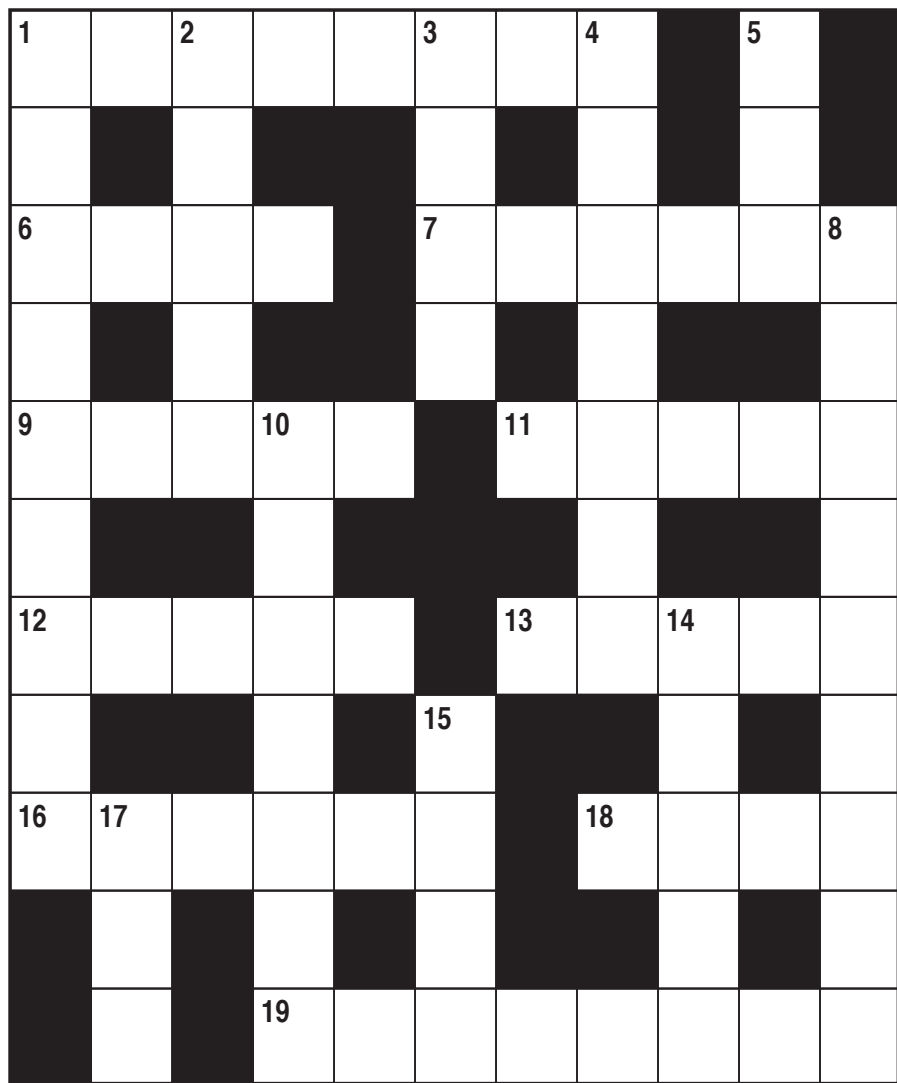
Nintendo





CROSSWORD

CAN you solve our crossword puzzle using the clues below?



ACROSS

- 1 Recognise (8)
- 6 A word used to describe an action (4)
- 7 Large type of lizard (6)
- 9 Fashion (5)
- 11 Where you'd find Cairo (5)
- 12 Growth of hair on the chin (5)
- 13 Organ that controls your body (5)
- 16 Less difficult (6)
- 18 Cab (4)
- 19 All the bones of the body (8)

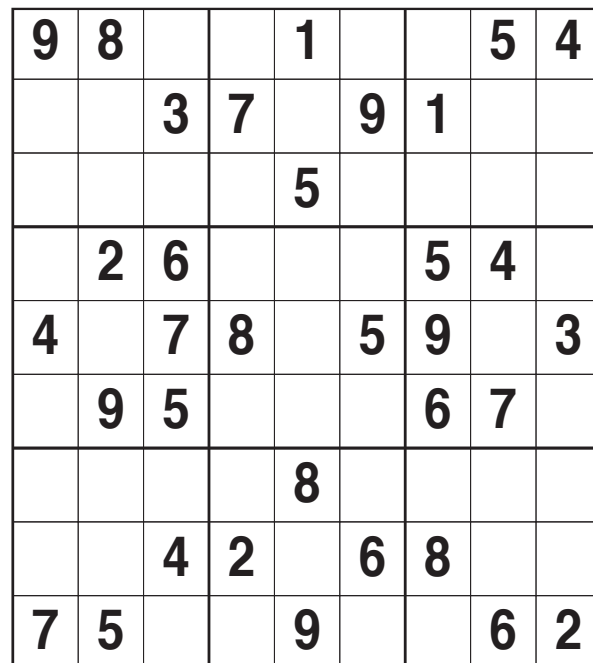
DOWN

- 1 Unable to be seen (9)
- 2 Layer (anagram) (5)
- 3 Popular flower and part of the eye (4)
- 4 Not as old (7)
- 5 Chemical element; can (3)
- 8 Notice taken of something (9)
- 10 Large motor vehicles used for transporting goods (7)
- 14 Not together (5)
- 15 Without cost or payment (4)
- 17 A large primate that lacks a tail (3)



Sudoku

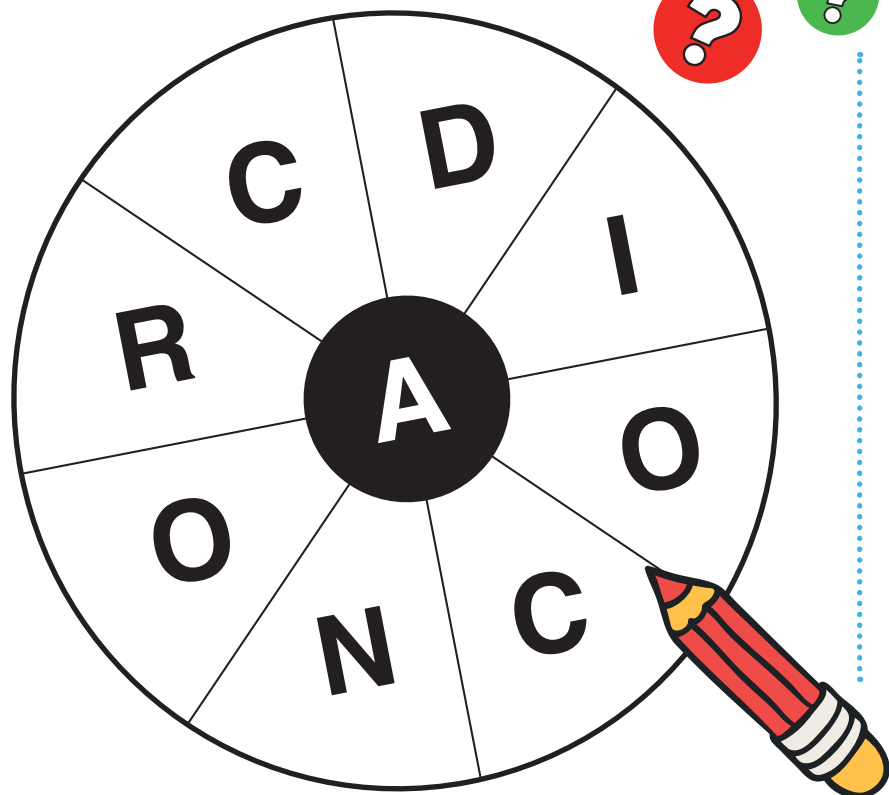
CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?



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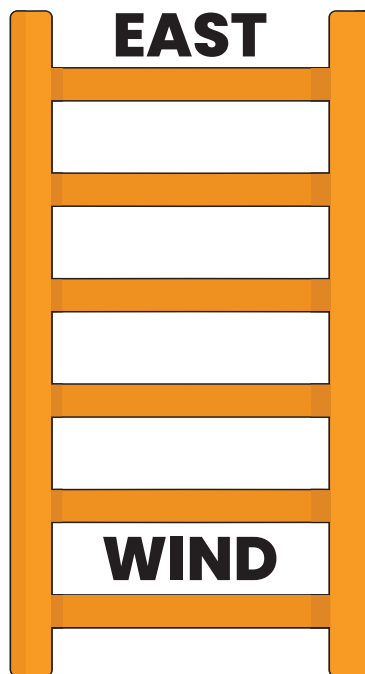
Word wheel

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?



Word ladder

SEE if you can get from the top of the ladder to the bottom by changing one letter at a time to make a new word.



GCHQ PUZZLE ANSWERS (continued on next page):

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZ
 WORKATGCHQISFUNBDEJLMPVXYZ

COMPUTER SCIENCE
 RNFBLAE JRHAURA

CYBERSECURITY
 RYOAEJARMEHLY

MATHEMATICS
 FWLCAFWLHRJ

ENGINEERING
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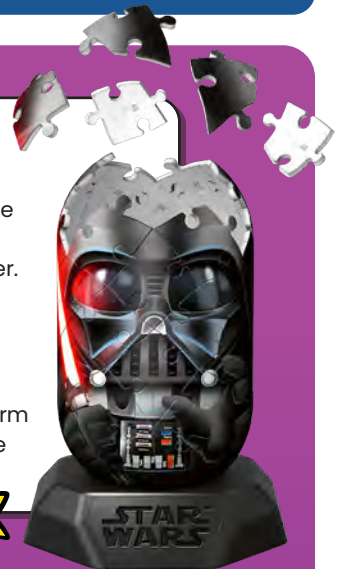
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Puzzle Fun

GCHQ PUZZLE ANSWERS

(continued):

B	E	R	G
E	P	I	C
R	I	C	H
G	C	H	Q

L	A	W	N
A	V	E	C
W	E	B	S
N	C	S	C



Word ladder

There might be multiple ways of solving this, but we did it like this:

- GOOD
- GOLD
- COLD
- BOLD
- BOLT
- BELT
- BEAT
- HEAT
- SEAT
- SPAT
- SPIT
- SUIT
- QUIT
- QUIZ



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WIN! TEEN TITANS GO! GOODY BAG!

TEEN Titans Go! is back in full force as it returns for its eighth series on Cartoon Network and celebrates its 400th episode, making *Teen Titans Go!* DC's longest-running animated series.

To join the Titans in their celebrations, we're giving one lucky reader the chance to win a *Teen Titans Go!* goody bag complete with brand-new Titans toys: a Booty Scooty Robin, a Twisty Titan, Meatball Blaster, Kitchen Chaos Display Set, a T-Car Pizza Launcher and a Micro Collectible!

Catch our 400th episode on 30 November, where after *Teen Titans Go!* wins the award for being DC's longest-running animated series, a jealous Superman banishes the Titans to a world of stop-motion!

Tune in this month to watch brand-new *Teen Titans Go!*, exclusively on Cartoon Network, the home of *Teen Titans Go!*

To be in with a chance of winning this amazing prize, all you have to do is answer this question:

Which Titan's favourite holiday is Halloween?
a) Starfire b) Raven c) Robin



ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY TEEN TITANS GO!

first.news/comps or see page 20. The closing date is 29 November.

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ROOTING FOR ANTI-HEROES!

WHAT are anti-heroes, and why are they so popular in the books we read? Sam Thompson, the author of the *Wolfstongue* saga, explains all!



by Sam Thompson

"IT must be exhausting, always rooting for the anti-hero," says Taylor Swift.

Whether it's exhausting or not, we do root for anti-heroes. In our stories, the characters we love the most are often those who do bad things, but do them with so much charm that we end up being on their side.

● The art of being fowl

Take *Artemis Fowl*, the 12-year-old criminal mastermind from Eoin Colfer's novels. Artemis lies, steals, threatens, kidnaps fairies, and is generally out to get what he wants at the expense of innocent people. You couldn't call him a 'hero', but he is very enjoyable to read about.



Artemis Fowl author Eoin Colfer

He's a witty, daring and determined genius, equally able to outwit supernatural creatures, crack impossible codes and thwart the Russian mafia. *Artemis Fowl* lets us fantasise about how much fun we'd have, if we were that good at being bad.

● Cheeky devils

Which brings us to the Devil. One of the most

famous books in English literature is an epic poem called *Paradise Lost*, which re-tells the Christian story about the angel Lucifer rebelling against God and getting thrown out of Heaven to become the ruler of Hell.

John Milton, who wrote *Paradise Lost*, wanted his poem to convince us that God is right and Lucifer is wrong – but, as many readers noticed, all the best bits of *Paradise Lost* are the Devil's.

Lucifer may be evil, but he is persuasive. Perhaps we're tempted to believe him when he tells us it's "better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven", and that he's justified in rebelling against his all-powerful creator. Perhaps Milton was a little too good at making the Devil appealing.

● Wolfstongue's anti-hero

Such devilish characters have been around as long as stories have existed – tricksters who charm us with their bravery and cleverness, even as they shock us with their bad behaviour.

When I was writing my *Wolfstongue* saga, I discovered another example in the shape of Reynard the fox.

He started out as simply the villain, but the more I wrote, the more I liked him. He caused no end of trouble for my other characters, but that was because he was full of energy and big ideas.

Like *Artemis Fowl* or Lucifer – or like Taylor Swift – he could say: "It's me, hi, I'm the problem." But like those other anti-heroes, he'd say it with a twinkle in his eye, because he knows that problems are what make a good story!



Taylor Swift

The Forest Yet To Come – the third and final book in Sam Thompson's *Wolfstongue* saga – is out now.



Anna Tromp

Wolfstongue's anti-hero, Reynard the fox

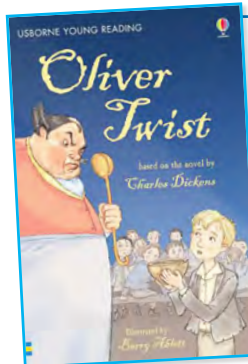
Recommended reads

in partnership with Peters



From page to stage

MUSICAL movies are very popular – like *Wicked*, which arrives in cinemas next week. The hit *West End* show was loosely based on a book, as were lots of other plays we love to sing along to. Here are five!



Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, abridged by Mary Seabag-Montefiore

Travel back to Dickensian London, escape the cruel workhouse and consider yourself one of Fagin's street urchins, alongside literature's most endearing orphan!



Matilda by Roald Dahl

The magically minded book lover Matilda takes on her bully headmistress Miss Trunchbull to show how extraordinary "revolting children" can be.



Aladdin and his Magic Lamp, retold by Haikam Alkhawaja

If you had a genie, what would you wish for? Discover Aladdin's rags-to-riches folk tale in all its original drama and power.



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

There's no place like a book! Get whisked away into the Land of Oz and follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy, Toto and friends.



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming

Did you know the creator of James Bond wrote *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*? Now it's time for you to jump in the world's most famous flying car!



READER REVIEW

Who Let The Gods Out? by Maz Evans

WHO Let The Gods Out is a great story, perfect for people who like mythology.

It is a hilarious, adventure-packed book that will leave you laughing until you burst!

A boy called Elliot and a girl called Virgo, a Greek Zodiac constellation, are the main characters. Together, they release Thanatos,

evil daemon of death. Epic fail!

My favourite character is Virgo, because she's very funny and thinks cow pat is perfume! In my opinion, the best bit is when Zeus has his double wedding.

From cow pats to Ambrosia, scary moments to funny, this book is great!

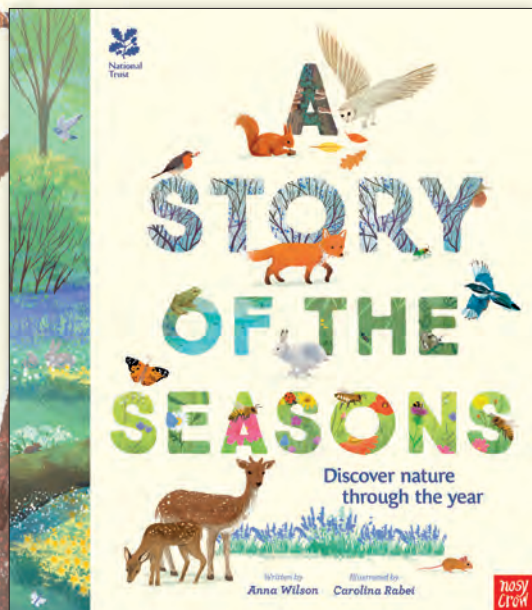
Review by Flora Cooke



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An enchanting guide to nature



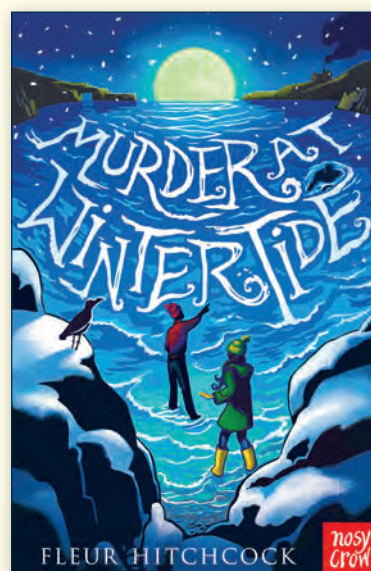
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HELLO! I'm Milly, the leader of the *First News FYI News Club*.

There are lots of important dates in November. COP29, the big climate change conference, is happening at the moment, and World Children's Day is just around the corner! Make sure to get involved – you can find out how to do that below.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD THIS WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY



Did you know that World Children's Day is coming up soon, on 20 November? It's a day to celebrate children's rights all over the world. At *First News*, we want to make sure your voices are heard by adults, because it's your future in their hands. Remember to write in to tell us what you are passionate about and what ideas you have to make the world a better place. You might just end up here, on *Your News*!

Write to us!

Ask a responsible adult to email us at yournews@firstnews.co.uk



TERRIFIC TREES

Schools across the world take part in Just One Tree Day and plant trees to help in the fight against climate change



COP29 is happening right now, with world leaders gathering to talk about how we can tackle climate change. But is there anything you can do? One simple solution is to look after our trees. They're like nature's superheroes, providing homes to wildlife and helping to take carbon dioxide (a gas that contributes to global warming) out of our atmosphere! You can help to look after trees by planting them. That's what this school did as part of Just One Tree Day.

by Alma

Just One Tree is a UK-based 'community interest company' whose mission is to remove CO₂ (carbon dioxide) from the Earth's atmosphere by planting trees. Each year, they hold Just

One Tree Day, a day for schools to get involved. It started in 2019, and now around 500 schools take part each year.

This year, my school joined in! We learnt about how important trees are in providing oxygen for our planet. We also wore green, or our own clothes, and most of us brought in a pound. Donating just one pound guarantees that a tree gets planted in the areas around the world that are impacted by deforestation, such as Madagascar and Brazil. Together, schools that have taken part in Just One Tree Day have helped to plant more than a quarter of a million trees in 11 countries!

It feels incredible to know that by doing something small like bringing in a pound or spreading the word, you can help to save our planet.

Dancing makes me happy

LEO wrote in to tell us about the joy he gets from dancing. He's part of a dance company called balletLORENT and he's already been in two shows, with a third coming up soon!

by Leo

I'm Leo Fashanu and I'm in Year 7. I want to tell you why I love to dance and what it's like to be in balletLORENT's Youth Academy.

When I was about five, balletLORENT came to my school in Newcastle. They picked three of us to join their Youth Academy. balletLORENT isn't just about dancing, but also having fun and making friends. And it's free!

I have been in two shows since I joined. The first was when I was seven. When I was nine, I was in *Rapunzel* and got to ride a scooter across the stage. *Snow White* will be my third show!

I feel excited and giddy being on stage – nervous but very happy afterwards. To be a good dancer, you have to enjoy it – that's what makes the difference. I love Michael Jackson's dancing, especially the way he created his own moves. I also like art. When I am older I want to be an artist or have a creative job.



Luke Waddington

Leo on stage!



NEWS CLUB SHOUT-OUT!

THIS WEEK WE'RE GIVING SHOUT-OUTS TO... DBS Denla British School, Aylesford School, Jumeirah English Speaking School, St Hilary's School and Summerhill School!



Classroom poet!



Alina reading her poem

ALINA entered a poetry competition to find the Young Poet Laureate, and won with her poem *Mr Callaghan's Class*. Here she is to tell you all about it!

by Alina

My name is Alina, and I am West Yorkshire's first ever Young Poet Laureate.

I won the competition when I wrote a poem called *Mr Callaghan's Class*. I heard about the competition through our head teacher and thought I'd give it a shot!

I based the poem on the kids in my class and their different personalities, and wrote a poem that other children could relate to. I was flabbergasted when I won!

It was a great opportunity for me, and I have loved writing since. As well as meeting great poets, I've also gone to events in London and in Yorkshire!

I even had the amazing opportunity to interview the author Jacqueline Wilson. I was very nervous about that because she's so famous and I love so many of her books! She was very down to earth, and I got to ask her questions about *Hetty Feather*, which is one of my all-time favourite books!

Winning this competition has allowed me to meet many wonderful people and I've learnt how to express myself in different ways. I would encourage all children to enter poetry competitions!

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION



We asked you... **Do you think you should be able to use phones in class to learn?**

70%
(1,457 of you)
said YES

30%
(612 of you)
said NO



What do you think? Join in the conversation and cast your vote!

Vote at first.news/polls

Drum roll, please...

THE young people pictured below have all been honoured with British Citizen Youth Awards at the Palace of Westminster. These are prestigious awards only given to young people who have done incredible things by either positively impacting their communities, helping charities or undertaking exceptional activities in support of others.

Congratulations! We are very proud of you all. We're going to be hearing more from some of these young people in Your News in the coming weeks, so keep a look out!



This year's medallists

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Or, get your teacher to sign up to the *First News* FYI News Club at first.news/fyinewsclub.



HELPING THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

THE Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) launched the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal on 17 October, and thanks to the incredibly generous UK public it has raised over £29 million in just three weeks!



Majidi Fathi/Christian Aid

● Celebrity and royal support

Individuals, companies, schools, religious and community groups rallied to support the appeal after artists Adjoa Andoh, David Morrissey, Mylene Klass (pictured) and Ruth Wilson launched the appeal across TV and radio channels.

Their Majesties The King and Queen were among the first to donate to the appeal. Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess of Wales have also donated.



● How DEC funds are helping

More than three million people have had to flee their homes in Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank. DEC member charities are responding there to provide lifesaving food, water, shelter, medicine and other vital aid.

Many DEC-funded projects have children at the heart of them and aim to give pupils a chance to learn and

give them some respite (a short time of rest) from the heaviness and trauma around them.

● Clowns visit the camps

Christian Aid is working with its partner CFTA to give displaced children some fun. Clowns entertain children in the camps in Gaza and bring a much-needed smile to their faces.

Katie Roxburgh, Christian Aid's Programme Manager for Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, said: "Children in Gaza have experienced horrors no child should. Through the art classes and entertainment sessions run by clowns that our partners are delivering, they are given – for a fleeting moment – the chance to be just children again. The impact is enormous, and with more funds we could help many more children."

● A place to learn

Many children in Gaza have been out of school for over a year, as their schools have been destroyed, turned into shelters, or they've had to move away. Islamic Relief has set up nine temporary classrooms in shelters in Gaza City and central Gaza and one outside a shelter. They are providing stationery and recreational kits to the children to help them continue to learn.



Islamic Relief

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE GIRL IN THE CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Look at the photo below – it shows Aaliyah* holding her daughter near the site of their old home.

Aaliyah said: "We had a house that was demolished in February and now we live in a tent near the rubble of our home. I always find my daughter sitting by the rubble, crying, and she only calms down when she sits there."

Now Aaliyah depends entirely on aid to feed her family.



DEC/Alamy

If you or your school would like to fundraise, you can find out more at dec.org.uk

*Names have been changed to protect identities



Majidi Fathi/Christian Aid

FirstNews Quiz

THE answers to all these questions can be found in the pages of this issue. Why not set yourself, or your friends and family, a time challenge to see who can get the highest score in the quickest time? See how well you did by checking the answers at the bottom.

1 The record for the largest egg and spoon race was broken in which country?

2 What is The Rock's real name?



3 This new statue at Blenheim Palace depicts which former UK prime minister?



4 Which duo are back to present *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!*?

5 What fruit did King Louis XV of France receive on Christmas Day 1733?

6 Which awards did Prince William speak at in South Africa?



7 What are Australian scientists using to spot beach plastic?

8 Rachael Gunn has quit breakdancing. What was the name she competed under?



9 What is aspen?

10 How many Christmas stamps have been released by the Royal Mail this year?



11 What type of animal is a fen raft?

12 Flambards has closed in Cornwall after 48 years. But what kind of park was it?

13 What type of bat is this?



14 Who won the 2024 US presidential election?

15 Who has become the first female pro footballer to get a waxwork in Madame Tussauds?

Do you love our quiz? Check out our Quiz that you can play online as an individual or with your family! You can find it at [firstnews.co.uk/quiz](https://www.firstnews.co.uk/quiz) and on the *First News* app!

Answers:
1 Mexico 2 Dwayne Johnson 3 Sir Winston Churchill 4 Ant and Dec 5 A pineapple 6 Earthshot Prize 7 Satellites 8 Raygun 9 A rare tree in Scotland 10 Five 11 A spider 12 Theme park 13 Vampire bat 14 Donald Trump 15 Mary Earps

WORLD CUP WARNING

One of the new stadiums that are due to be built for the 2034 World Cup

THE human rights organisation Amnesty International has said that the risks to people's rights at the 2034 World Cup in Saudi Arabia are so severe that FIFA shouldn't allow the tournament to go ahead.

A new Amnesty report says that without "major and wide-ranging human rights reforms" in Saudi Arabia, the country's bid to hold the tournament can't possibly pass the standards that FIFA sets for host countries.

On 11 December, football associations from around the world will attend a FIFA meeting to vote for the hosts of the 2030 and 2034 World Cups, but there's only one bid for each tournament – Morocco, Portugal and Spain for 2030, and Saudi Arabia for 2034.

The report says that there are also human rights worries over the 2030 tournament, including Morocco's laws that say it's a criminal offence to be gay or to

have a relationship outside marriage, and there are high levels of child labour. People can also be jailed for criticising Islam, the royal family or the military.

But it's the 2034 tournament that Amnesty is most concerned about. It first published its concerns back in June, which included Saudi Arabia's laws that restrict freedom of expression and punish people for being gay, plus the lack of a minimum wage and many other restrictions on workers' rights.

Amnesty has also reported on the use of forced labour, restrictions on what women can do or say, and the way that Saudi Arabia forbids practising any religion other than Islam.

"Without change, critical voices will be repressed [silenced], fans will face discrimination and workers will suffer exploitation," the report says. "People will die."

Braydon's on the ball



THE FYI presenter takes us through his pick of the week's top footie action.

With nine wins from the opening 11 games, it's Liverpool who've established themselves as the early season pace-setters. This year was thought to be a settling-in period for new boss Arne Slot and expectations of a title push were low, but he has the Reds flying high. A 2-0 win over Aston Villa at Anfield leaves them five points clear of Man City and nine clear of Chelsea and Arsenal.

It feels like there are so many teams playing well at the moment and there are no easy games. That's reflected in the table, where only three points separate Chelsea in third from Brentford in 11th. Talking of Brentford, they've replaced striker Ivan Toney with ease. Only Spurs have scored more in the Premier League, and the Bees added to that again in another thriller, this time twice fighting back from trailing to Bournemouth to win 3-2. Two more goals from Yoane Wissa in that game too, who now has seven league goals.



Ipswich's Sammie Szmodics opens the scoring with a dramatic overhead kick

In the other main matches of the week, Newcastle beat Forest 3-1 at the City Ground to continue their revival, as I predicted the other week, and two late goals for Brighton saw them beat Man City.

Centre Stage this week are Ipswich, who finally got their first Premier League win since April 2002 with an encouraging 2-1 win at Tottenham. Kieran McKenna's side have put in some good performances but fallen just short in previous games, but it was their day to celebrate on Sunday, with goals from Sammie Szmodics and Liam Delap earning the points. For Spurs it looks like the usual story for them, in another season of unpredictable results and frustration for fans.

Looking ahead, the WSL fixtures include the clash of the top two unbeaten sides, with Chelsea hosting Man City, and there's the Merseyside derby with Everton facing Liverpool.

Braydon's Team of The Week: Ipswich. Their previous Premier League win was 22 years ago, which was before top scorer Liam Delap was born!
Braydon's Player of The Week: Emile Smith Rowe of Fulham, who has been shining since his move from Arsenal in the summer.

● Watch my weekly video on the *First News* app!



Mark Cavendish won the final race of his career at the weekend, crossing the line first in the Tour de France Criterium in Singapore. The 39-year-old is the most successful sprinter in the sport's history and holds the record for the most stage wins in the Tour de France.



Visitors to Madame Tussauds in London can now check out this cool waxwork of England goalie Mary Earps, who has become the first female professional footballer to have her likeness in the famous attraction

Sophie Christiansen has announced her retirement, just days before she turned 37. She's one of the most successful para equestrian athletes ever, competing at four Paralympics and winning eight golds, as well as a silver and a bronze to complete the set!

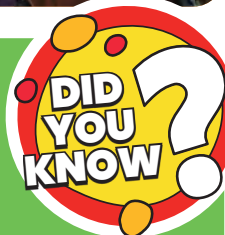


Man City fans don't have many bad weeks nowadays, but their defeat to Brighton means it's the first time in Pep Guardiola's managerial career that he's lost four games in a row. It was also the first time that Erling Haaland has scored in the Premier League but still lost. He'd previously won 40 and drawn six.



Divers launch themselves from platforms that are an average height of 27m (nearly 89ft)!

Britain's Aidan Heslop has become the youngest ever champion of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, which sees competitors jump from ludicrous heights at stunning locations around the world. He only managed to finish fifth in the final event in Sydney, Australia (above), but that was enough to win the overall title.



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