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These children are among the luckier ones. They sit in a truck loaded with aid delivered by the International Organization for Migration



AFGHANISTAN FACT FILE:

- Many people are hungry: the UN says that 24m Afghans need help because of the country's lack of food and money.
- Women have few rights: Women have been ordered to cover their faces in public, some have lost their jobs and teenage girls can't go to school any more.
- Four decades of fighting combined with climate change have badly affected the country: the UN says that 3.5m Afghans have had to leave their homes behind due to conflict, while climate effects have forced another 1.57m to move elsewhere.
- UNICEF says that Afghanistan is "one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a baby, a child or a mother". Four out of ten children there die before their first birthday.

THOUSANDS of people in Afghanistan are in desperate need of food and water, following the country's deadliest earthquake for 20 years.

by editor in chief Nicky Cox

The United Nations (UN) is also warning that diseases could break out in the region.

More than 1,000 people are known to have died in the quake, with heavy rain making it difficult for rescue workers to get to survivors.

Many of the affected areas are in very remote, mountainous areas that aren't easy to reach. Thousands of damaged homes are more than 5km (3.1 miles) away from decent roads.

The devastation is so bad partly because of the weakness of many mainly mud-built homes, which couldn't stand up to the magnitude 5.9 earthquake. Many more houses are so badly damaged that they are too dangerous to be used by anyone and will need to be knocked down.

The Taliban government is calling for more

international aid. However, many countries are unhappy about dealing with the Taliban, so a lot of aid to the country has been cut off. The Taliban is an extreme Islamist group, which means it rules the country with strict Islamic laws, many of which are very harsh. It took over Afghanistan again last year, almost 20 years after being kicked out of power by military forces led by America. Witnesses say villages have been completely destroyed near the earthquake's epicentre (the point on the ground directly above where the earthquake happened).

One mother of six who was badly injured in the earthquake, Bibi, told the BBC that many in her village had been killed, including seven of her own family members.

"We are very poor. We cannot reconstruct our homes again," she said. "We have nothing to eat."

VACCINES STOPPED 20M COVID DEATHS



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Almost 20 million people are still alive because of the rollout of Covid vaccines between December 2020 and December 2021, a study by Imperial College London has shown. The research looked at the spread of coronavirus in 185 countries. It found that, without vaccines, 31.4 million people would have died, but 19.8 million lives were saved because of the jabs. The researchers said a further 600,000 more lives could have been saved if vaccine targets across the world had been met. Dr Oliver Watson, from the study, said: "We knew it was going to be a large number, but I did not think it would be as high as 20m deaths during just the first year."

NASA LAUNCHES ROCKET FROM OZ

US space agency NASA has launched its first rocket from a commercial spaceport outside America. The rocket is the first of three to lift off from the newly-built Arnhem Space Centre in Australia. The rockets will help scientists to study the light of distant planets in the hope of finding ones that might be suitable for humans.

TURKEY SHORTAGE

Farmers have warned there could be a turkey shortage in the UK this Christmas. Bird flu and the rising cost of living have been blamed, with farmers struggling to keep as many turkeys as usual. The UK is suffering from the longest bird flu outbreak in history and many farmers think production issues will continue throughout the year. Others say it's hard to tell at this stage what the situation will be like in December.



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GIRAFFES TAKE OVER

More than 40 colourful giraffe sculptures are going on display around Edinburgh city centre from today (1 July) until 29 August. The Giraffe About Town trail will see sculptures pop up in iconic locations such as Edinburgh Zoo and Leith. Local artists and community groups across the capital have been busy painting the giraffes in time for their grand unveiling. When the trail is over, the sculptures will be auctioned for charity.

BIGGEST EVER FRESHWATER FISH FOUND

Villagers in Cambodia have found what researchers say is the world's biggest freshwater fish ever recorded. Locals living by the Mekong River caught a stingray that weighed in at 300 kilos (661 pounds). It took around 12 men to haul the fish to shore! The female was released back into the river after being electronically tagged, so that scientists can monitor her movement and behaviour.

WHEELS FALLING OFF

Car company Toyota has recalled about 2,700 of its electric cars due to worries that the wheels could fall off. It's a bad start for the company's journey into electric car-making, as the vehicles were part of its first mass-produced batch that launched less than two months ago.

WORLD'S DEEPEST SHIPWRECK FOUND

The world's deepest shipwreck has been found 7km (4.3 miles) underwater. The US Navy's USS Samuel B Roberts (AKA 'Sammy B') was destroyed by Japanese battleships during World War Two. The wreck was found split in half off the coast of the Philippines and was 426m (1,398ft) deeper than the previous deepest wreck discovered.

BILLIE AND PAUL MAKE HISTORY

Billie Eilish has made history as the youngest-ever solo headliner at Glastonbury festival. The 20-year-old pop star was one of the big acts at this year's famous event in Somerset, playing an epic 90-minute set for fans. Meanwhile, Sir Paul McCartney, 80, became the oldest solo headliner at the festival.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BACTERIA FOUND



Tomas Tynni

Scientists have discovered a new species of bacteria that's so big it can be seen without a microscope. The eyelash-sized bacteria has been named *Thiomargarita magnifica*. It's around 5,000 times bigger than most bacteria, which is "the equivalent for us humans to encounter another human who would be as tall as Mount Everest," said Jean-Marie Volland from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the US.

BUNCH OF BEES

More than 2,000 bees had to be removed from a New York restaurant when they gathered at an outside eating area. The New York Police Department joked that the area was "buzzing today" while adding that the bees "will now be relocated to an area where their pollinating skills will be put to good use".



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SCREEN TIME INCREASED DURING PANDEMIC



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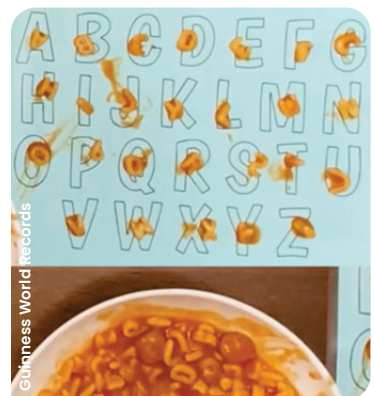
Researchers say that screen time among primary-age kids shot up by 83 minutes a day during the Covid-19 pandemic. Researchers from Anglia Ruskin University looked at global studies and found that screen time went up in every age group but was most noticeable among six to ten-year-olds. They said that looking at screens more was linked to negative effects such as poor diet, worse eye health and mental health issues, including anxiety.

VIDEO SELFIES TO TEST YOUR AGE

Social media site Instagram is trying out technology that can tell your age from a video selfie. The idea behind it is to stop people who are under 18 from changing their date of birth to use adult-only features. Meta, the company that owns Instagram, says it's just one of the ways it aims to make sure teens have an "age-appropriate experience" on their platform.

ALPHABET SOUP

A man has broken a strange world record by being the fastest person to find every letter of the alphabet in a bowl of alphabet-shaped pasta. Jacob Chandler took 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds to find the full alphabet and would have done it even quicker if he hadn't struggled to find the N in the tomato sauce.



Guinness World Records

YOU'RE KIDDING!

A FAMOUS herd of roaming wild goats is causing a row in Wales.

The Kashmiri goats have lived on the Great Orme headland above Llandudno for more than 100 years. But during the pandemic the goats moved into the town's quiet streets.

Some locals are tired of poo in the streets and gardens being eaten, and are worried about road safety. Others say the goats are an important part of the area's history and should be left alone.

The local council says the goats are wild animals and that no action will be taken – yet.

The story of how the goats made their way to the seaside resort goes back to Queen Victoria. She was given a pair as a present by the Shah of Persia in 1837, and the Royal Windsor Herd began. Lord Mostyn then took a pair to his Gloddaeth Estate on the outskirts of Llandudno in the late 1800s. But, after eating his flowers, they were quickly moved to the Great Orme, where they still live.

However, there are now more than 100 goats in the herd. Even though the town is busy again, the goats are often spotted in car parks, grazing on roundabouts and hanging around the shops. Local Phyl Oliver says: "We love the goats, they're beautiful, but we want them on the Great Orme please, not in people's gardens."



The goats walk down the street in Llandudno

However, others believe the goats should be allowed to carry on roaming where they like.

"They are a special part of Llandudno, everyone knows about them and where they might be hiding," said resident Ruby Williams. "They make me smile when they give you staring stern looks as they cross the road."

PM GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

A SCHOOLBOY gave British Prime Minister Boris Johnson a quizzical look when he joined in his lesson.

The prime minister turned up in the boy's classroom during a visit to the GS Kacyiru II School in Kigali, Rwanda, last week.

Mr Johnson was among world leaders gathering in the country for the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Leaders from 54 Commonwealth nations meet every two years to discuss issues, although next time it'll be 56, as Gabon and Togo became members this year.

HRH Prince Charles also went to the meeting, on the first ever royal visit to Rwanda.

The Prince said the Commonwealth could make a difference on issues like climate change or providing opportunities for young people.

Britain's future king also met survivors of, and those who had carried out, the Rwandan genocide. In 1994, hundreds of thousands of members of the Tutsi community were killed in Rwanda by ethnic Hutus.

Rwandan footballer Eric Murangwa asked Prince Charles to visit a church where tens of thousands of genocide victims are buried.

Mr Murangwa was sheltered from the killings by team-mates, and Prince Charles made him an MBE for his efforts to raise awareness of the genocide and to campaign for peace.

Genocide (noun)
– the deliberate killing of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group.



The prime minister takes part in a lesson

CLIMATE FILM WINS INTERNATIONAL TV AWARD

A CLIMATE change film, which you can watch right now on First News Education TV, has won a top international television award.



Kynan lives in Indonesia and tells his story in the COP26 film

Made in partnership with Sky Kids, Fresh Start Media and the BFI, the film features a teenager on every inhabited continent on Earth. It's their message to world leaders about how climate change is already affecting their lives, and their ideas for solutions.

COP26: In Your Hands is introduced by His Royal Highness Prince Charles, who speaks about how, along with other *First News* readers, his grandson Prince George is learning about climate change.

The film won the international Prix Jeunesse Youth Jury Award – known as 'the Oscars for children's television'.

Watch *COP26: In Your Hands* at first.news/cop26 now.

CHECK YOUR HOME FOR PAPER MONEY!



Are there any old notes in your house?

THERE are only three months left to spend old paper £20 and £50 banknotes.

Most paper £20 and £50 banknotes have been replaced with new polymer versions. But there is still around £14bn-worth of the old paper money around.

Now, people have only three months left to use the paper Bank of England £20 and £50 notes. The last day they can be spent is 30 September. If you still have any, they can also be swapped for new ones in a bank or Post Office before the end of September.

There are still more than £6bn-worth of paper £20 notes featuring economist Adam Smith and over £8bn-worth of paper £50 notes featuring businessman Matthew Boulton and engineer James Watt in circulation. That's more than 300m individual £20 notes, and 160m paper £50 notes.

The Bank of England's chief cashier Sarah John said the new polymer notes are more difficult for criminals to copy and will last longer.



AN iPhone lost in a river during a party has been returned to its owner after being found ten months later – and it still works!

Miguel Pacheco, 29, of Drybrook, Gloucestershire, found the phone earlier this month in the River Wye and shared a photo of it on his local Facebook group to try to find the owner.

"I know if I lost my phone, I've got a lot of pictures of my children, I know I'd want that back," Mr Pacheco said.

The post was shared by social media users thousands of times until the owner – Owain Davies, 35, from Edinburgh – was reunited with his phone, which he lost while canoeing.



SUNAMGANJ, BANGLADESH

PEOPLE wade past stranded trucks on a flooded street. Floods are a regular menace to millions of people in Bangladesh, and experts say climate change is making them more frequent and unpredictable.



CORNWALL, UK

PARTICIPANTS rehearse on land before taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt for the largest number of people performing a synchronised swimming routine. The attempt featured half the 270 swimmers wearing yellow swim caps and half wearing blue, to look like the flag of Ukraine, as they raised money for UNICEF and its work supporting children in war zones such as Ukraine. Guinness World Records has yet to confirm if the swimmers beat the record of 247.



A SET of eight stamps has been brought out by the Royal Mail for the 50th anniversary of the first UK Pride rally, which took place in London in July 1972.

YORKSHIRE, UK



THE RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team perform during the Armed Forces Day National Event.



SOMERSET, UK

INTERNATIONAL charity WaterAid and artists Sand In Your Eye spent more than 40 hours creating The Big Bog at Worthy Farm. It was built from some of Glastonbury's mud mixed with local sand and compost produced by the toilets at previous festivals. The giant muddy model of a toilet sat alongside four real Good Loos – environmentally friendly composting toilets – to highlight that one in five people across the world don't have access to decent sanitation.



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ELECTION RESULTS BLOW FOR BORIS JOHNSON

THE prime minister's Conservative Party lost two by-elections last week.

A by-election is an election in one particular area (known as a constituency) when local people vote for a new MP.

By-elections happen in between general elections when a new MP is needed – usually because the previous one has died or quit the job.

In the constituency of Tiverton and Honiton, in Devon, the Liberal Democrat party won. The last election there resulted in a huge win for the Conservatives so it's bad news for Boris Johnson's Government that it has lost the seat now.

In Wakefield, West Yorkshire, the Labour Party took back the seat from the Conservatives that it lost at the 2019 general election.

Both results will be a blow to Boris Johnson. He says he is listening to voters but that he's going to get on with the job of prime minister. The poor showing at the polls followed months of bad headlines for him, mainly over parties being held in Downing Street during lockdown. People across the UK are also worried about things becoming more expensive, including heating, food and petrol.

Following his victory, the Liberal Democrats' new MP Richard Foord said: "Tonight, the people of Tiverton and Honiton have spoken for Britain. They've sent a loud and clear message: it's time for Boris Johnson to go and go now."



New MP Richard Foord celebrates

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD MAKES NEW LAW



Tony

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD boy has become a law maker this week.

Tony Hudgell lost both his legs when they had to be amputated, after being hurt by his mum and dad. They were sent to jail for ten years for causing Tony's injuries.

Tony was adopted by his new parents, Paula and Mark Hudgell, who campaigned with Tony for longer prison sentences for people who hurt children.

Under Tony's Law, which comes in this week, the longest jail sentence for those who cause or allow a child's death will go up from 14 years in

prison to life in prison.

Sentences are also set to go up from ten to 14 years for people who cause serious harm to children.

Tony has been a huge inspiration after coming back from his injuries. He has raised more than £1.8m with his charity, the Tony Hudgell Foundation, giving more than £1m to the Evelina London Children's Hospital. He has also won a Pride of Britain award and a British Citizen Youth Award, which he received from *First News* editor Nicky Cox.

EDITOR'S COMMENT



I'M so proud of Tony Hudgell (this page). I met him at the House of Lords when I gave him a British Citizen Youth Award. Even though he received terrible injuries as a baby, he has bounced back, walking for miles on his prosthetic legs, to make nearly £2 million (and counting) for charity – so he can help other children. Tony shows we can all overcome challenges that we face.

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TENNIS FANS

WIMBLEDON is back! The oldest tennis tournament in the world has kicked off, with hundreds of people camping out each day to catch a glimpse of their favourite players! The likes of Emma Raducanu, Andy Murray, Angelique Kerber and Rafael Nadal have been hitting the courts this year. Who will scoop the top titles? We'll have to wait and see!



CHEESE MAKERS

ONE of the UK's biggest Cheddar cheese makers has been fined £1.52m for making a stink and polluting the area! The Dairy Crest Ltd plant at Davidstow, Cornwall, which makes Cathedral City, said it had sorted out the problems now. A court heard that bad smells affected local people, and waste flowed into the River Inny, killing fish.



FIRST PORTRAIT OF DUKE AND DUCHESS

THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have had their first official portrait painted.

The portrait has gone on display at the University of Cambridge's Fitzwilliam Museum.

It was painted by award-winning British artist Jamie Coreth and is the first of the couple together.

The artwork was commissioned by the Cambridgeshire Royal Portrait Fund as a gift to the people of the county. It aims to encourage children and young people from the area to take an interest in art.



Jamie Coreth + Fine Art Commissions

SEEING DOUBLE – BUT WHO IS THE REAL ED SHEERAN?

ED Sheeran had to be moved to safety after being mobbed for selfies during the singer's gig in Manchester.

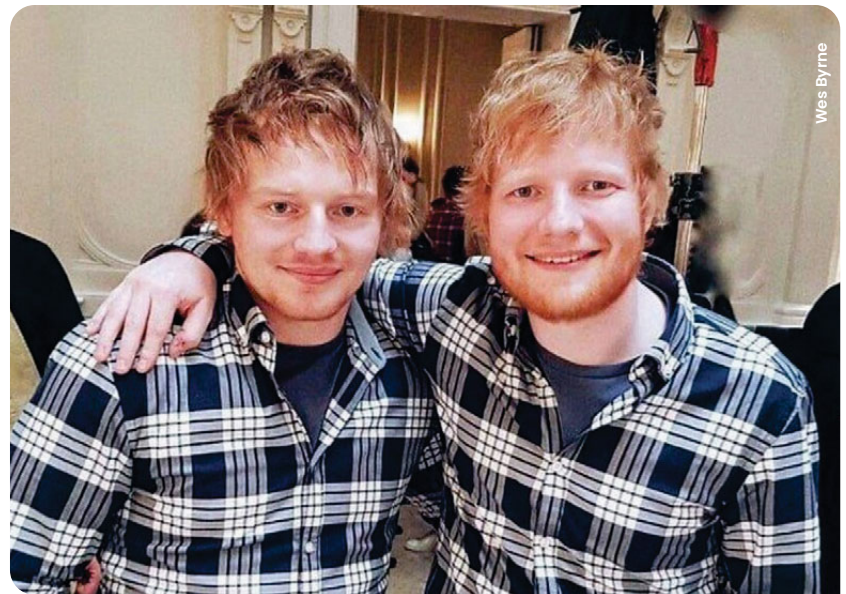
But it wasn't the real Ed – it was lookalike Wes Byrne.

To protect him from the crowds, security guards moved Wes from his £82.50 seat to a VIP zone, where tickets sell for more than £1,000.

Hordes of fans asked him for selfies as he made his way to the loo.

Wes said: "I got lots of looks when I first walked in, but it wasn't until the first person asked for a selfie that the floodgates opened. Nearly everyone knew I was a lookalike, although a few kids thought I was the real Ed.

"About 15 minutes before Ed came on stage, the queue for selfies with me was all the way down a line of steps and out an exit, so security told us to go with them to some executive seats. We weren't complaining – it was a much better view."



Wes Byrne

SPACE FACTORY TO LAUNCH ON UK ROCKET

A PROTOTYPE space factory that can produce materials impossible to make on Earth will be on the first rocket to launch from UK soil later this year.

Space Forge, a Welsh company, will use microgravity and the vacuum of space to make stronger, lighter metal alloys and super-efficient semiconductors.

The company told Sky News that parts made in orbit could be used widely in as little as five years, in everything from aircraft engines to the electricity grid.

To test its plan for bringing materials back to Earth, the company will launch a satellite on a rocket due to lift off from Spaceport Cornwall in September.

The spaceport, the first in Europe, is based at Newquay Airport.

A Virgin Orbit Boeing 747 will take off from the same runway used by holiday jets, carrying a rocket under its wing that it will release at just over 10.5km (6.5 miles).

Andrew Bacon from Space Forge said the launch will turn the UK into a "true space superpower" that can make and use world-leading satellite technology.

Although other companies have made small amounts of material and returned it to Earth, Space Forge will be the first to make it in large quantities.



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The Virgin Orbit LauncherOne rocket is displayed on the opening day of the *Story of a Satellite* summer exhibition at Spaceport Cornwall

NIKE LEAVING RUSSIA FOR GOOD



A billboard shows Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo advertising Nike sportswear in Russia's capital city, Moscow, during the 2018 World Cup

SPORTSWEAR company Nike has announced plans to leave Russia.

It becomes the latest Western brand to quit the country since Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

The US sportswear company closed the shops it owned in the country in March and stopped online orders as well.

Now, it's also winding down shops run by local partners.

Other companies that have finalised plans to leave Russia in recent weeks include McDonald's and Starbucks.

PRINCE CHARLES SPEAKS OF SORROW OVER SLAVERY



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PRINCE Charles has spoken of his "personal sorrow at the suffering of so many" because of slavery.

The Queen's son was talking at a meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Rwanda.

He said that the future of the Commonwealth, which he called "the family of nations", could only be realised by recognising the wrongs that had shaped our past.

Some 56 countries are members of the Commonwealth, of which the Queen is the head.

Charles added that it was up to states to decide if they remained monarchies or became republics in the future, when he becomes King.



Monarchy – in a monarchy, a king or queen is head of state.

Republic – a country where power is held by the people or those that they elect, such as a president.

SUMMER OF STRIKES THREATENS HOLIDAYS AND FOOTBALL

HUNDREDS of British Airways (BA) workers at Heathrow Airport have voted to go on strike over pay this summer.

The news follows travel disruption caused by the rail strike last week.

Unite and GMB union members, who are mostly check-in staff and ground crew, voted for the BA action.

A total of 700 workers are set to walk out during the summer holidays, when many travellers are planning to get away. There was already flight chaos during the May half-term week, mainly because there weren't enough staff members to cope with the number of flights.

The unions said the strike has been called because airline workers were given a 10% pay cut during the Covid lockdowns, which hasn't been given back since.

BA says it has plans to cover staff, including managers dealing with check-ins, if the strike goes ahead.

Meanwhile, there are fears that more rail strikes could affect the Women's Euro 2022 football tournament this month in England.

Organisers say fans could be offered park-and-

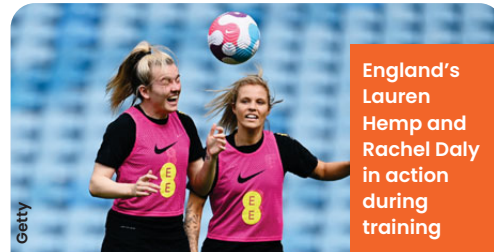
ride schemes to get to matches if further strike action hits their travel plans.

The games are spread across ten stadiums in England. The tournament kicks off on 6 July with England's match at Old Trafford against Austria.

It's hoped an agreement will have been reached to stop the national rail strike action by the time the Euros start.



STRIKE (noun) – when people refuse to work as a form of protest.



England's Lauren Hemp and Rachel Daly in action during training

BOOST FOR SCHOOL MUSIC AND SPORT

TENS of thousands of pupils in England will be given the chance to learn a musical instrument, thanks to new funding announced at the weekend.

The multi-million-pound investment into sports and music education will mean children across the country will be helped to find and develop their passions.

The funding will include adapted instruments for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), so that every pupil can develop a love for music.

Schools will be asked to offer at least one hour of music lessons a week as part of the launch of a new National Plan for Music Education.

But some head teachers have warned that, while



they support the aims of the plan, schools lack the resources to support it. One head said the plan was "impossible" to deliver.

Further opportunities for pupils to get active and stay healthy will also become available through the PE and Sport Premium. A total of £320 million will be delivered to schools in 2022/23 so more children get high quality PE lessons and sporting chances. Being active has been shown to help both physical and mental health.



THE Government's plan to bring back old-fashioned imperial measurements in shops was mocked by lots of people, although some are in favour of getting their fruit and veg in pounds and ounces again.

We asked you: is bringing back imperial measurements a good thing? A massive 84% of you voted no, and just 16% were keen. Here's what you had to say, but you can still vote and comment at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls).

No, because it will confuse most people and they won't know how much to buy.

– tiger.star

Not many people understand the difference. Only people who have grown up with it would understand what it is. I think that if they were to do that, then they should have both imperial and metric measurements.

– katkid10

Absolutely not! That's like bringing back shillings and everyone would have to get used to it again. So much easier now we have got this way.

– mistywater

I said no because I think bringing imperial measurements back would confuse people, especially those who do not know the conversion between metric and imperial.

– anonymous8

I think that imperial measurements are confusing for everyone and the Government has more important things to do.

– robotdog12

Join in the conversation and vote at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls)



● INTERNATIONAL JOKE DAY 1 JULY

Get ready to laugh, as people across the world share their favourite gags!

● PLASTICS CHALLENGE 1-31 JULY

Can you give up single-use plastics for a whole month? This challenge aims to tackle plastic waste and protect the planet. Find out how to take part at www.mcsuk.org.



LANCASHIRE

Animal charity calls for help

An animal charity is asking people for help, after a record number of cats have been brought in this year. Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood says the effects of the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis are causing more people to give up their animals, and donations to go down. Vickie McDerby, from the charity, told the BBC: "Donations are down 70% and, on top of that, the demand for our services is astronomical." The charity is urging people to consider adopting cats and helping to raise money.



Facebook/Woodlands Animal Sanctuary



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Hugs are allowed again!

GREATER MANCHESTER

School says sorry for banning hugging

A school has said sorry after banning its pupils from having any physical contact as part of a new "no contact" rule. Pupils at Mossley Hollins High School were told they couldn't hug, sit on overcrowded benches or playfight. Lots of pupils and parents complained, forcing head teacher Mrs Andrea Din to change the rule. "We agree that appropriate human contact is a good thing," she wrote, adding that only "heavy-handed contact" was now banned.

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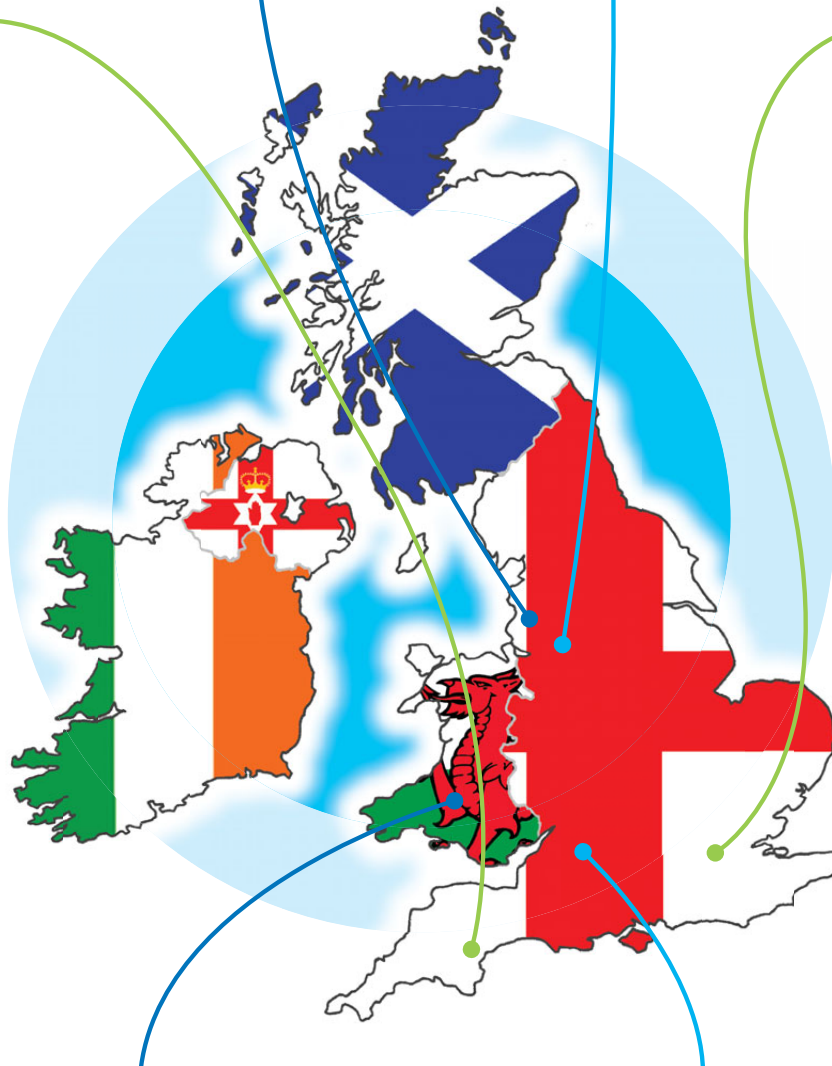
Stormzy receives honorary degree

Stormzy has received an honorary degree from the University of Exeter. The rapper was given the degree for helping to tackle racial inequality and supporting more young black people through university. Stormzy set up the #Merky Foundation in 2020, which has pledged millions of pounds to help. At his graduation ceremony the star said he was "extremely blessed and grateful" for the honour, adding: "We should always share and support, uplift and help in whatever capacity we are able to." The rapper also gave a shout out to his mum, who was watching in the crowd!

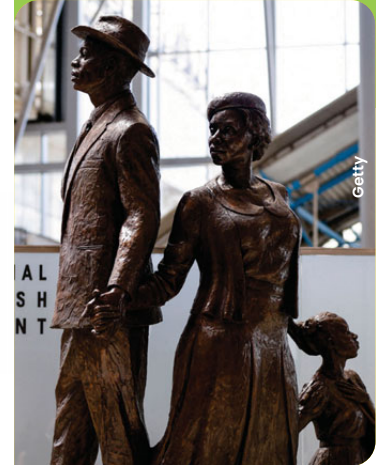


University of Exeter

Stormzy in his graduation gown



LONDON



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New Windrush statue unveiled

A new statue has been unveiled at Waterloo station to celebrate the Windrush generation. The National Windrush Monument honours all those who came to the UK from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971, and what they've contributed to the country. It was designed by Jamaican artist Basil Watson and shows a man, woman and child standing on top of suitcases. The Queen said she hoped the statue would "inspire present and future generations". Her grandson Prince William and his wife Catherine were on hand to help with the unveiling.

CARMARTHENSHIRE

Rare bumblebee found

A rare species of bumblebee has been spotted in Wales for the first time since 1973. Conservationist Lawrence Harris, from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, said he was "gobsmacked" when he came across some ruderal bumblebee queens during a walk near Brechfa village. Mr Harris sent photos of the bee to Dr Paul Williams at the Natural History Museum, who confirmed its identity. The ruderal is one of the UK's largest bumblebee species and is known for its very neat hair!



Bumblebee Conservation Trust

The ruderal bumblebee

BATH

Bath Children's Literature Festival line-up announced

Lots of authors and illustrators are taking part in this year's Bath Children's Literature Festival. Organisers have announced that the likes of Michael Rosen, Jacqueline Wilson, Cressida Cowell, Patrice Lawrence, Liz Pichon, Rob Biddulph, Joseph Coelho and David Baddiel will be there. There will also be a celebration of black history and stories promoting acceptance, as well as a Happiness Hub with creative sessions and mental health support. The festival takes place between 23 September and 2 October 2022. Booking is open now at www.bathfestivals.org.uk.



Debra Hurford/Brown

Cressida Cowell

WOMEN SCIENTISTS MISSING OUT



Women like aerospace scientist Tessy Thomas aren't always credited with the work they do

WOMEN in science don't get the same recognition as men, a new study shows.

If you search the internet for "famous women scientists", very few current experts appear. Most are women who lived many years ago and only a few of their names are familiar to most people.

In the past, it was difficult for women to work at all – especially in science – but today there are thousands of women working in all areas of scientific study, from astronomy to zoology. So why aren't we aware of who they are?

A new study by researchers at New York and Ohio State Universities in the USA has shown that, even in areas where most of the scientists are women, they don't feature as highly as men. They aren't paid as much, nor are their names included on

scientific papers that publish the results of research. A famous example from the 1950s was Rosalind Franklin. Her colleagues Francis Crick and James Watson were celebrated as the scientists who discovered the sequence of DNA (the material in cells that carries all the information about how a living thing looks and functions). They went on to win a Nobel Prize. Yet they couldn't have achieved their success without the important research of Rosalind Franklin. She wasn't even mentioned as one of the researchers until many years later when she was finally given proper recognition – including having a Mars rover named after her. Sadly, this was long after she had died.

The scientists carrying out the new study have found evidence that many women like Rosalind Franklin are still being overlooked today. In one survey of 2,400 female researchers, 43% said their names hadn't been included in papers detailing projects they'd worked on. With this information now available, it's hoped that diversity policies in scientific institutions everywhere will be improved and women will be given full credit for their work.



Rosalind Franklin

FISH ROBOTS CLEAN UP

DAMAGING microplastics in our oceans could be hoovered up by tiny robotic fish that swim around the seas.

Microscopic plastic pieces form when larger bits of plastic floating in the sea are broken up by waves and tides. They are a major environmental problem and are swallowed up by fish. This gets them into the food chain, ending up inside larger fish, birds and even humans. Getting rid of them is nearly impossible due to their tiny size – they can't be collected or filtered out.

Now, scientists at Sichuan University in China have come up with an ingenious solution. Using the properties of nacre, which is the shiny material you find inside clam shells, they've imitated its layered pattern to create a new material. This new material



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is stretchy and very strong. It also attracts microplastics. The team used it to make tiny robot fish (above) that move through the water, picking up microplastic pieces like a magnet. Their challenge now is to be able to scale up the project so that it can be widely used.

SUPER SNAKE!



Conservancy of Southwestern Florida

A BURMESE python captured in Florida, USA, has set records as the longest and heaviest ever found there.

Environmental scientists searching in the Everglades for the invasive species were astonished to come across a 98kg (15st 6lb), 5m-long (16ft 5in) female. That's around the height of a giraffe!

The team had been using a tracker snake called Dionysus, which they fitted with radio transmitters, to find the python. The tracker was discovered in the snake's grip and the scientists had to wrestle with the snake for 20 minutes before they were able to subdue her.

Burmese pythons, as the name suggests, aren't native to the USA and, over the years, have become a major pest. With no major predators, they're a severe threat to the local habitat. The snake, which had to be put down because of its effect on the environment, was found to be carrying 122 eggs. That's a lot of potential baby snakes to take over even more of the area. Over 1,000 snakes have been removed since 2013.



Invasive species – animals that are introduced from another habitat. They can be a huge problem if they become successful, as they can wipe out species that already live there and change the whole environment.

BUG-POWERED BATTERIES!

A POWER supply that can last for weeks has been developed by engineers using bacteria.

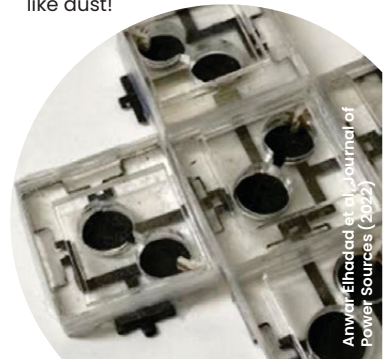
A POWER supply that can last for weeks has been developed by engineers using bacteria.

Carrying a power cable or a battery is an essential piece of kit when we're on the move. It's fairly easy to plug in our devices in cities, but in more remote areas there's an increasing need for power sources that last. Most batteries have a lifespan of just a few hours.

Professor Seokheun Choi has been working for years on biobatteries that create electricity by using two types of bacteria. Now, by using three bacteria in separate vertical chambers, he's been able to create a battery that lasts for weeks.

The tiny batteries can be put together in various ways to increase

the output as needed. Professor Choi's aim is to create batteries so small that they can be sprinkled like dust!



Anwar-Elhaddad et al. Journal of Power Sources (2022)



USA

● **Hot dog eating contest returns**

The Nathan's Famous restaurant in Coney Island, New York City, is hosting the International Hot Dog Eating Contest on 4 July. The popular competition sees people battle it out to eat as many hot dogs as they can in ten minutes to try to win the Mustard Belt. It's been held at different locations for the last two years because of the Covid pandemic, but is returning to its original home this year. Competitive eaters Joey Chestnut and Miki Sudo will be attending. Chestnut (above) has won the contest every year since 2007, except for 2015 (when he wasn't so hot!).

AUSTRIA

● **Vienna named most liveable city**

Vienna has been named the world's most liveable city, a report by *The Economist* magazine has found. The report ranked 172 cities around the world and looked at things such as healthcare and crime rates, plus culture and entertainment. Copenhagen in Denmark came in second place, with Zurich in Switzerland coming in joint third with Calgary in Canada. Damascus in Syria was named the least liveable city on the list.



SPAIN

● **British red kites sent to Spain to increase numbers**

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Red kite chicks are being sent from Britain to southern Spain to help boost the population there. The birds of prey are struggling in the country because of poisoning and a lack of food. It's hoped that, once the red kites have been released, they will start to breed and build up numbers again.

More than 30 years ago, Spanish experts helped Britain's bird population in the same way. Wild red kites were transferred from Spain to the Chiltern Hills in England, where they are now thriving.

COLOMBIA

● **Four killed at bullfighting event**

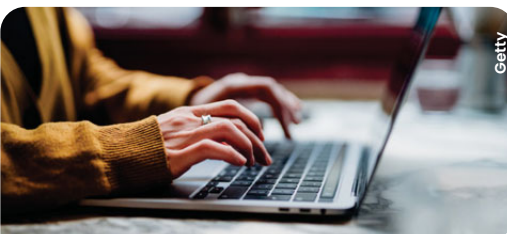
At least four people were killed and hundreds more injured, after a stadium stand collapsed during a bullfight in the city of El Espinal. It's believed around 800 people were watching the event in the wooden stand when it gave way.

Gustavo Petro, who will take over as president next month, has called for local mayors to ban bullfighting festivals because of the danger to people and animals. Current president Iván Duque said there should be an investigation. This particular event was part of wider celebrations for the festival of San Pedro and San Juan.

CHINA

● **Every comment checked**

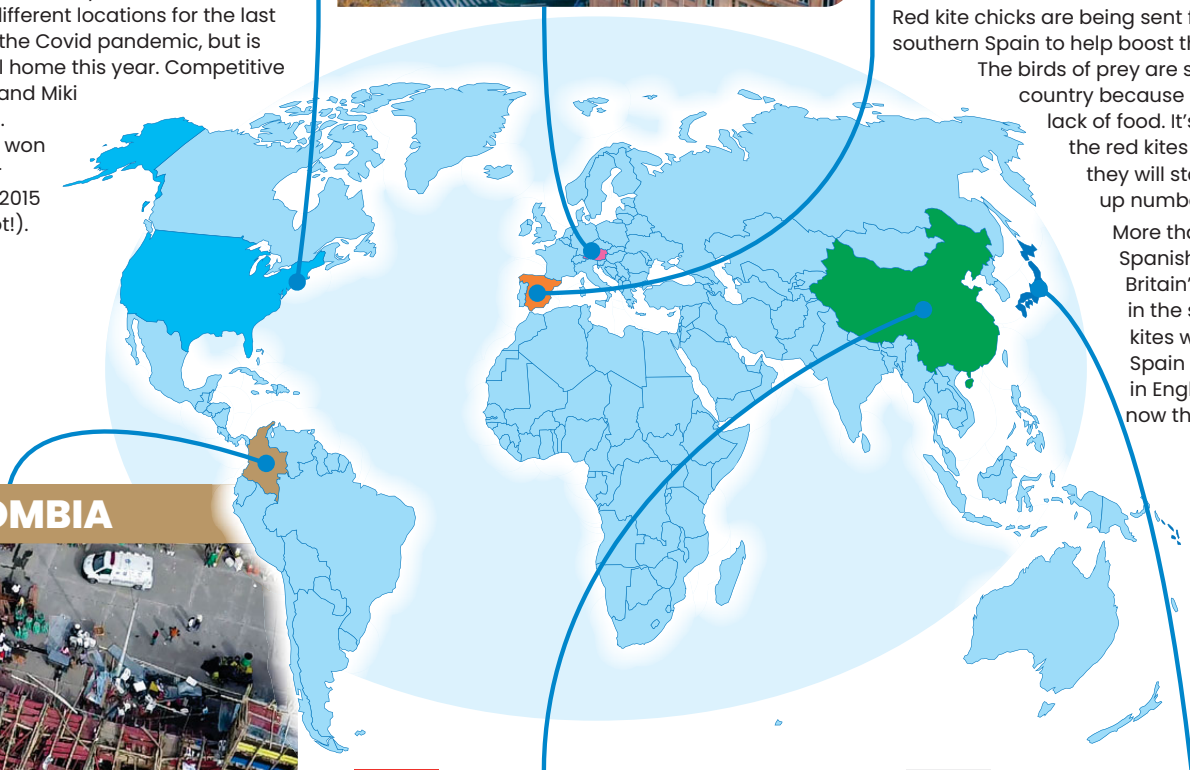
China's internet watchdog has put forward rules that say Chinese social media networks will need to check all comments before they become public. The rules state that "any illegal and bad information" found should be reported to the authorities. Online posts and messages posted to the Twitter-like Weibo platform are already strictly censored. But, until now, comments on posts haven't been as closely checked.



JAPAN

● **Millions told to switch off lights**

Around 37 million people were encouraged to switch off their lights this week, as Japan suffered from a heatwave. The government said power supplies were struggling to keep up with demand as temperatures rose. Residents were urged to cut down on electricity where they could, but still use air conditioning to keep cool and avoid heatstroke.



ESPORTS DEBATE



FYI, the Sky Kids weekly news show, brings you the big conversations on the big issues.

In this week's episode – scan the QR code (right) to watch it – the team hear from pupils at an FYI News Club who have been debating whether esports should be included in this summer's Commonwealth Games. It comes after organisers of this year's Games in Birmingham announced that they would be running the Commonwealth Esports Championships alongside the traditional competition as a trial.

FYI presenter Braydon went to Westacre Middle School to hear what pupils think.



FYI presenter Braydon chats to pupils at Westacre Middle School



Join in the discussion and set up an FYI News Club in your school! Ask your teacher to go to [first.news/FYInewsclub](https://www.firstnews.com/news/FYInewsclub) to find out more about the FYI News Clubs.

What are esports?

Esports (otherwise known as electronic sports) is a type of competitive videogaming. It usually involves players competing against each other in order to win a cash prize. Like standard sports, esports requires skill and practice. Players can train for hours in preparation for a competition. It is commended for being inclusive, as anyone can take part, no matter what their physical ability, and it's rapidly growing in popularity – both with people playing, and also watching. However, along with the positives, there has also been some criticism, with some people worried that it promotes more screen time and less physical activity, possibly leading to health problems.



If you're aged between 9 and 11 and would like to be an FYI presenter, ask a parent or other adult who looks after you to send a two-minute video of you (not reading) reporting on a local story to production@freshstartmedia.tv

Did you know?

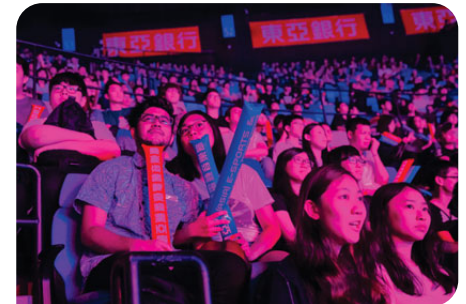
Teenager Jaden Ashman (AKA Wolfiez) is the youngest esports millionaire from a single tournament. When Jaden was just 15 years 229 days, he came second in one of the biggest esports tournaments in the world and took away a cool \$1 million (£810,000). Pretty impressive, right?



Should esports be featured in the Commonwealth Games?

Some people think esports should be considered for the Commonwealth Games as, just like football or netball, it is a type of competition that requires skill and training. Others, however, believe that because it isn't a physical sport it should be kept out. Josh from Westacre Middle School says: "People say you don't put enough into training for it, but I think people do enough to be allowed in. You have to work your way up in gaming, you can't just turn on a computer and be the best player in the world." Rhys disagrees, though: "I don't think it should, because you're not being physically active when you're doing it."

There's also the question of what games would be played if esports were included. Zuzanna says: "I think *Just Dance* should be included because it's a very active game. If there are going to be violent games they should be shown later on so that kids don't see them." Then Emily says: "I think that if any games were going to be added, football is a very well-known sport around the world." What do you think?



TEACHERS!

Try out one of our resources, based on this FYI page. Just head to: [first.news/esportsresource](https://www.firstnews.com/resources/esportsresource)



Find further details on our teaching resources by heading to [first.news/resourcepackages](https://www.firstnews.com/resources/teachingresources)



To watch this episode of FYI, head over to [first.news/schfyi](https://www.firstnews.com/schfyi)

Or, you can also scan the QR code above. Teachers – there are education resources for you, too!

WILDCAT KITTENS

TEN Scottish wildcat kittens have been born at a project in the Highlands that was set up to help save the species in the wild.

The Saving Wildcats project at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland's Highland Wildlife Park successfully welcomed two litters, who could be among the first of their species to be released into the wild in Britain. The new arrivals were born in rare litters of five, and bring the total number of kittens born there to 18.

Scottish wildcats are critically endangered, due to habitat loss and hunting, and it's hoped that these kittens will help to restore their population. Plans are being made to start releasing wildcats in carefully selected locations in the Cairngorms National Park in 2023.



RZSS/Saving Wildcats

NEW SUPER SLUG



Pierre Escoubas

SCIENTISTS have discovered a new, giant slug.

The new species of giant keelback slug, *Limax pseudocinereoniger*, is from Montenegro and is as big as a medium-sized carrot. It was found by a team of citizen scientists from Italy, the Netherlands, Serbia, South Africa and the United States while exploring the Tara Canyon. The brownish-grey animals are 20cm long when fully stretched and have a sharp ridge along their backs.

TIGER MOVES HOME

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo



WOBURN Safari Park is celebrating its newest arrival, a 165kg (26 stone) Amur tiger.

Four-year-old Dmitri joined the park from ZSL Whipsnade Zoo. He'll share his new 36,000m² (387,500ft²) home with female Amur tiger Minerva. Amur tigers are the largest species of big cat on the planet and are classed as critically endangered, with fewer than 500 left in the wild.

A WELCOME FOR MIGRANTS

CHARITY Tearfund partners with churches in some of the world's poorest countries. It helps to tackle poverty and works with churches and church communities to help respond to disasters that affect some of the most disadvantaged people.

WHY DO PEOPLE MIGRATE?

Migration is one of the biggest global news stories of the 21st century. There are many reasons why people migrate: war between countries, conflict within a country, financial difficulties, climate change and more. Whatever the reason, migrants are extremely vulnerable, from the moment they decide to leave until they set up home in their new location.

THE MIGRANT CRISIS IN LATIN AMERICA

Migration in Latin America has increased over the past five years and has affected millions of families.

Every day on the island of Haiti, hundreds of families leave for the United States via routes in Central America, or for more southern countries such as Brazil or Chile. All of them are seeking a better future.

Venezuela has seen five million people leave in recent years. Two million have settled in Colombia.



MEET ZULEIMA

With food shortages in supermarkets, Zuleima had no choice but to leave her home in Venezuela and two of her three children behind with family, to travel to Colombia.

"I missed my parents, my grandparents. We are a large family and it was very difficult to leave it all behind," Zuleima says.

When she and her young son arrived in Colombia, they had nothing, but the local church provided her with food, shelter and the tools to earn a living. She joined a 'savings and support' group of 30 women and she was able to work and become an entrepreneur.



Zuleima now makes beautiful objects from driftwood that she collects in the early morning from the beach in Barranquilla, Colombia. She has also now become the president of her savings group.



All images by Linda Esperanza Aragon/Tearfund

MEETING MIGRANTS' NEEDS

Tearfund works with over 650 churches and organisations across Latin America to support migrants, whether that be with food parcels and hygiene kits throughout the pandemic, helping them find employment or fighting for their rights to access education and healthcare.



TV presenter Gemma Hunt is a supporter of the work Tearfund does.

Gemma said: "I first visited Tearfund's work in Brazil as a volunteer, many years ago. This time, I met Zuleima in Colombia and was so impressed with her creativity, business skills and determination to make a better life for herself and her family.

"I also visited an arts and culture centre where Venezuelan migrant children and Colombian children hang out together creating fun and beautiful crafts. Through music, dancing and art, they focus on their cultural similarities rather than their differences, which really helps everyone integrate into the community and reduces xenophobia [hatred or fear of people from other countries].

"As a performer I loved watching the young people singing and dancing with such enthusiasm and dedication. I'm also a big fan of cooking, so when I was given the opportunity to help prepare food at a community kitchen for another group of migrant children, I jumped at the chance. The food was delicious and the children ate with such gratitude and mostly cleared their plates!"

You can find out more about Tearfund's work with migrants by visiting www.tearfund.org

UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2022

FROM 6 to 31 July, UEFA Women's Euro 2022 is being held in England! Don't miss a match with the help of our handy wallchart, and follow along as teams from across Europe compete for the trophy! Plus, you can keep track of all the action by filling out the scores of the games as they're played. Who will win this year? Write down your prediction, then compare it to the final result when the tournament has finished!

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20/07 : 8:00 PM

BRIGHTON & HOVE

SEMI-FINAL

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SHEFFIELD

QUARTER-FINAL

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

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GROUP D

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MY PREDICTED CHAMPIONS

FirstNews

COMPETITION TIME!

WHAT WOULD YOU ASK A FAMOUS FOOTBALLER? WELL, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE...



If you've always wanted to meet a football hero, now you can! Two *First News* readers have the chance to win an hour-long session with Rachel Yankey or Lauren Hemp for their football team or school class. Whether you want to learn some new tricks, hear some inside tips or just have a kickabout, you can enter our competition by answering this question:

- What is the name of the women's football tournament happening this month?
- a) UEFA Women's EURO 2022
 - b) Starling Superwoman Football League 2025
 - c) The *First News* Women's World Cup Extravaganza 2023

Do you know the answer? Great! Enter it on this website for a chance to win:

first.news/starlingwin

Terms and conditions: The competition is open to children under 17 years old. A parent/guardian is required to approve the registration, but the child must enter. The closing date for entries is 8 July. Meet and greet available for players Lauren Hemp or Rachel Yankey to take place in September or October 2022. Where possible, we'll try and arrange a face-to-face meet and greet – if this is not possible, a virtual session will be organised instead.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL SPONSOR



STEVE Carell, the actor who is the voice of *Despicable Me's* villainous Gru, jetted into London this week to chat to *First News* about his new film *Minions: The Rise of Gru!*

● You've played Gru a lot of times now, but what was it like to go back and play Gru as a child?

It was fun, it was a voice that I had never tried before. It was a version of a voice, but not the exact same voice, so that was fun to kind of create a character that was quite a bit younger. And, also, not just a voice, but also his demeanour [manner]; how he was viewing the world was different too, and I think that had to register in the performance as well.

● Did it take a little while to discover who Gru was as a boy, and did you have a lot of input into his character?

Oh yeah, that is one of the things about doing these movies; it's very interactive, it's very much a collaborative process [working as a team]. There's a lot of improvisation that goes on. There's a lot of trial and error. We don't really know what they're going to need in the final edit and you don't know exactly what the other performances are going to be like, because we're not performing with anyone else, we're sort of performing on our own. As the voice actor you kind of have to try all sorts of different options and then you just let the video editors and the directors thread them all together to make it all make sense. It was fun to be able to explore that way.

● So what is Gru like as an 11 ¾-year-old?

He's very earnest, he wants to be part of this evil

gang called the Vicious Six so he essentially auditions for them; he applies for a job with them. They laugh him off because he is just a kid. He's a very proud young man, he wants to be accepted, he wants people to acknowledge his existence and he wants to be respected. I think those are universal things that everybody wants. Certainly, kids that age are striving to be a part of something.

● He finds his crew in the Minions. Do you think that's something that lots of kids can relate to?

Yes, I think so and I like that part of the movie – that it is about finding your tribe, as they put it. Finding your place, who you fit in with, who you like, who your friends are and who has your back – the people in life who are going to step up for you. Everybody needs to find that.

● Gru knows from a very young age that he wants to be a villain, but what did you want to be when you were his age?

I thought I would either be a teacher or I always wanted to play a sport when I was a kid. I played a lot of ice hockey as a child, so I thought maybe I would be a professional hockey player. A lot of kids fantasise about things like that but, beyond that, I thought maybe I would teach. I enjoyed school and I thought that seemed like a really fun job.

● Gru has loads of amazing weapons and in this film we meet his cheese ray, but which of his weapons has been your favourite and why?

The cheese ray because it then becomes the freeze ray when he is older! As a kid, Gru has a cheese ray that covers people with liquid cheese and immobilises them. I thought that's not only a great weapon, but also delicious.

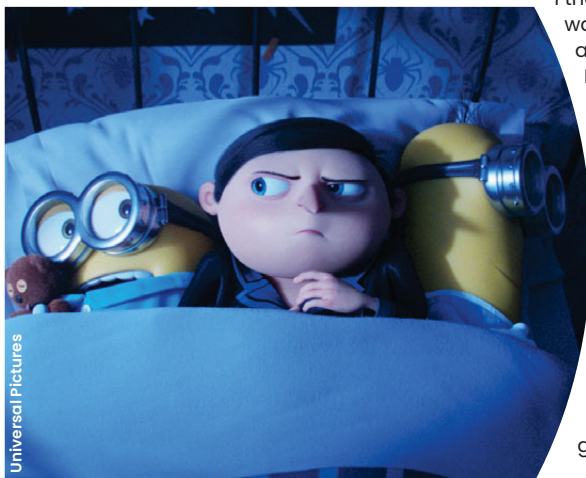


● If you had your own crew of Minions, what would you get them to do for you?

I would get them to get me food... any sort of cheeses, yeah! They would be my pack of delivery people and one band of Minions could be bringing me dessert and another could be bringing me an appetiser [starter].

● There are some new supervillains in this film, the Vicious Six. Which new villain did you like the most?

I liked Nunchuck. I thought she was hilarious the first time I saw it. It's funny because you read the script and it's funny on paper, but then you see what they come up with and it's so utterly ridiculous. Lucy Lawless plays that part and she's great!



Minions: The Rise of Gru is in cinemas now

Scan this QR code or visit [firstnews.com/schfyi](https://www.firstnews.com/schfyi) to watch the latest episode of *FYI*, which features a hilarious interview with Steve Carell where he shows how to do young Gru's voice!



THIS WEEK

1 Mr Bean himself, Rowan Atkinson, stars in a special *Beano* comic strip to celebrate new Netflix show *Man vs Bee*. The show is about an unlucky house-sitter who attempts to take care of a fancy mansion, but a mischievous bee turns up and causes havoc.

2 Khaby Lame has beaten Charli D'Amelio to become the most followed person on TikTok, with 144.6 million followers. Khabane Lame was born in Senegal but now lives in Italy. He became a hit online with his funny videos where he points out how some people overcomplicate things for no reason.

3 Disney has given us a sneak peak of its new action-adventure *Strange World*. Out in November, the film follows a family of explorers called the Clades who journey deep into an uncharted and treacherous land.

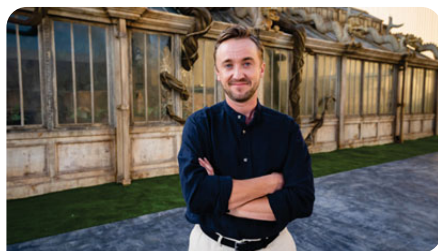


SNAPS OF THE WEEK



TOM Felton, who played Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films, took a trip back to Professor Sprout's greenhouse as part of the new expansion at Warner Bros Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter.

Opening today (1 July), the greenhouse is part of a brand-new feature called Mandrakes and Magical Creatures. The greenhouse was built by the original Harry Potter film-makers and is home to many exotic and magical plants – you can even pull a shrieking Mandrake out of a pot like the Hogwarts students in the films!



MYSTIC RETURNS



THE hit series set in New Zealand returns to BBC iPlayer for series three this week. We caught up with Australian actor Hatty Walton, who plays Stella, to talk about life on set as a deaf actor.

● **There are a lot of horses in *Mystic*! How do you feel about them?**

Well, my riding experience prior to the show was school fairs for two dollars a ride. Horses can be a lot of fun, but unfortunately health and safety, not so much. Since of course we can't get injured, it limits the thrill of riding, so there's no jumping for me. A horse once stole my ear too [cochlear implants that aid hearing]; I kind of rely on those to hear!

● **What's it like to film the show on location?**

Being on location was great because we often didn't have Wi-Fi, so we spent more time talking and hanging out between scenes. We had a lot of fun, and the beautiful locations were definitely a plus. Although when we were in the studio, the ground was smoother, so that was great for Heelys [type of shoe with wheels in the soles]. And we didn't have to use portable toilets, so that was always great.

● **How does being deaf affect your life on set?**

I don't know what it's like being hearing on set! I didn't really have much experience with hearing on set, so I can't really say for sure. But you will definitely get excluded sometimes. Not on purpose, obviously, but it's just sometimes you can't hear things, so you end up missing jokes or conversations.

● **Do you think there are enough opportunities for actors who have a disability?**

I don't know, but there should be. It doesn't seem very realistic if you're watching a show and everybody is perfectly abled. Everybody looks the same. Everybody acts the same. It's not interesting and it's also not realistic at all, is it? So, there should definitely be more opportunities for actors with disabilities!

Mystic returns to BBC iPlayer from 4 July

FYI PRESENTER PICK



EACH week one of the young presenters from Sky Kids' FYI will be sharing their pick of the week.

This week, Braydon is on the red carpet at the Into Film Awards.

"One of my favourite things as a reporter for FYI is always a red carpet event, and going to meet and talk with the stars and celebrities. Earlier this week I was part of the red carpet interviews for the 2022 Into Film Awards in Leicester Square, London. This year they received hundreds of entries, and the nominations included a wide range of unique stories and film-making talent, revealing themes about the challenges young people have faced over the past two years. Sue Perkins was the host, who is always good for a bit of a chat and a laugh. I really liked the animation *The Lonely Polar Bear*, where a bear is forced to head south in search of a new home, when the ice at the North Pole begins to melt. You can see more of my afternoon at the event on FYI."

THE BIG PICTURE



THIS stunning snap is one of the shortlisted entries in the silhouettes category of this year's WildArt Photographer of the Year awards.
The image, by Andrew Fusek Peters of the UK, is called *Murmuration Reflected*. He caught the starlings' reflections in flooded fields at dusk in Whixall Moss, near the Welsh border in Shropshire.
You can find out more about the WildArt Photographer of the Year at www.wildartpoty.com.

Andrew Fusek Peters / WildArt Photographer of the Year

YOUR READS!

MEASURE OF DAYS

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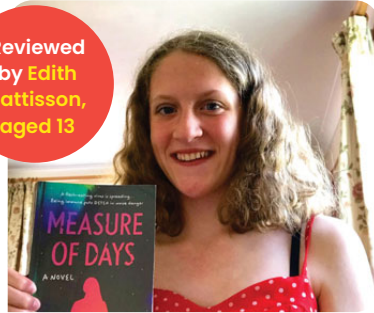
THIS book is all about an 18-year-old girl called Deter who lives in New York with her guardian Amery.

The world has been affected by an FED (flesh-eating disease) and it has become contagious!

Deter and her two friends Jenny and Padma are in more danger because they are immune to the FED and so are targets of kidnapping.

Deter, Jenny and Padma have been shielded from the truth about FED and so when Deter meets a very badly affected victim named Lincoln

Reviewed by Edith Pattison, aged 13



(who tells her about FED), she is shocked by the effects of this disease she never knew about.

This book is amazing and I would definitely recommend it.

WE WANT YOUR BOOK REVIEWS!



We'll need you to write around 125 words on a book you've been reading, along with your name, age and, if you like, a picture of yourself (with your parents' permission). Please send your reviews to bookreviews@firstnews.co.uk and we'll do our best to get it in an upcoming issue of *First News!*

THE MAGIC OF WORDS

THE line-up of this year's Reading is Magic festival has been announced, and it's absolutely star-studded.

Now in its third year, the online Reading is Magic festival sees authors from around the world hosting digital events that can be beamed into schools and homes, entirely for free!

This year's Reading is Magic in September will be hosted by *Blue Peter* presenter Mwaksy Mudenda. Top children's author, Cressida Cowell, who created *How To Train Your Dragon* and *The Wizards of Once*, will introduce the events each day.

These events come from as far away as Canada, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, and are for all different ages, from younger siblings aged four and up, right up to older readers aged 13 and over.

To find the full list of fantastic authors and illustrators taking part in this year's festival, and to register for the events, head to readingismagicfestival.com.



INDIE WINNERS

THE winners of the Indie Book Awards have been announced.

Winning the Children's Fiction category is writer Jason Reynolds' book *When I Was The Greatest*, which is about friendship across neighbourhood lines.

The awards come at the end of Independent Bookshop Week, and the winners are decided by independent booksellers.



WIN! A SHRED 2.0 SCOOTER FROM XOOTZ

XOOTZ has taken stunt scooters to the next level with the Shred 2.0. This asymmetrical beauty is designed to enable the sickest tricks while providing the safest ride.

It features a triple bolt tube clamp, solid PVC wheels and threaded headset for smooth spins and precise steering. The non-collapsible solid steel T-Bar stunt handlebars with soft-grip handles provide the sturdiness and support required for the knocks and impacts it will get when landing stunts.

An integrated steel brake provides immediate stopping power and a safely controlled ride both inside and outside of the skate park. With the Xootz Shred 2.0 Stunt Scooter, you'll always have another trick up your sleeve!

Five lucky winners will each win a Shred 2.0 Scooter from Xootz!

To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

Which of these is a scooter trick?
a) Zack b) Jacob c) Ollie

Available from Very, Amazon and John Lewis.



ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY XOOTZ

firstnews.co.uk/competitions or see page 23. The closing date is 14 July 2022.

WIN! EXPLODING MINIONS GAMES

TO celebrate the cinema release of *Minions: The Rise of Gru*, we've teamed up with Exploding Kittens to give away a copy of Exploding Minions to TEN lucky readers!

Exploding Minions is a card game for people who are into bananas and explosions and flaming unicorns. And sometimes fire hydrants.

Exploding Minions mashes up the award-winning Exploding Kittens card game with Illumination's iconic *Minions* franchise.

In this highly strategic, Minion-powered card game, if you draw an Exploding Minion, you explode and are out of the game. All the other cards in the deck help you avoid drawing an Exploding Minion.

Or you can defuse Exploding Minions by distracting them with things like karaoke, unlimited ice cream scoops, noise-cancelling headphones, or a banana bed. The Minions bring a new game-changing card with them that allows players to clone cards!

Cards feature all-new hilarious Minions illustrations from the creator of *The Oatmeal* and characters you know and love from the *Minions* films.

For your chance to win a copy, just answer this question:

Which minion carries a teddy bear?
a) Bob b) Stuart c) Kevin



ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY MINION

firstnews.co.uk/competitions or see page 23. The closing date is 14 July 2022.

IT'S TIME FOR CHILDREN'S ART WEEK 2022!

CHILDREN'S Art Week is actually three whole weeks long, running from 29 June to 19 July! Check out engage.org. It means you've got plenty of time to tap into your inner artist, and get creating! Of course, the urge to make something doesn't mean you feel confident putting paint on paper, and it can be quite scary to get started. Luckily, Ravensburger has a solution...



CREART®

Anyone can be an artist with CreArt! Each pack contains a range of incredible acrylic paints that come in easy-to-hold numbered pots. You've even got a palette to keep them all together.

Then, simply follow the numbered painting guide on the canvas. Try to apply the paint carefully now! Once you've put together your creation, it's time to display it.

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There are so many different CreArt paint-by-numbers for you to choose from. Together they make up and create a stunning display, which you can be proud of painting yourself.

You could paint one of the images from the many animal lover images or one of your favourite movie characters – from *The Lion King*, *Miraculous*, *Frozen* or *Harry Potter*!

No matter what you're into, there's a CreArt for you, and there's more to look forward to, with plenty of designs coming out soon. There's even an adult range if you want to buy a gift for a parent or grandparent!

Painting on a rainy day, a quiet day, as a gift or as something you enjoy, CreArt is a really great way of relaxing, and is super satisfying once you've reached the end and can proudly display your work!

FIND OUT MORE:

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'SEA WEEES' BANNED!

TOURISTS are set to be fined €750 (£645) for peeing in the sea in Spain this summer.

Officials in the city of Vigo in Galicia are cracking down on people urinating in the sea or on the beach, by punishing those caught doing it with a big fine.

The city council says the habit breaks hygiene and sanitary rules and needs to stop.

To help tackle the situation, public toilets will be installed on beaches during the busiest holiday period.

But the council hasn't revealed how it will be able to tell if people have actually gone for a wee in the sea!



The city of Vigo has also banned the use of soap and shampoos in the sea

CAPTAIN RESCUES MEERKAT

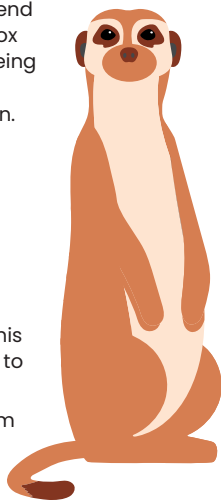
A MEERKAT that jumped a huge 9m (30ft) into the sea was saved by the ship's captain!

Boris and his fellow meerkat friend Doris escaped from a caged box on board a cargo ship, while being transported to the Axe Valley Wildlife Park in Axminster, Devon.

The crew spotted the duo and managed to catch Doris, but three-year-old Boris decided to take the plunge and jump overboard!

When the captain of the ship, Tom Sexton, realised what had happened, he changed out of his uniform and dived into the sea to rescue the daredevil escapee.

Thankfully Boris was unhurt from his big adventure, just a little cold. He was then returned safely to the ship.



Derek is proof that you're never too old to learn new skills!

OLDEST GCSE STUDENT

A 92-YEAR-old man is thought to have become the oldest person to sit a GCSE exam.

Derek Skipper from Cambridgeshire completed a maths exam at Comberton Village College, along with a hall full of 16-year-old students.

Mr Skipper took a free online course to help him prepare for the exam and said he learnt how to use YouTube for the first time. He also learnt lots about calculators.

Although he had to use a magnifying glass to read some of the paper because of poor eyesight, and he ran out of time towards the end, he said he's still hopeful for a good mark (a Level 4 or 5).

JOKES OF THE WEEK

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IT'S International Joke Day on 1 July. To celebrate, here are some of our readers' favourite jokes!

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What's the most attractive thing in maths?

A cute angle!

- Tyler, Macaulay Church of England Primary

haha
haha



Why don't babies play basketball?

Because they always dribble!

- Jessica, Woodmansterne Primary



What do you call a cute door?

aDOORable! - Rishayal, Woodmansterne Primary

haha
haha

What cheese do you use to hide a small horse?

Mascarpone!

- Purdy, St Andrew's Primary School



What do you call a fish with no eyes?

Fsh!

- Aryaan, Lyndhurst Primary

Why did the sun not go to university?

Because he had too many degrees!

- Edward, Woodmansterne Primary

haha
haha



Want to hear my construction joke?

You can't, I'm still working on it!

- Eyub, St Andrew's Primary School

haha
haha

Why was the cow so happy?

Because he jumped over the moooon!

- Abiha, Lyndhurst Primary



This week's Crazy But True stories were selected by schools taking part in *First News* and The Connected Learning Centre's 'The News Project' event. The children all became part of *First News*' editorial team, where they discussed and debated lots of potential stories and chose what they thought were the three very best, incredible and crazy reads for you.

Thanks to all the Year 5 classes who took part: Lyndhurst Primary, Oldham; The Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary Overie Primary, Southwark; Christ Church Streatham, Macaulay CofE and Woodmansterne Primaries in Lambeth; Seven Mills Primary School, Tower Hamlets; and St Andrew's, Rochester, Kent.

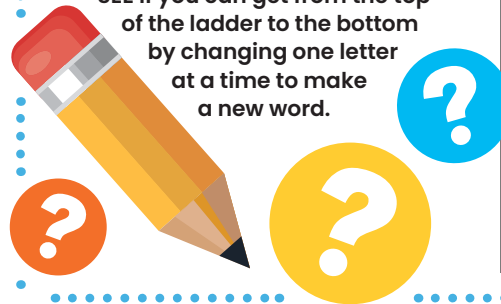
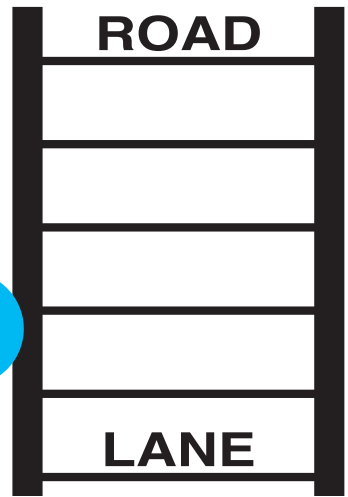
SUDOKU

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

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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.



WIN AZIZA'S SECRET FAIRY DOOR AND THE MERMAID'S TREASURE BOOKS



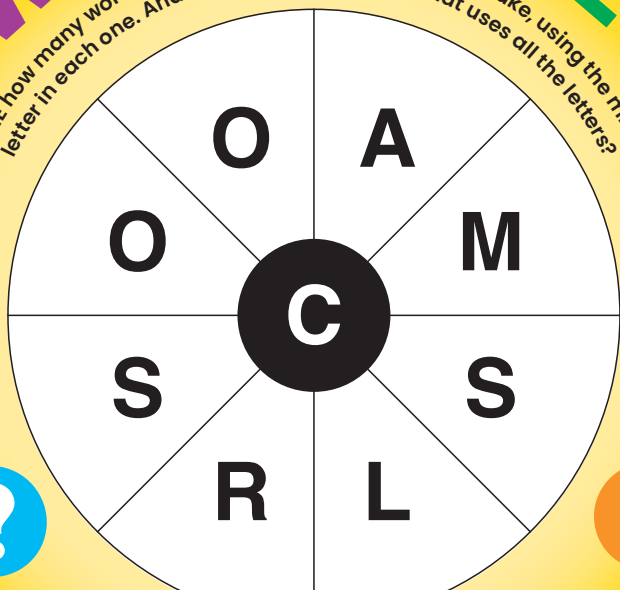
CAN you complete our crossword puzzle using the clues below?

Send in your answers and two winners will win a copy of *Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Mermaid's Treasure*. Join Aziza in her magical adventures! The inclusive series by Lola Morayo, inspired by world mythology, is gorgeously illustrated in black and white throughout by Cory Reid. The fourth title in the series, *Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Mermaid's Treasure*, is on sale now from Macmillan Children's Books.

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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?



ACROSS

- 1 Was present at or took part in (8)
- 6 A large mammal with humps on its back (5)
- 7 Category; study group (5)
- 9 Performs on stage (4)
- 10 Poisonous British snakes (6)
- 12 A young cat (6)
- 14 Desire or impulse (4)
- 17 Long narrow hilltop (5)
- 18 Arms and legs (5)
- 19 Heating device (8)

DOWN

- 2 Entice (5)
- 3 Slippery fish (plural) (4)
- 4 Resolve or conclude (6)
- 5 Francis _____ : famous Elizabethan sailor (5)
- 6 You pull this at Christmas and it bangs (7)
- 8 Female relations (7)
- 11 Rely on (6)
- 13 Family name of Henry VIII (5)
- 15 _____ and Juliet: famous play (5)
- 16 Tiny insect (4)



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *Baymax!* exclusively on Disney+?



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WIN! THE CHANCE TO SEE YOUR WORK ON STAGE THANKS TO

CHICKENSHED
THEATRE CHANGING LIVES

WRITE a limerick... and see your work on stage!

Chickenshed Theatre's Tales from the Shed team are looking for some super-talented writers to help them with a section of their summer pantomime, *Cinderella in Boots!*

The show sees the evil King deBoot ban all shoes except for marching boots. The brave Cinderella takes matters into her own hands and sets off to London to confront deBoot, meeting Puss in Boots and lots of other fairy-tale characters on the way. Here's where you come in! They'd love you to write a limerick for a fairy tale character of your choice, whether that's Snow White, the Big Bad Wolf, Robin Hood or someone else entirely. A limerick is five lines of funny verse, where the first, second and fifth lines rhyme. The third and fourth lines are usually shorter and have their own rhyme. Here's an example:

*There once was a boy called Jack,
Of riches he had a lack
Got a bean for his cow,
But what happens now?
A beanstalk is growing out back!*



We will choose five limericks to form part of the show, and the authors will receive a special invitation to see their work performed at Chickenshed's North London theatre, with up to four family members or friends! Email your limerick to win@firstnews.co.uk, putting **BOOTS** in the subject box

Cinderella in Boots runs from 3-13 August 2022 at Chickenshed Theatre
Travel is not included.

ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY BOOTS

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WIN! AN AMAZON FIRE HD TABLET AND A TRANSFORMERS ROLL N'CHANGE OPTIMUS PRIME!

THE Transformers robots are here! Get ready to discover the world of Transformers now.

WATCH all the adventure, PLAY and explore, and BECOME a part of the action with Transformers.

Five lucky winners will get to roll out like never before with the leader of the Autobots – Optimus Prime. With Transformers: Cyberverse Adventures Dinobots Unite Roll N' Change Optimus Prime, you can pull out the sword accessory, roll forward, and watch the figure convert to robot mode in one move! PLUS each winner will win a Fire HD 10 tablet!



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To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

Who is the leader of the Autobots?

- a) Bumblebee
- b) Optimus Prime
- c) Megatron



ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY PLAY

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot The Difference: hand is missing, head is larger, apron is now purple, pink patch is missing, chicken added in background.

Word Wheel: breakfast.

Word Ladder: made, mode, code, cope, copy, cosy.

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BIRD PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

THESE incredible images are just a few of the finalists in the annual Bird Photographer of the Year competition. The winners will be announced on 8 September, but you can find out more about the competition at birdpoty.com/categories.



Weng Keong Liew/Bird Photographer of the Year

This snap of a black-and-yellow broadbill was taken in Selangor, Malaysia, by Weng Keong Liew. Weng, who is Malaysian, says: "It was the start of the breeding season, and this black-and-yellow broadbill was making a lot of commotion in an attempt to attract a mate!"



Audrey Wooller/Bird Photographer of the Year

"In the light of the setting sun, this penguin almost looked as if it were dancing," says photographer Audrey Wooller from the UK, who snapped this gentoo penguin in the Falkland Islands.



Liron Gertsman/Bird Photographer of the Year

Liron Gertsman from Canada took this stunning picture of an Anna's hummingbird in Vancouver. Liron says: "I had been checking in on this particularly beautiful nest for a couple of weeks, as a hummingbird worked hard to build it and incubate her eggs. I was delighted when I stopped by one afternoon and saw two tiny beaks poking out of the tiny nest!"



Ben Cranke/Bird Photographer of the Year

These marching king penguins in South Georgia were snapped by Ben Cranke from South Africa, who camouflaged his camera with snow! Ben says: "I used a wireless trigger to take this shot of the birds as they paraded past in orderly single file."



Leander Khil/Bird Photographer of the Year

WOW!

This amazing bird is a male ocellated turkey from Belize and the unusual picture was taken by Leander Khil from Austria. Leander said: "To show the birds in a different way than is seen usually, I chose this head-on view when this individual made eye contact with me in a private reserve in Belize."

YOUNG AUTHOR



by Theo

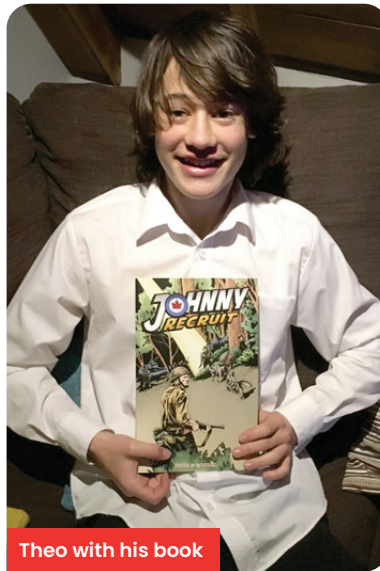
THIS month, my *Johnny Recruit* graphic novel came out.

It's about 14-year-old Big Johnny, who, when hearing his uncle has been held by Nazis, is sure the only one who can rescue his mentor is... himself!

Stellar bush pilot and expert game hunter Johnny lies about being 18 and sneaks into WW2 to find his best friend. But when a rival British pilot threatens to expose his secret, Johnny faces tough decisions no young kid should have to make.

Years ago, my grandfather told me stories about his uncle Bert, an RAF flying ace who was in WW2. I've always loved aeroplanes, running around the playground yelling and jumping on stuff, and everything became a plane. And Bert would be flying that plane. He's a relative so heroic it's easy to write stories and join him in his adventures. I wrote my book around him and created new characters and heroes I hoped would match up to what he did. A hero captured by history's biggest menace and someone like me as Johnny rescues him.

I'm really proud that it's been on the BBC, in newspapers and this month's *Canada's History* magazine.



Theo with his book

RACING BROTHERS



by Harry Redshaw

THE Motorsport UK British Drag Racing season is finally underway and, as the current British champion, I'm looking forward to taking on my racetrack rivals to defend my title.

My dad bought me my first junior dragster when I was eight, which is the minimum age you need to be to race, and I've been competing ever since.



Harry racing

I'm lucky enough to compete in some of the top drag racing events in the UK and Europe with my brother Damion, who is 11, and together we're known as the ODYSSEY Battery Drag Racing Team.

My dad has always been obsessed with drag racing, so I suppose our passion for competing comes from him. I absolutely love the feeling I get on the racetrack. There's nothing like it and the feeling of winning a race is just incredible.

I was crowned champion at the French Junior Drag Racing Championships in 2017 and took second place in 2019, so I'm quite proud of that achievement.

I compete in a half-scale junior dragster, which goes from 0-60mph (97km/h) in under three seconds. It's a fantastic car, and I know it's going to be another action-packed season!

PAPER DOLLS SHOW

by Eve

I WENT to see *The Paper Dolls* at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon with my mum, dad and little sister Olive.

Me and my family sat on the comfy benches, but you were allowed to sit on the floor in front of the stage, which looked like lots of fun.

I really loved the way that Rosie and Tommy moved, it looked really realistic. I especially liked the part when Rosie first made her paper dolls, it looked really fun.

Rosie had a really naughty brother called Tommy, and he kept sneaking in on Rosie and her paper dolls. I loved how the dolls kept going from big to small in different scenes and I really loved the part when they magically appeared on the bus.

I thought the part where they were on the boat on the river was really fun, especially when the crocodile kept trying to eat the boat.

My sister really liked the part with the tiger, and I liked it when Rosie jumped on his back and rode across the sky.

I felt a bit sad when Rosie's naughty brother sneaked in and cut up her paper dolls with some scissors.

At the end of the story, I liked how Rosie the doll grew older and older, and when she had her own children, she made paper dolls with them. When I got home, I made paper dolls with my mum, which was really fun.

I really liked the *Paper Dolls* show. It was really fun and cute. All of my family thought so too.



The Paper Dolls on stage



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Write in to let us know what you've been up to! Have you been getting creative? Been for a great day out? Raised money for charity? Whatever it is, we love hearing about your adventures, so why not share your experiences with *First News* readers?

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THE NEW PS+ IS HERE

THE new, three-tiered version of PlayStation Plus (PS+) has finally arrived in the UK, offering more games than Sony initially promised.

The company said that 740 would be available for premium subscribers, but there are currently over 800.

There are now three different membership levels. There's the Essential version, which gives you access to online multiplayer, and three free games a month. It costs £6.99 a month or £49.99 a year.

Then, there's Extra, which gives you access to around 400 PlayStation 4/5 games. That costs £10.99 a month or £83.99 a year.

Lastly, there's Premium, costing £13.49 a month or £99.99 a year. Premium also gives you access to around 400 PS1, PS2, PS3 and PSP games.



NINTENDO SWITCH

FIRE EMBLEM WARRIORS: THREE HOPES (PEGI 12)

THIS alternate version of *Fire Emblem Warriors: Three Houses* has you fighting hundreds of enemies at once!

In the game, you play as Shez, a mercenary (a fighter for hire) who finds themselves caught up in an ongoing war. Three nations are caught up in this war, and you can join any of them.

With your chosen nation, you'll slash your way through the battlefield, chaining strikes into crazy 2,000-hit combos. It's a lot of fun. There's strategy too, as you'll have to order soldiers around to make sure your side wins.

Outside the battlefield, you can level up Shez, as well as your fellow battlers. A big part of the *Fire Emblem* series is about developing relationships with the other characters in the game. By talking to them regularly, learning about them, and saying the right thing, you can become good friends with them and unlock special upgrades.

There are loads of systems and things to learn in the game, which the tutorials do their best to explain – but there are a lot! It can feel slow when managing your character's abilities, but the best bit is fighting your way through tons of enemies.

For this one, we really recommend that you try out the demo, as this style of game isn't for everyone.

PLAY A TRUE STORY

A NEW mobile game has been released exclusively for Netflix users.

Based on real events and interviews, *This Is A True Story* takes you on the journey of an African woman who's searching for fresh water for her village.

Created in collaboration with Charity: Water, the game sees players explore a beautiful, hand-painted landscape while surviving a windstorm, catching poachers, and even befriend a goat!



SHOPS by Kirsty MacDonald

WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS?

INTERACTIVE BABBLE OTTO

SMYTHSTOYS.COM

£25.99

Meet Otto! This large interactive toy features nine different ways to play and over 20 sounds. Touch his head and he'll tell you a short story or sing. Press his pocket and he'll say "Bello". Move him in a variety of ways, and he reacts with different expressions for each action. Once you've finished playing, lay him down and he'll sing a lullaby as he drifts off to sleep.



MINION 3D JIGSAW PUZZLE

AMAZON.CO.UK

£12.55

Create your own Minion with this 54-piece 3D jigsaw. The puzzle uses unique plastic pieces, which slot together to build this strong Minion model. You won't need any glue, and each puzzle piece is printed with a number on the reverse side, so you can either assemble the puzzle by eye, or just by following the numbers.



MINIONS BOB

NUMSKULL.COM £14.99

Your favourite Minion has been turned into a cute duck by TUBBZ. The adorable Bob, complete with his teddy, comes boxed in a displayable Minions bath tub display stand.



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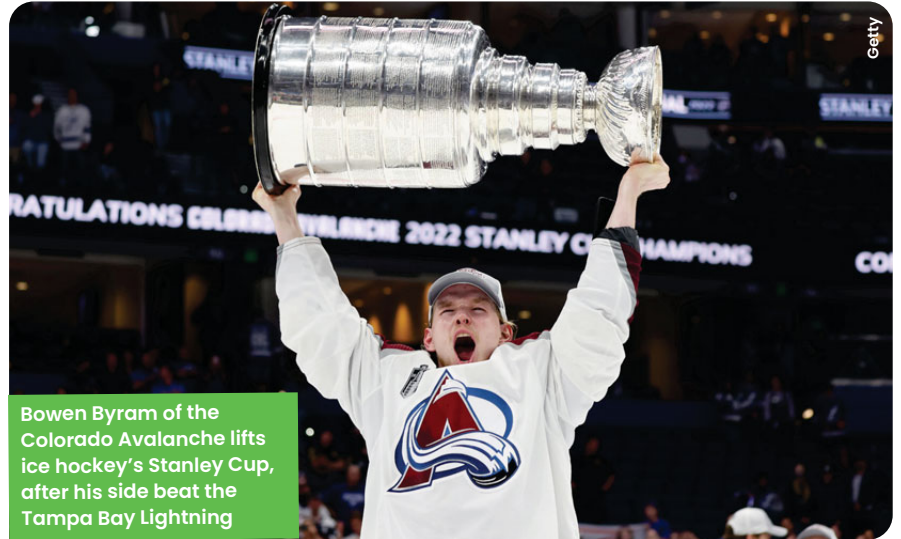
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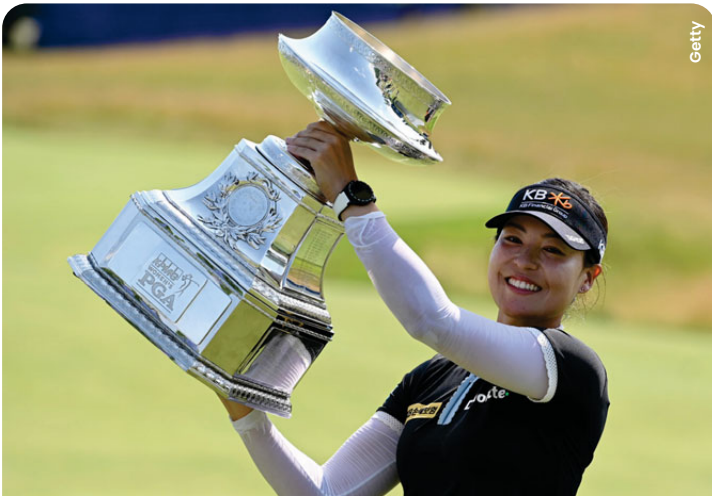
Daryll Neita competes at the UK Athletics Championships in Manchester. She went on to win both the 100m and 200m sprints



Scotland A's Scott Cummings runs with the ball during his side's 45-5 victory over Chile in Santiago. The Scots scored seven tries



Bowen Byram of the Colorado Avalanche lifts ice hockey's Stanley Cup, after his side beat the Tampa Bay Lightning



In Gee Chun of South Korea lifts the trophy after winning the Women's PGA Championship in Maryland, USA – her third major win



Spain's artistic swimming team competes in the highlight routine final at the 2022 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary

DRAMATIC RESCUE IN THE POOL



The USA team's coach, Andrea Fuentes, rescues the unconscious Anita Alvarez

THERE'S always lots of drama at the FINA World Championships, but this year there was a genuine life-threatening incident when a swimmer fainted and sank to the bottom of the pool.

Team USA artistic swimmer Anita Alvarez was competing in the solo free final in Budapest, Hungary, when she started to feel unwell and blacked out.

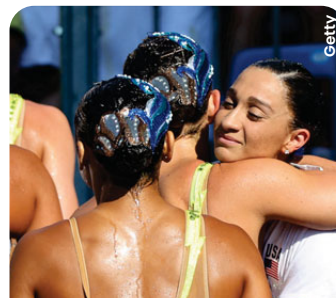
The team's coach, Andrea Fuentes, was the first to leap into action, diving into the pool to bring Alvarez back to the surface.

Thankfully, the swimmer made a full recovery, although doctors from FINA, swimming's governing body, said it wasn't safe to allow Alvarez to take part in the team competition, even though she wanted to.

AFP photographer Oli Scarff had only just been trained to use the robotic underwater camera that captured the dramatic scene. Although he's used to taking pictures in dangerous places, he said that seeing something so shocking in a beautiful sport like artistic swimming left him "very shocked and a bit shaken for a long time".

Scarff waited until he knew Alvarez was okay before releasing the pictures, which then went round the world within minutes.

Alvarez herself said she thinks the pictures "are beautiful in a way". "To see me down there in the water, so peaceful, so quiet, and to see Andrea coming down with her arm outstretched trying to reach me, like a superhero", she told Spanish paper *El País*.



Alvarez (right) hugs a teammate two days later

MCLAREN GOES ELECTRIC

THE McLaren Racing team has announced a new title partnership with Neom to form the newly named NEOM McLaren Electric Racing Team.

They unveiled the new Formula E and Extreme E cars at the McLaren Technology Centre in Surrey on Monday.

McLaren confirmed their entry into the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship last month but their partnership with Neom was a secret – until now.

Neom is Saudi Arabia's new city of the future, which is being built from the ground up. Around 33 times the size of New York City, the \$500 billion (£410 billion) futuristic city-state is being built using artificial intelligence and clean energy sources. The planners of the zero-carbon city have said that there will be bullet trains and hyperloop for transport, but residents will be encouraged to use bicycles.

Talking about the partnership with Neom, McLaren Racing CEO Zak Brown said: "We are delighted to welcome Neom to the McLaren Racing family. This is an incredible way to kick off our entry into Formula E."

The partnership signals a new era for McLaren in motorsport, with both the Formula E and Extreme E teams

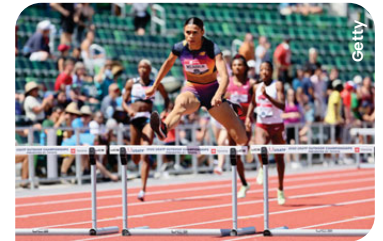


The launch of the new electric racing cars

taking on the names NEOM McLaren Formula E Team and NEOM McLaren Extreme E.

McLaren's first female racing driver for E Extreme, Emma Gilmore, said: "I love what Extreme E stands for in terms of racing for purpose and to be part of the legacy projects in every place we visit. It is great to be able to use the excitement of motorsport to bring people along on the journey. I am hoping we are leading the way for other sports in sustainability and diversity."

5 hundredths of a second is how much Sydney McLaughlin broke her own 400m hurdles world record by at the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships. The American star set the previous record at the Tokyo Olympics last year. She now has five of the top ten times ever in the 400m hurdles.



3 matches to nil was the final score as England beat New Zealand in their Test series. England won the last match by seven wickets, thanks to a storming 162 by Jonny Bairstow and an 86 not out from Joe Root. "To walk away with a 3-0 win over the best team in the world is very special," said England captain Ben Stokes.



6 players and both managers were sent off during a baseball match between the Los Angeles Angels and Seattle Mariners on Sunday. After Seattle batter Jesse Winker was hit by a 91.1mph (146.6km/h) fastball, a huge scuffle started that lasted for six minutes. After nearly 20 minutes of delays, the Angels eventually won 2-1.

