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Beano inspires storm name



Minnie the Minx

The list of storm names for next season has been revealed, and it includes famous scientists, a comic book character and Government workers. One of the names on the list is Minnie, inspired by the *Beano* comic's Minnie the Minx. The UK's Met Office, Met Éireann in Ireland and the Dutch weather service unveiled the names. Stuart Sampson, who's worked for nearly 20 years managing water supplies during droughts for the Environment Agency, said: "Giving a storm a name means we can all talk about an event with a clear and common understanding."

Longest female mullet sets record

A Tennessee woman has set a new Guinness World Record for having the longest female mullet, measuring almost 173cm. Tami Manis, 58, hasn't cut the back of her hair since 1990. She keeps her mullet braided and "tucks the tail" into her pocket while riding her motorbike. After seeing a rat-tail hairstyle in a music video, she was inspired to grow a mullet. She said: "It was the '80s and everybody had a rat tail. The girl had a rat tail and I really wanted one of those."



Guinness World Records

One year since Queen Elizabeth II's passing

Today (8 September) marks one year since the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The longest-serving Queen was born on 21 April 1926 and reigned for over 70 years. Grant Harrold, a former royal butler, said: "I think it's going to be a day for the family to be a family, to reflect and remember. The King won't be making any speeches on the day, they are a family that are private when it comes to these things. However, keep an eye out on their social media channels as this is likely to be where any tributes or memories are shared."



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Life expectancy on the rise in China

A new report says people in China will live an average 2.2 years longer due to the country's success in reducing air pollution. Between 2013 and 2021, pollution in the country fell by 42.3%, with the capital, Beijing, seeing a 56.2% decrease. However, the report warns that pollution levels are still six times higher than the World Health Organization's (WHO) guidelines, and improvements in life expectancy could be lost if air quality returns to previous levels. It also says that more improvements are needed.



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Giant magpie sculpture is coined



Royal Australian Mint

Big Swoop, a large sculpture of a magpie eating a chip in Canberra, Australia, has now been put on a collectable \$1 coin. After just 18 months on display, the Australian Royal Mint has recognised the sculpture as one of the nation's top ten 'big things'. The sculpture's creator, Yanni Pounartzis, said: "I'm in disbelief. He [*Big Swoop*] won't go away, and he won't stop receiving attention. It was just an idea, a funny, ironic idea."

HAVE YOU

Millions of children at risk of forced work



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A growing number of children around the world are at risk of being forced into work. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said in 2020 that around 160 million children were made to work, and said this week that the trend is continuing. It says poverty is the main cause and urges governments to act now to create more jobs for adults and improve education. A mother in Kenya, whose young daughter is working, said: "I would like my child to go to school like other children so that she can get a good job that will help her in the future." There has been a rise in child labour in areas such as agriculture (farming), mining and construction. Gilbert Hounbo, director-general of the ILO, said the situation is "very worrisome" and that governments need to "step up now".

Sick researcher rescued from Antarctica

Australian scientists have evacuated a sick researcher from the frozen continent of Antarctica. The Australian Antarctic Program (AAP) launched a rescue operation involving a medical recovery team, an icebreaker ship and two helicopters to reach the man, who had a developing medical condition. Medical facilities at the research station where he was located are limited, with only about 20 people living there during winter. Robb Clifton, from the AAP, said: "The safety and wellbeing of expeditioners and support staff in Antarctica is our utmost priority. Getting this expeditioner back to Tasmania for the specialist medical care required is our priority."



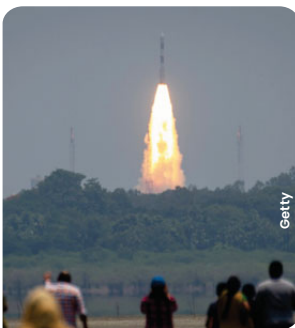
Australian Antarctic Program

An icebreaker ship



India blasts off to study the sun

India has launched its first space mission to study the sun, after becoming the first country to land near the moon's south pole. The spacecraft, called Aditya-L1, successfully took off from southern India. It will orbit the Earth several times before embarking on its four-month journey to a location in space where it'll have an uninterrupted view of the sun.



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Mummified bees found in Portugal



A mummified bee

Scientists have discovered hundreds of mummified bees along the Odemira coastline in Portugal. The bees, almost 3,000 years old, were well-preserved inside their cocoons, and the researchers were even able to determine their gender and the amount of pollen left by their mother. Carlos Neto de Carvalho, the lead author, said: "A sharp decrease in temperature or a prolonged [extra long] flooding of the area could have led to the death of hundreds of these small bees."

Overcrowding at Mount Fuji

Japan's famous Mount Fuji is attracting too many visitors, with rising cases of accidents and pollution. Many tourists are climbing up the mountain without being properly prepared, leading to altitude sickness (from being high up) and hypothermia (from being too cold). The holy mountain is also becoming covered in litter dropped by tourists, while workers struggle to empty the bins quickly enough. Experts are blaming the problem on "over-tourism".



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RSPB sorry for calling Government "liars" over environment

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has apologised after calling the prime minister and other Government ministers "liars" over their plans to get rid of water pollution restrictions on housebuilding. In a social media post, the conservation charity wrote: "You lie, and you lie, and you lie again." However, the RSPB has now said it was wrong to accuse individual people and that it wants to campaign on "policy, not people". Still, the charity stands by its argument of Government promises being broken. Beccy Speight, the RSPB chief executive, says the housebuilding announcement "completely goes against the commitments the Government has made many times in the past not to weaken environmental protections".



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Birds at RSPB Loch Leven Nature Reserve

Schools warned about cyber attacks



Schools have been warned to prepare for online attacks as the new academic year begins. Last September, six schools in Hertfordshire had their systems hacked, creating a risk of student data leaks. Don Smith, from Secureworks, a cybersecurity firm, said: "Summer is a time when people are using their devices to have fun, play games, that sort of thing. If you've allowed teachers and pupils to take devices home, or let them bring their own, these devices may have picked up infections and malware that can come into the school and create a problem."

More than a million lives saved from cancer



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More than a million people in the UK have survived cancer over the last 40 years, thanks to new treatments and early detection. A new report by Cancer Research UK says that cancer deaths have fallen by 25% since the mid-1980s. This is due to improvements in science and technology for cancer prevention and treatments such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Giant inflatable ducks have appeared again

Huge inflatable ducks have mysteriously appeared in Belfast Harbour, Maine, US, for the third year in a row. The first duck showed up in 2021 and was called Joy. Since then, two larger ducks have appeared, called Greater Joy and Greatest Joy. The giant inflatables have become famous in the area, with little rubber duckies showing up all over town, too. Scott Smith of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce said: "We don't know who owns them, we don't know where they come from or how long they'll be here. It was great just to have something fun, charming and simple that really brought a lot of happy feelings and positive energy."



The three ducks

Scott Smith/Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce

Crashed spacecraft forms new moon crater

NASA has found a new crater on the moon that was likely caused by a Russian spacecraft that crashed during a landing attempt in August. The robot lander, Luna-25, was trying to be the first to land at the moon's south pole to collect samples of rock and dust. However, it failed to land and crashed into the surface. Experts say the new crater measures around ten metres across.



The new crater

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center/Arizona State University



SCHOOLS SCRAMBLE TO FIX CONCRETE CHAOS

THE new school year has been thrown into chaos for thousands of pupils, as well as their parents and teachers, since the Government told more than 100 schools in England and two in Wales to shut because of unsafe concrete.

The Department for Education (DfE) told schools with RAAC (a cheaper, lightweight type of concrete used a lot after the Second World War) that they must close until safety measures are put in place. This is because RAAC can crumble after about 30 years.

The schools won't be allowed to reopen until the DfE visits to check their buildings are okay. In the meantime, they have either found temporary classrooms, started the new term with online learning, or delayed the start of term altogether. Essex is the worst-hit county, with 65 schools affected.

There is annoyance about the timing of this decision, just days before the start of term.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said: "New information came to light fairly recently, and the Government acted as swiftly as possible. Of course, I know the timing is frustrating."

Some are pointing the finger of blame at the prime minister for all this happening in the first place. He was in charge of the country's money in 2020, when the DfE said it needed £5.3 billion of funding per year between 2021 and 2025 to maintain school buildings. Instead, it was given £3.1 billion per year.

The Myton School in Warwick has delayed the start



St Bernard's RC Primary School in Bolton is one of the schools forced to close

of term because one of its buildings is unsafe. Its head teacher, Mr Andy Perry, says he wanted to rebuild it last year, but the DfE rejected his request for funding because other schools were in greater need.

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt says the Government will cover the cost of all school repairs "to make sure children can go to school safely". In Scotland, where term started a few weeks ago, 35 schools have RAAC, but First Minister Humza Yousaf says they posed "no immediate risk", and so will remain open.

Hunting worsens climate change



An elephant in Gabon

A NEW study has found that over-hunting animals such as gorillas, elephants and toucans is speeding up climate change.

Research from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) shows that these animals play an important role in scattering tree seeds, which helps to store carbon.

When fruit and seed-spreading wildlife is hunted, though, forests are unable to store carbon properly – and carbon that is loose in the atmosphere warms

the planet.

Another bad thing is that animals store carbon in their own bodies, too. The 11,000 elephants killed in a national park in Gabon between 2004 and 2012 may have led to the same as 26,345 tonnes of greenhouse gases being let out into the atmosphere.

Dr John Robinson of the WCS said that maintaining wildlife in forests is "a critical component [part] of any strategy... to address climate change."

ULEZ: What do you think?

LONDON is split over the fact that the whole city is now an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).

The zone, which aims to improve London's poor air quality, has just been expanded from central London to all London boroughs. It means that motorists who drive high-polluting vehicles have to pay a daily £12.50 fee to drive anywhere in the city. Around 90% of cars around London already meet ULEZ's low-emission standards, so they don't have to pay.

Supporters of the ULEZ scheme say the price is worth paying for cleaner, healthier air. Similar zones in other cities, like Birmingham, have

been proven to cut pollution from vehicles. The daily fee is cheaper in London than clean air zones in some other European cities, too – Glasgow charges £60, and Paris charges £115.

Critics, though, argue that it is wrong to expand the scheme during a cost of living crisis, and poorer residents who can't afford to change their car will be hit hardest. Others say people with higher-polluting cars should have been given more than nine months' notice to get ready.

Is the ULEZ a good idea?

Vote at first.news/polls



Poor air quality can cause health problems

EDITOR'S COMMENT

WE have declared September Look Up! month.

It's the time of year when many young people, like you, are back walking to school.

Sadly, that means the number of road accidents involving child pedestrians go up too. And we want to do all we can to stop that happening.

A number of studies have shown that being distracted by mobile phones is a real danger to people crossing roads, particularly children.

That's why we want every school in September to have a *First News* Look Up! assembly.

There's a film to watch and some activities to take part in. Find out more on page 20 and get your teachers involved, too!



Nicky Cox MBE

Renewable electricity



BETWEEN January and June, the amount of electricity that countries in the European Union (EU) created by burning fossil fuels fell to its lowest levels since records began. Energy experts Ember gave a special shout-out to Denmark and Portugal, which both generated more than 75% of their electricity using clean, renewable methods like solar power.



E-bikes



THE London Fire Brigade has already battled more e-bike and e-scooter fires in 2023 than it did in the whole of 2022. By the end of August, there had been 123 such fires to deal with, and sadly, three people have died. The fires are usually thought to be caused by batteries that don't meet UK safety standards. E-scooters have also been making headlines in France (see p10).



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GET TRAINED UP TO BEAT THE BULLIES



A SURVEY of school kids aged 9–15 has revealed that 65% of them were scared to start the new term this week because they've been bullied.

In its research, The Diana Award, a young people's charity, spoke to 2,000 UK parents and their children. More than three-quarters (77%) of the kids said they have been bullied in the past and a third (33%) said that the thought of returning to the school gates made them want to cry. It's a world away from the cheery picture painted in all the back-to-school adverts you see on TV around this time of year.

Parents get anxious too – 89% believe schools can be unsafe for children because of bullying. Nearly half have considered changing schools and 28% have thought about having their children home-schooled instead.

Luckily, The Diana Award is on a mission to fix this with its #BackToBullying campaign, which trains kids to become

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, so they know how to help if someone is being bullied. The charity offers its training course to schools across the UK for free. So far, 50,000 pupils in 5,000 different schools have taken part.

Some famous faces have been pulled in to help, too. In 2019, nearly 40 celebrities, including Diversity's Ashley Banjo and *Guardians of the Galaxy* star Will Poulter, recorded videos to share their personal experiences of bullying (scan the QR code above to watch some of them).

This year, Will is urging more schools and pupils to get involved with the #BackToBullying campaign. He says: "It's an important reminder of ensuring school is a safe and happy place free from bullying. I know from my own experience the difference young people and educators can make."

For more about the campaign, visit backtobullying.com

Most kids don't enjoy reading



Will you visit the library in your school?

BACK to school might also mean 'back to books' for some of you, as new research shows that children's enjoyment of reading is at an all-time low.

The National Literacy Trust (NLT) has found that right now, more than half (56.6%) of children aged 8–18 don't enjoy reading in their free time. The rate among poorer children is even worse, and one in ten kids from disadvantaged backgrounds don't have any books at home.

The worry is that poorer children will fall behind classmates whose families are better-off. The NLT says a third of disadvantaged children leave primary school below the expected reading level, and this stops them from reaching their potential later in life because they grow up without the tools to communicate. "Sparkling a love of reading can change a child's life," said Martin Galway, Head of Schools Programmes at the NLT.

The start of the new school term could make things better. The research shows that children are more likely to enjoy reading if they have access to a quiet space, books that represent them, and support from teachers. The NLT is working to create more primary school libraries and to help children access diverse books and stories that have characters like them.

Francesca Simon, a best-selling author and NLT ambassador, said: "We cannot let a generation of children lose out on the benefits that reading can bring. We must work together to make sure every child has the safe space and access to books to start them on their reading journey."

Billions of reasons to shop second-hand!



Oxfam wants your unused clothes

OXFAM has urged UK families to start shopping second-hand to massively reduce our carbon footprint.

The charity says that, if just half of the clothes that UK grown-ups owned were bought second-hand, it would prevent 12.5 billion kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) being released into the atmosphere.

If that sounds like a lot... it is. It's the same amount of CO₂ that a plane would produce by flying around the world 17,000 times.

It comes as Oxfam launches its Second Hand September campaign, which encourages people to be kinder to the planet this month by shopping second-

hand and donating any of their clothes they don't want or need to Oxfam stores.

Buying second-hand clothes reduces the need for new ones to be made. The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of global carbon emissions, which is more than the flying and shipping industries combined.

Miquita Oliver, Oxfam's Second Hand Clothes Ambassador, said: "Awareness of the environmental impact of our shopping choices is growing. Buying clothes second-hand, and donating what we don't wear any more, can help change the world for the better."

Canada's homeless defy doubters

GIVING homeless people a big lump sum of money rather than other types of social support can save money in the long-run.

In a study published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS), 50 homeless people in the city of Vancouver were given a one-off payment of \$7,500 Canadian dollars (about £4,370).

Over the course of a year, this led to an overall saving of \$777 Canadian dollars (about £435) per homeless person, because they spent fewer days in homeless shelters and were able to move

into regular housing instead.

Their mental health improved, and they spent the money sensibly, too – despite another study revealing that the general public don't trust homeless people with money, thinking they will waste it on things like alcohol and cigarettes.

The idea behind the experiment was to test a new way to fix homelessness. Around 150 million people around the world experience homelessness – that's 2% of the global population. In England, 104,510 households are homeless.



Homeless people in Vancouver

Do you read for pleasure, or because you have to?

Vote at first.news/polls



This cheese is the bee's knees!

A SPANISH restaurant owner has paid £25,000 for a single wheel of cheese – making it the most expensive cheese ever.

Iván Suárez bought the wheel of Cabrales blue at an auction. The cheese is made by being left to mature in a mountain cave for at least four months. It comes from an area of northern Spain that is nicknamed País de Quesos – 'Land of Cheeses'!

**Istanbul, Turkey**

A BLUE supermoon over the Hagia Sophia mosque on 31 August. The rare sighting hasn't occurred since 2009. This is the second full moon in August, and the year's closest moon – just 222,043 miles (357,344km) from Earth. A blue moon is an 'extra' 13th full moon in a year on top of the usual 12. The origin of the term is unclear, but it's nothing to do with the colour.

Belo Horizonte, Brazil

A GIANT elephant puppet built from rubbish is part of a street show called *Elefanteatro* ('Elephant theatre'). The colourful elephant weighs over 200kg!

**Blackpool, UK**

BUMBLEBEE, from the *Transformers* films, joins the parade along Blackpool's Golden Mile for the switch-on of Blackpool's famous illuminations. This year singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor performed some of her biggest hits, before pulling the switch. The illuminations will run nightly until 1 January 2024.



Noida, India



NOIDA Gate, an iconic Indian landmark, is lit up to celebrate the G20 summit taking place in New Delhi between 9–10 September. Leaders from around the world are attending the summit to discuss important issues facing their countries.

Nevada, USA



A RAINBOW is seen over the Burning Man festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. Heavy rains turned the festival site into a mud pit, which meant events were cancelled and thousands of festival-goers were left stranded.



London, UK

THOUSANDS of Harry Potter fans in London's King's Cross station celebrate Back to Hogwarts Day. Arnav Paturkar, ten (top picture), won the Wizarding World's competition to lead the live countdown of the famous train's departure from Platform 9½. See p24 for more.

World



Jack Zhi/Bird Photographer of the Year

THE Bird Photographer of the Year 2023 winners have been announced. This dramatic image of a peregrine falcon tackling a brown pelican, taken by Jack Zhi from the USA, scooped the top prize in the world's largest bird photography competition. Check out the rest of the winners in next week's issue!

**CEREDIGION****Rare Sowerby's whale sighting**

A deep-diving whale, only seen 13 times in the UK since 2007, was spotted off the coast of New Quay. Viewers on a dolphin-watching tour spotted the Sowerby's beaked whale in Cardigan Bay. It only stayed on the surface briefly before diving under the water. Sowerby's beaked whales usually live at least 1,000 metres underwater and can stay under for around two hours, making this an incredibly rare sighting!



Josh Pedley/SeaMor

EDINBURGH**Totem pole returns home**

A totem pole is set to return to Canada after being displayed at the National Museum of Scotland for 94 years. It's being sent back to the Nisga'a Nation, the indigenous people from the Nass Valley, British Columbia, who requested its return. The pole, which dates back to 1860, is carved from a single red cedar tree and was sold to a collector without the locals' permission. The pole had a spiritual ceremony in preparation for its 4,200-mile (6,759km) journey back to its rightful home.



Duncan McGlynn

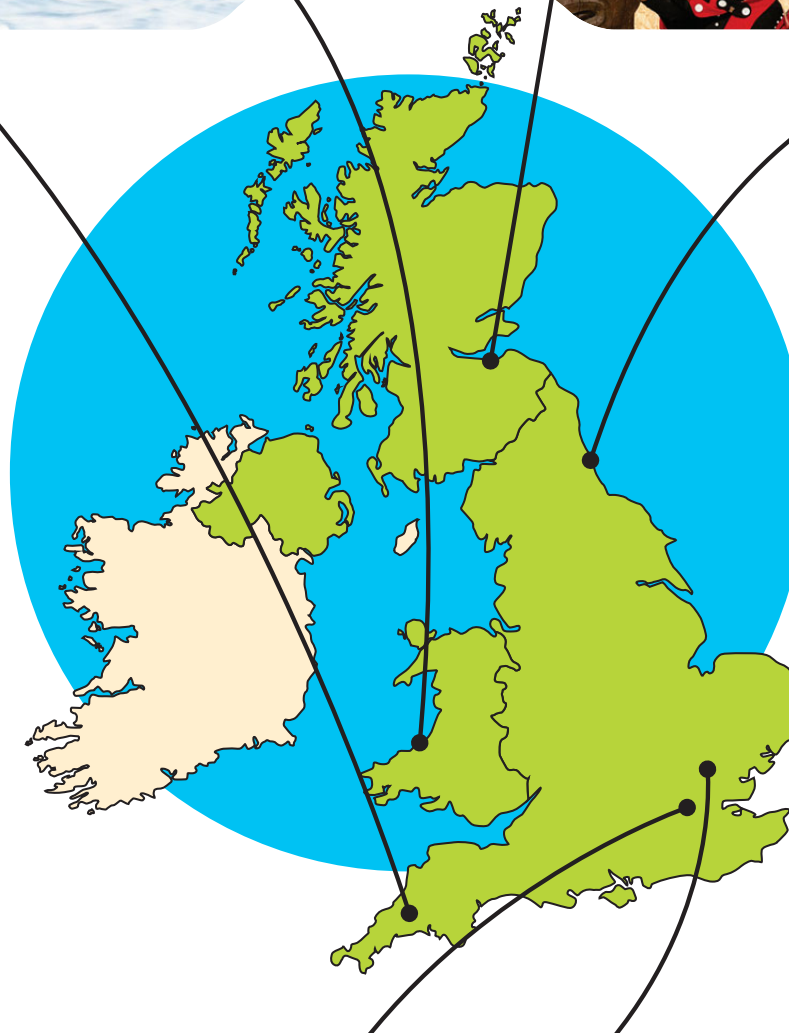
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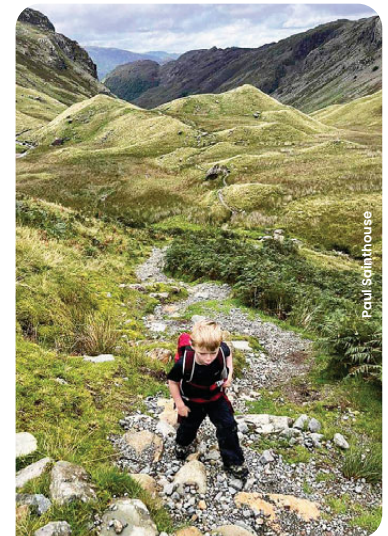
Hatched grass snake eggs

Snake eggs hatch in yoghurt maker

A family from Tremar has hatched four grass snakes in a yoghurt maker after discovering ten eggs in their compost heap. Tim Fuge incubated the eggs and researched how to care for them with his son. Four of the eggs have hatched so far and the family have started releasing them close to where they were found. The family said the experience was "fun" and "a really great experience."

**SUNDERLAND****Boy walks nearly 200 miles coast-to-coast**

A five-year-old boy from Sunderland is believed to be the youngest to complete the 192-mile (309km) coast-to-coast walk from St Bees, Cumbria, to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire. Ollie challenged himself to the walk to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). He was inspired after seeing a GNAAS helicopter rescue and has raised more than £8,000 so far.



Paul Samthouse

LONDON**Great Fire of London hero revealed**

The first witness of the Great Fire of London of 1666 has been revealed. Thomas Dagger, a journeyman (trainee) baker was reportedly the first to discover the fire in Thomas Farriner's bakery and raise the alarm. The discovery was made through searching old records.



Museum of London

An oil painting of the blaze outside Newgate

ESSEX**Abandoned boa constrictor rescued**

A huge 1.8m (6ft) boa constrictor has been saved from a Widdington driveway after CCTV showed a man leaving it on the side of the road. RSPCA animal rescue officer Enola Evans safely rescued the snake and took it to a specialist centre in Norfolk. She said: "The boa had been left for a few hours in the cold as there was no heating or lighting in the vivarium [glass case]. Despite that, she was in a good condition and she is a really beautiful snake with a vivid coloured skin."



RSPCA



GORILLA RECEIVES UNIQUE MEDICAL TREATMENT



LIESEL, a 46-year-old gorilla at Budapest Zoo in Hungary, has become the first gorilla to receive stem cell treatment for her arthritis.

Scientists from Sheffield University teamed up with the zoo to treat Liesel's arthritis using stem cells donated from a younger gorilla called N'yaounda.

Arthritis is a medical condition that affects joints, making them painful and stiff. Stem cells are like building blocks

and can develop into any type of cell that the body needs.

The stem cells were injected into Liesel's knees and hips with the hope of repairing her joints.

Professor Mark Wilkinson said: "We are currently developing a similar treatment for humans."

This treatment is thought to be the first of its kind in the world for a primate and could help millions of humans with their arthritis pain in the future.

SeaWorld helps African penguins

THE SeaWorld Conservation Fund helped to save the lives of abandoned penguin chicks in South Africa, with the help of the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB).

Due to heavy rainfall and flooding, many African penguin colonies were destroyed, leaving the chicks needing aid.

SANCCOB used the emergency grant of \$15,000 (£11,800) to rescue and care for 209 African penguin chicks.

In the last few months, 80 of those chicks have been returned to the wild, with more to come.

Nicky Stander, SANCCOB Head of Conservation, said: "Without support from groups like SeaWorld stepping in to support us, we would not be able to provide a second chance to so many rescued chicks that would otherwise not survive."



Some of the rescued chicks

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USA



A proper whopper?

Burger King burgers 'too small'

It's never a good feeling when your food arrives and it doesn't look as good as it did on the menu. In the USA, fast-food chain Burger King is in court over claims it's misleading customers with pictures that make its Whopper burger look 35% larger than it really is, with more than double the amount of meat and ingredients that "overflow the bun". A Burger King spokesperson rejected the claims, saying: "The flame-grilled beef patties portrayed in our advertising are the same patties used in the millions of Whopper sandwiches we serve to guests nationwide." Last year, rival chains McDonald's and Wendy's faced a similar lawsuit over alleged false advertising.



FRANCE

Paris bans e-scooters

Paris has banned rental e-scooters after a rise in accidents and complaints from locals. Nearly 90% of Parisians supported the ban when a vote was held back in April. Three rental companies have had to take their 15,000 e-scooters off the streets – however, private e-scooters are still allowed. The ban has been praised by campaigners but criticised by others who called it a "step back" for sustainable and environmentally friendly transport.



SOUTH KOREA



Stressed-out teachers on strike

Teachers in South Korea have gone on strike, saying they face overwhelming pressure from pushy parents over their schoolchildren. As many as 200,000 teachers gathered in the capital, Seoul, to demand better rights for teachers and protection against abusive parents. A teacher in South Korea, named Kwon, said that in his ten years of teaching, he had taken two periods of sick leave to cope with panic attacks caused by stressful parents and misbehaving pupils. Many teachers in the country say they are often harassed by parents who call at all hours of the day and at weekends to complain. They also believe the pressure from parents negatively affects the children, who then behave badly.



PERU

Ancient tomb opened

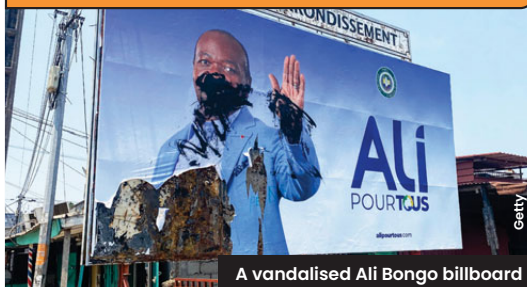
A tomb that had been undisturbed for 3,000 years has been unearthed by in Peru's northern highlands. Inside, a skeleton was found in a strange position: face-down, with its feet crossed. Sacred offerings and two seals were buried with it. The skeleton has been named the Priest of Pacopampa by archaeologists. Project leader Yuji Seki said: "I think this was a leader in his time. The find is extremely important." The Pacopampa research site, 2,500 metres above sea level, includes nine buildings made of carved and polished stone. They are estimated to date from as far back as 700 BCE.



An ancient pestle and mortar, also unearthed at Pacopampa



GABON



A vandalised Ali Bongo billboard

Army overthrows President Bongo

The army in Gabon has overthrown its president, Ali Bongo, and taken control of the country. The army disagreed with recent election results, which claimed President Bongo had won easily. Mr Bongo had been in power since 2009, but has been accused of corruption (dishonesty). Crowds took to the streets with flags to celebrate the takeover. A third of Gabon's citizens are said to live in poverty. The army's leader, General Nguema, has been put in charge for now.



INDIA

Delhi tries to scare monkeys away

The G20 summit gets underway in Delhi this weekend, where world leaders will get together to discuss global issues. Getting ready for the event hasn't been simple for host city Delhi, though – due to the number of cheeky monkeys that live in the city. To stop them from spoiling the summit, cardboard cut-outs of aggressive grey langur monkeys have been put up to scare them away. It sounds bananas, but for extra protection, as many as 40 people have also been trained to stand outside the hotels used by the visiting leaders and mimic the langur monkeys' sounds, too!



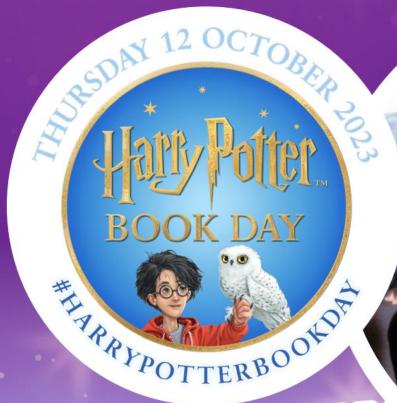
One of the langur monkey cut-outs



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**TOP
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**BULLYING
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FROM HOGWARTS TO EAST HIGH

TAKE a magical journey with us as we reveal some of our favourite fictional schools, pupils and teachers!



HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY – HARRY POTTER

Anyone else looking out for their owl post inviting them to Hogwarts? Just us?! The most famous magical school in the land counts Harry, Ron and Hermione among its pupils, and teaches all sorts of cool lessons, including Charms, Potions, History of Magic and Defence Against the Dark Arts. It also boasts some pretty impressive professors, with the likes of Albus Dumbledore, Rubeus Hagrid and Minerva McGonagall roaming the halls! Which house would the Sorting Hat put you in? Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin or Ravenclaw?



CRUNCHEM HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL – MATILDA

It's not exactly your dream school (until Miss Honey takes over!) but it sure has got plenty of wild action – after all, sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty! With the dreaded Miss Trunchbull as its headmistress, Crunchem Hall is dark, dreary and frightful. Pupils are even threatened with being locked in 'The Chokey', a tiny closet with broken glass and nails in it! Thankfully, Matilda and her magical powers arrive to save the day and turn the school into a bright, exciting place to learn!

MALORY TOWERS

Who wouldn't love to share midnight feasts, lacrosse games and fun picnics with their friends all the time?! That's what Darrell gets up to with the other girls at this boarding school. Malory Towers has adventure around every corner, as well as the opportunity for trouble too! Author Enid Blyton is believed to have based the school on a real one that her daughter attended, called Benenden School.



TRUHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS – HEARTSTOPPER

We've spent our summer with the gang from Truham's thanks to the hit Netflix show *Heartstopper*, and we're certainly not complaining about it! With friends like Tao, Elle, Isaac and Tara, we'd definitely be happy chaps. Truham School is where teenagers Charlie and Nick discover their unlikely friendship is something more, and they explore young romance. Did you know the show is based on the graphic novel by Alice Oseman?



EAST HIGH – HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: THE MUSICAL: THE SERIES

What better place is there to bust out a song and dance than the beloved East High in America? Home to the Wildcats basketball team and their cheerleaders, the school loves nothing more than putting on a good show! Get ready to sing it out loud, folks: "We're all in this together..."





SPELLBINDING DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

8 SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of being able to read and write, says UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). This year's theme is 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.



15-24 SEPTEMBER

GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN

Thousands of people gather on hundreds of beaches each year to help clean them. Volunteers will remove litter from their local beaches and record their findings in an effort to preserve the UK's coasts.

OCTOBER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month celebrates the contributions of African and Caribbean people to society, culture and history. It was first celebrated in 1987 and aims to promote unity, provide education and challenge inequality.



OCTOBER HALF-TERM

- 16-20 October (Scotland)
- 23-27 October (England)
- 30 October – 3 November (Wales)
- 30-31 October (Northern Ireland)

The autumn half-term holiday dates may differ depending on your school.

5 NOVEMBER

GUY FAWKES NIGHT (BONFIRE NIGHT)

Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Bonfire or Fireworks Night, marks the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when Guy Fawkes tried to blow up Parliament and murder King James I. Now, people light bonfires to celebrate the failure of the plot.



13 SEPTEMBER

ROALD DAHL STORY DAY

One of the world's most famous children's authors, Roald Dahl, is celebrated on his birthday. Some of his works include *Matilda* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Some schools host a dress-up day to raise funds for charity.



18-24 SEPTEMBER

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Many schools allow pupils to wear jeans for a day this week, to raise money for a charity that helps people suffering from a genetic condition.

2-8 OCTOBER

NATIONAL PYJAMA WEEK

National Pyjama Week is organised by The Children's Trust to raise money for children with brain injuries and illnesses. Some schools allow pupils to attend wearing their favourite pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers for a day to raise money for the cause.



31 OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN

Halloween originates from an old tradition of dressing in costume to scare off ghosts (spooky!). Later, it honoured saints. But now, people dress up in cool costumes, go trick-or-treating for sweets, and carve pumpkins (with the help of an adult) to mark the occasion.



13 NOVEMBER

ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day kicks off Anti-Bullying Week, where people wear their craziest socks to celebrate what makes us unique and spread awareness on bullying and its consequences.

13-17 NOVEMBER

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

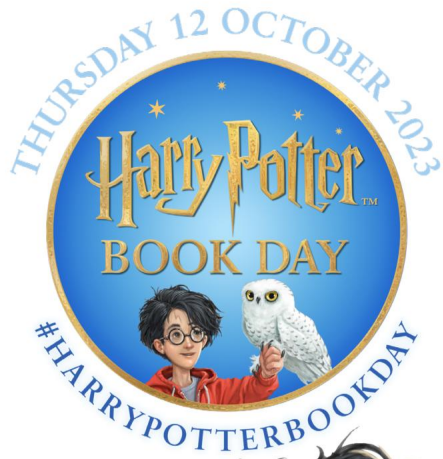
Anti-Bullying Week raises awareness about the negative impact of bullying and promotes kindness and respect. The week provides an opportunity for schools, organisations and communities to come together to address the issue of bullying and empower individuals to take action to prevent it.

7 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Save the Children's annual event raises money for children who need it the most. Lots of schools allow pupils to wear their favourite festive jumper to school for charity.





Harry Potter Book Day is on 12 October. Put it in your diary now!



CA HARRY

THIS year, Harry Potter Book Day* is on

Explore the wizarding world!

This year the theme is **MAGICAL PLACES**. From platform nine and three-quarters to Hogsmeade, The Burrow to the Ministry of Magic, there's a whole wizarding world to explore.

Whether you're a fan of the books or have never read them before, there are loads of fun things to do!

How you can get involved...

Download the event kit! It's packed to the brim with activities suitable for celebrations big and small, whether you're a teacher looking to hold an event at school or if you are a fan who wants to have a party at home with family and friends. It includes everything from invitations, ideas for decorating, fancy dress and food and drink to quizzes, wordsearches and games.



Join in online!

Don't miss a special virtual lesson, perfect for ages 7-11. Filmed at The Warner Bros Studio Tour, London in partnership with Twinkl, the lesson is presented by Evanna Lynch, who played Luna Lovegood in the film series. Create a magical setting, learn how to draw Hogwarts and even cast a spell or two. Sounds like the best lesson ever to us!

Note for educators: the online event, and supporting resources provided by Twinkl, will be made freely available in advance of Harry Potter Book Day, to help all teachers, tutors, home educators and parents make the event as magical as possible.

CALLING ALL POTTER FANS!

On 12 October. This global annual event is a chance to celebrate JK Rowling's *Harry Potter* stories.



BLOOMSBURY



and to receive a link to the virtual event, which will be available from 28 September



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?!



FORMER *First News* readers share how they've gone from reading the paper to having stellar careers! Where will you end up? Let us know!

ONE *First News* reader came to work for us, then got a job at *The Times* newspaper and is now based in New York!

DANIEL VINCE

"I started reading *First News* around the age of eight. It was well regarded in my classrooms for its fresh and accessible insights into the news of the world. Reading *First News* was one of my first memories of engaging with accessible, fun and comprehensive literature. I am currently finishing off my MA at university, gearing up to start my PhD in September on post-war British literature."



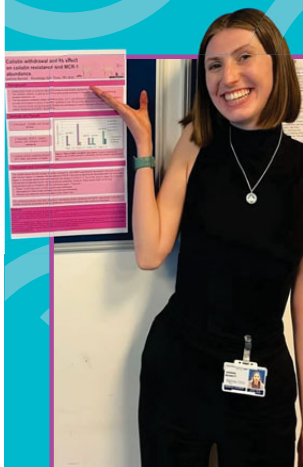
MARINA RICHARDSON

"I was an avid reader of *First News* for many years when I was younger, and now I've written my very own book! *Victoria McKay and the Kingdom of Creatures* is a full-length fantasy adventure novel for kids aged 8–12 and was released this summer both in the UK and the US. I'm currently writing the sequel. My goal is to someday work for the *New York Times*!"



JAS BENNETT

"I have the fondest memories of being in primary school and every morning we would have a little activity session that would rotate; one of these activities was newspaper reading. This was my very first introduction to *First News*. My family were big on newspapers, and reading *First News* made me feel so grown up. I remember on the weeks we didn't have school, I would beg my mum to buy it for me! I'm currently studying medicine at Exeter University and have the aspiration to be a doctor. I think that reading *First News* gave me new insights into world issues and it made me a better reader."



JAMES ALLEN

"I was around seven years old when I first got *First News*. I loved that it put lots of big news stories in ways I could understand as a child. I remember my first copy as the headline was about the possible sighting of a great white shark in Cornwall. I have since studied marine vertebrate zoology at university and I am now living in Exmouth, Australia on the Ningaloo Reef. Here I have learnt to scuba dive and taken part in many citizen science projects, volunteering with local eco charities. I think the paper inspires people as it teaches kids at a young age to be more interested in what's going on in the world, rather than just focusing on what's happening in their immediate circle. It definitely increased my interest in the ocean when I was younger, and that has led me to where I am today."



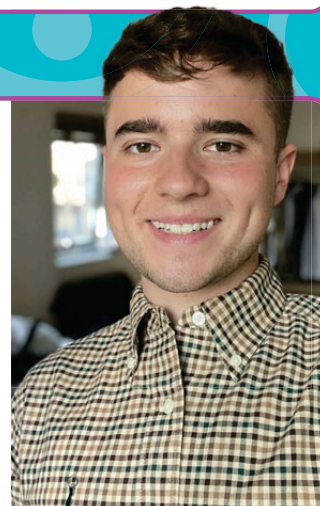
NOAH ROBSON

"I first started reading *First News* when I was around seven years old. The fact I could get an understanding of what was going on in the world – especially when it came to politics and current affairs – was brilliant to me. In fact, I even got an opportunity to be part of a panel interviewing the then Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, which was really exciting. That interest has stayed with me and I'm now going to study PPE at Oxford in October, which I genuinely think *First News* played a part in, by initially grabbing my attention and making me feel like the news was accessible (and interesting!)"



JOSH WHITE

"I started reading *First News* when I was about eight. I was in primary school and the library always had a copy, which is what encouraged me to start having it delivered. I really believe that keeping up-to-date with what's going on in the world from a young age can help you a lot in the future, and *First News* was where that started for me. I am now 22, graduating from university in September with a degree in business and finance, and I will then begin a graduate scheme in the NHS and continue studying, too."





BEAT BULLYING BY CHOOSING KINDNESS

AS the new school year starts, young people's charity The Diana Award has teamed up with the stationery company Smiggle to encourage children to Choose Kindness as they return to the classroom.

Being kind to one another can help change the world, so the two organisations have introduced the Kindness Pledge – the act of celebrating people you love and being kind to others.

Smiggle has also introduced a limited-edition Choose Kindness keyring available for £1.50, with all proceeds going directly to The Diana Award's anti-bullying programme.

First News has spoken to some proud supporters of The Diana Award about their experiences of bullying and why kindness is so important.

See p5 for a news story about The Diana Award, too.



REUBEN DE MAID

REUBEN de Maid first found himself in the spotlight in hit US show, *Little Big Shots*.

Since then, he has become a social media sensation. But he found that being a teenager isn't easy, especially for people who don't fit into stereotypical boxes, even though this has ended up becoming Reuben's biggest asset.

Recounting his own experience, Reuben shares: "It started when I went to drama school and a few boys noticed that I was kind of different. It made me feel sad and confused about why someone would want to be mean when I had done nothing to them, but I realised I needed to stand up to them and tell an adult about it."

"Having gone through bullying myself, I know this time of year can be scary for a lot of kids and that's why Smiggle and The Diana Award are collaborating again this year to raise awareness to prevent bullying in schools."



JAMIE CAMPBELL

JAMIE Campbell is best known as the inspiration behind the musical and movie, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, based on his story of going to his school prom in drag.

Before this success however, it wasn't easy for Jamie, who said: "School was difficult and I did get bullied a lot; it wasn't physical but I couldn't walk down the corridor without getting abuse shouted at me."

"I was fortunate that I had a very supportive mum who told me not to listen to these people and that I was better than that."

It's his mum who Jamie decided to dedicate his kindness pledge to, saying: "I know at times I can be a bit moody and take my frustrations out on her, but my mum is so important to me."

"I've seen first-hand the positive impact The Diana Award is making to schools around the country, so please join me in supporting them by purchasing a Choose Kindness keyring."

OSCAR CURTIS

OSCAR Curtis plays Lucas Hay on *Hollyoaks*, and is a strong supporter of anti-bullying causes due to his own brush with online bullying.

"Being trolled started to take over my days," he says.

"It continued for months and I had to involve the police. I also witnessed the effects of school bullying on my younger sister, who has luckily come out of the experience stronger."

"The reason this campaign is so important is because it sheds light on these major issues in schools and makes sure these conversations are being had. So get yourself a Choose Kindness keyring, put them on your bag, give them to your friends or family, and all proceeds go to The Diana Award."

Oscar chose to dedicate his kindness pledge to his co-workers, "because when we're kind to one another at work [or at school], it makes it so much better a place – not that I'm not already kind to them!"

Choose Kindness keyrings are available online and in Smiggle stores. It's the final week to take a Kindness Pledge, so visit your local Smiggle store or download yours from smiggle.co.uk.



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WHO IS YOUR MAGICAL MATE?

ONE of the best things about going to school is the amazing friendships you make.

If you were a new student at Hogwarts, who would be your closest classmate, your spell-casting sidekick, your broomstick-riding BFF? We don't have a Sorting Hat to give you the answer, so we made this quick quiz for you instead – give it a go!



START HERE

It's the start of term! Time to head to King's Cross to catch the Hogwarts Express. How would you get there?

I'll take the bus
(I'm used to a Muggle life!)

On a flying
motorbike

In a flying car, with
my whole family

There's a flying lesson later – but
it clashes with school classes!
What do you choose?

Students may take an animal to
Hogwarts. What would you pick?

You've got a free period! What
game would you play?

Flying – I was born to
ride a broomstick

A cat

An owl

First-to-five
Quidditch

Classes – I prefer to
learn useful spells

Do you think your family
would be as good at
magic as you?

Why would you keep visiting
Hagrid, the Hogwarts
gameskeeper, in his hut?

Wizard chess.
I'm unbeatable!

No – they'd
be Muggles

Yes, they'd
be great!

He spills loads of
school secrets

He serves
giant-sized food!

What is your favourite
magical creature?

What is your favourite
Hogwarts subject?

What would you do if you came
face-to-fangs with a giant snake,
spider or three-headed dog?

The Hippogriff – 50% horse,
50% eagle, 100% cool!

Arithmancy
(using numbers to
predict the future)

Defence against the
Dark Arts (take that,
Voldemort!)

Conjure a sword
and battle it

The elf. Many are
human servants, but I
want to set them free!

It's exam season at
Hogwarts! How do you
prepare for school tests?

A Patronus is a guardian
in the shape of an animal.
What would yours be?

I make sure my
friends are okay –
then run for my life!

I love practising, so
I know everything I
need to (and more)

I sort of just cram
everything in at the
last minute!

A stag – strong
and brave

A Jack Russell terrier –
loyal and loud!

Your friend is
Hermione

You've got a lot in common with Hogwarts' top student – you're both talented, smart, kind-hearted and caring. So long as you don't mind taking turns putting your hand up to bag those house points, you'll make the perfect potion-brewing pair!

Your friend is
Harry

You chose the Chosen One! Okay – a few things you should know. Harry is kind of a big deal, he's always sneaking off for adventures, and he'll probably get you into trouble now and then. But he'll protect his friends at all costs. Get ready, wizarding world!

Your friend is
Ron

Here comes trouble! Whether it's mucking up spells, burping up slugs or waking up in the hospital wing, Ron can be clumsy – but he and his family know all about the wizarding world, from Quidditch scores to secret doors. His loyalty makes him a fantastic friend!



'BIZARRE HUNTER' WAS EARLY RELATIVE OF BIRDS

JUST a week after we reported on two new dinosaurs discovered in Morocco, scientists working in China revealed details of a new dinosaur that was similar to modern-day wading birds.

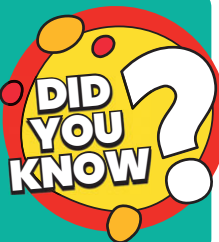
The researchers say that the discovery helps to fill in part of a 30 million-year gap in the fossil record. The lack of fossils of early bird ancestors has made it hard for scientists to work out how and when birds started to become more diverse.

The creature was a young adult and its long lower legs suggest it lived in a swamp-like environment, and was about the size of a pheasant.

The creature's scientific name is *Fujianvenator prodigiosus*, which is made up of the place it was discovered, Fujian Province, and the Latin words for 'hunter' and 'bizarre'.

Although it is related to modern birds, it probably couldn't fly, but was likely very fast at running on the ground and could use its powerful claws to catch prey.

SCIENTISTS think that birds developed over time from small feathered dinosaurs that learned to climb trees as a way of finding food, or protection from bigger dinosaurs. This slow change began around 160 million years ago.



Chuang Zhao

The fossil of the creature shows it's between 148-150 million years old and was around in the late Jurassic period

This report is from the Science Museum in London

SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP

IN 2018, a Japanese spacecraft called Hayabusa2 was sent on a special mission to collect a piece of an asteroid named Ryugu.

Asteroids are big rocks in space that are located millions of miles away from us. Some, like Ryugu, are 4.6 billion years old, which is as old as our solar system!

While scientists can study the asteroids that fall on Earth to better understand our universe, these are damaged when entering Earth's environment. To examine them in the best condition possible, Hayabusa2 travelled in space for four years to directly pick up a few grams of asteroid rock to bring back to us.

To see one of these extraordinary samples and explore what asteroids can teach us, visit the free Hayabusa2 display at the Science Museum. See tinyurl.com/hayabusadisplay.



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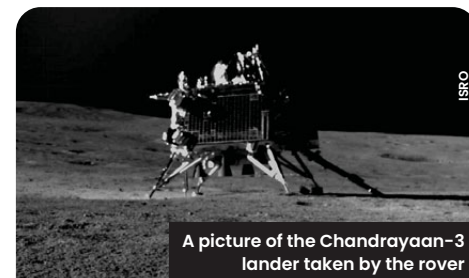
A model of Hayabusa2. The name Hayabusa is Japanese for peregrine falcon

Pragyan rover sends back its first holiday snaps

INDIAN space officials released this image last week, showing a photograph of the Chandrayaan-3 lander taken by the Pragyan rover.

"Smile, please!" the ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) tweeted as it shared the picture.

Although this space snap is pretty cool, Pragyan has been doing plenty of more important tasks since it first trundled out of Chandrayaan-3 and onto the moon's surface. Scientists at ISRO say that Pragyan has been studying the moon's soil and has discovered that it contains lots of sulphur. This crucial element can be used to make batteries, as well as a type of concrete that sets quickly and is resistant to corrosion, so could be used to make simple structures on the moon where astronauts could live in the future.



ISRO

A picture of the Chandrayaan-3 lander taken by the rover

A natural bug killer



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A fall armyworm munching on corn, its favourite food. However, the species will eat more than 80 other crops, including vegetables and even cotton

FARMERS in Yemen have been using a homemade, natural pesticide to tackle an insect that can devastate whole fields of crops.

The fall armyworm is actually a caterpillar. It ruins crops worth billions every year, eating plants that could have fed tens of millions of people. It breeds quickly and the moths can fly 100km (62 miles) in a night.

So when this greedy little bug arrived in fields in Yemen, the farmers were scared that they could lose their entire crop and not be able to afford to feed their families.

Thankfully, the farmers managed

to fight the insect invasion using a natural concoction that doesn't harm helpful insects like bees. It's also better for the environment, isn't harmful to humans, and is cheaper than standard chemical insecticides.

Scientists from the UN's FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) showed the farmers how to use garlic, hot pepper and parts of the mraemrah tree to make a mixture that can then be sprayed on crops. The mraemrah tree is found all over Yemen, and it produces substances that stop the growth and development of the fall armyworm.

FirstNews LOOK UP!

PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN



We're calling on every school to hold a Look Up! assembly to warn you about the dangers of looking at your phone while crossing the road.

SEPTEMBER is *First News*' Look Up! month – our campaign to warn you of the dangers of crossing the road while looking at your phone. We're calling on all schools nationwide to hold an assembly about the dangers of mobile phone distraction. Your teachers can get a free assembly pack with video – bottom right!

REAL DANGERS

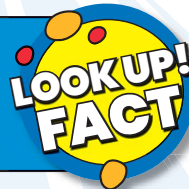
Road accidents are one of the main reasons that young people die. The 2022 Government figures (still being finalised) show that 4,913 pedestrians, aged 15 and under, were hurt on UK roads last year. Tragically, 1,417 of those were either killed or left with serious, life-changing injuries. That's around four child pedestrians a day, or a class of 28 children every week! Government public health experts, who are working to reduce the number of child injuries on the roads, say the largest number of child pedestrian injuries take place between 8am to 9am and between 3pm to 7pm. Further data shows that children aged 12 are the most likely to be involved in an accident, when many young people are walking independently to, and from, school for the first time.

ARE YOU A SMOMBIE?

Although many people get distracted by their phones while out and about, children are the most affected. And, with research carried out by Childwise revealing that 53% of children in the UK own a mobile phone by the age of seven, it's not surprising that it's turning into a problem. Different studies over the years have shown

that phones are a growing distraction for pedestrians, affecting whether they cross a road safely. There's even a name for people distracted by their phones: SMOMBIES (smartphones + zombies).

Almost a third of Brits admitted to using their phone when crossing the road in 2021.



THE FACTS

While almost a third of Brits admitted to using their phone when crossing the road in 2021, research carried out by AXA insurance company found that 21% of 11-year-olds and 25% of 12-year-olds say that they have been distracted by a screen while crossing a road.

To find out more, researchers at the University of Calgary pulled together data from 33 studies and looked at the impact of phones on road safety. They looked at how long it took 808 children and adults to start walking, begin and complete crossing a road, whenever they looked left or right and if there were any collisions and close calls with other pedestrians and vehicles. They found that, while talking on the phone made people take longer to cross the road, texting was the most dangerous action as it stopped people looking left and right as much as they should. A study by the University of Lincoln found that nearly a third of road crossings made by secondary school pupils involved a phone or other device and that the students looked left and right less frequently because of this.

"Every hour of every day, a teen is hit or killed while walking. Texting and walking can be fatal. That's why we're asking everyone to put phones down when crossing the street."

– *Safe Kids Worldwide*

LOOK UP! QUOTE

THE TRAGIC STORY OF A SCHOOL GIRL AND A WARNING FROM HER DEVASTATED PARENTS

A teenager died after walking in front of a bus while distracted by her mobile phone. Sian Ellis, 15, suffered fatal injuries when she was hit by a double-decker bus outside her school in Leicestershire on 28 January 2019. The accident happened shortly after 3:30pm, just metres from the gates of King Edward VII College. Giving evidence at the inquest (official investigation) into her death, PC Stuart Bird, a collision investigator with Leicestershire Police, said CCTV footage taken shortly before the tragedy showed a female matching Sian's description "walking through the school grounds wearing a scarf around her head and looking down at her mobile phone". His colleague, Detective Constable John Borlase, said witnesses had told him Sian was looking down at her mobile and was also using headphones. Sian's devastated family issued a warning to other young people about the use of their phones near traffic. "While we have to come to terms with this tragic accident, we must try to help others learn from it and to stress the dangers of the use of mobile phones and the distractions that these can cause when walking by, and crossing, busy roadways. We see this every day and hope that, if anything good can come from this, it is that other children (and adults) will have learned not to put themselves in similar danger."

A LOOK UP! ASSEMBLY IN EVERY SCHOOL!

First News has created a free Look Up! assembly pack for every school so you remember to put down your phones.

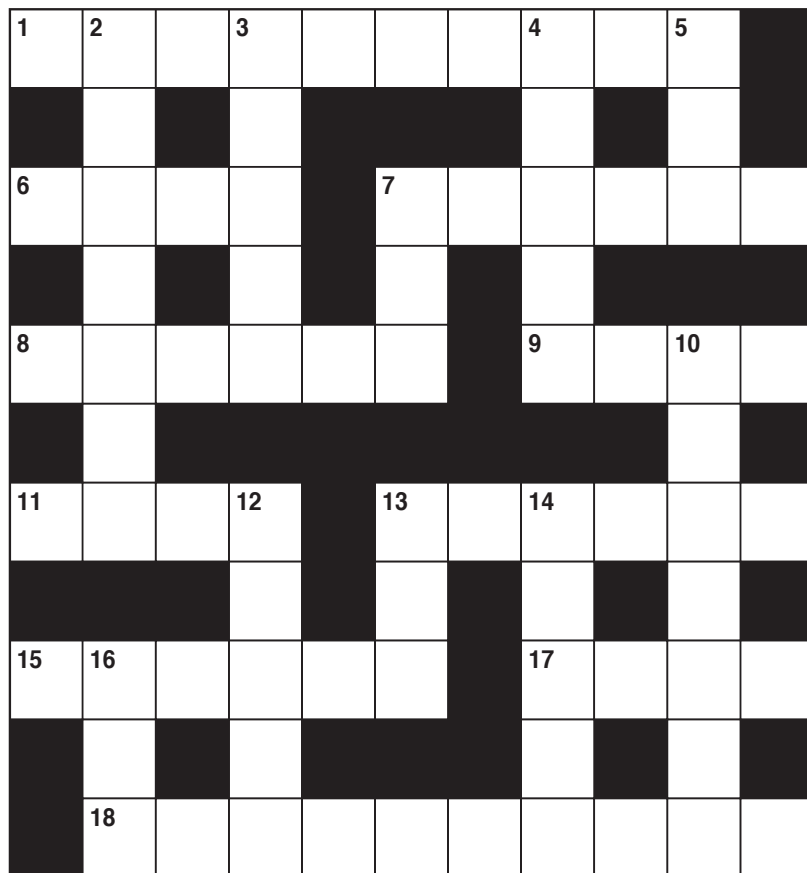
Teachers – For the assembly pack, head to first.news/lookupteachers





CROSSWORD

CAN you complete our crossword puzzle using the clues below?



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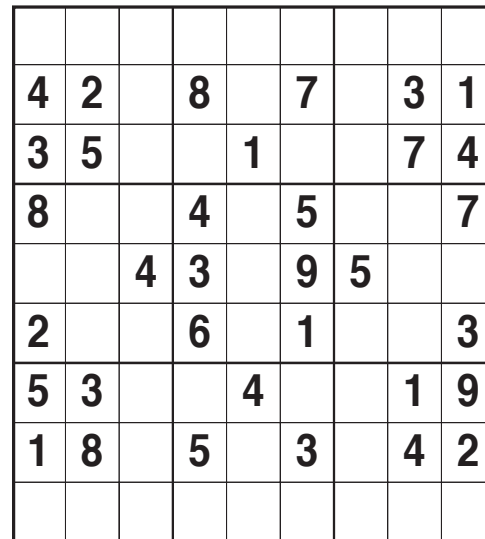
- 1 Slice crime (anagram) (10)
 6 _____ Moore: Hollywood actor (4)
 7 A plan of things to talk about in a meeting (6)
 8 Way of doing something (6)
 9 Pavement edge (4)
 11 The main stalk of a plant (4)
 13 No person (6)
 15 Evaluate (e.g. a book) (6)
 17 List of food choices at a restaurant (4)
 18 Enjoyment or interest in something (10)

DOWN

- 2 Mount _____: very high mountain (7)
 3 Nationality of someone from Dublin (5)
 4 Make a squeaking noise (5)
 5 Finish (3)
 7 Also; in addition (3)
 10 Animals such as rats (7)
 12 Slightly wet (5)
 13 At this moment (3)
 14 Famous deer in a Disney film (5)
 16 Organ of sight (3)

Sudoku

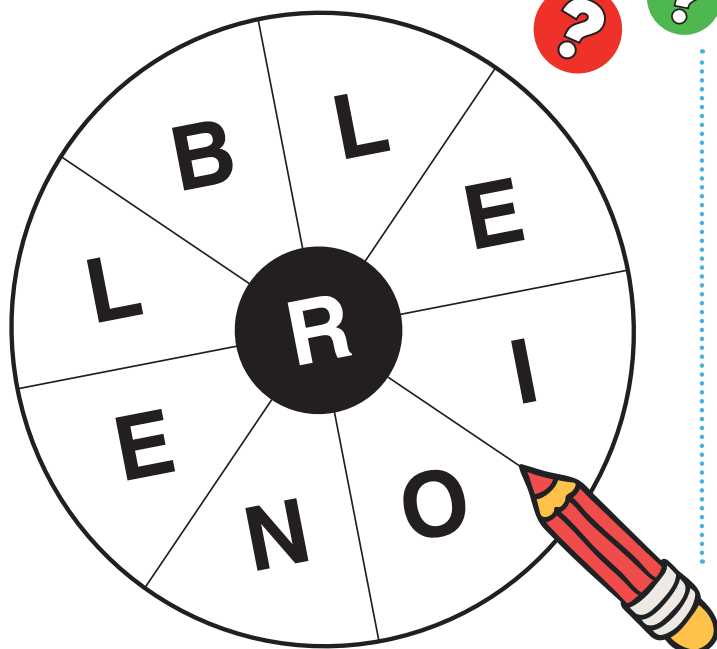
CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?



COMPETITIONS: You can enter *First News* competitions in one of two ways.
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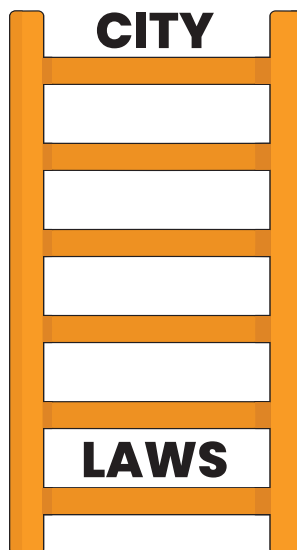
Word wheel

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



Word ladder

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



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Word wheel: marvelled.

Word ladder: nice, nine, none, bone, bony, pony.

Spot the Difference: 1) Handbag added, 2) Hat turned green, 3) Bow tie added, 4) Light fixture removed, 5) Man is wearing a hat.
Who on Earth? A) Emma Watson, B) Daniel Radcliffe, C) Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, D) Margot Robbie, E) Halle Bailey, F) Ryan Gosling.



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MADDIE'S MISSION

CBBC presenter and author Maddie Moate has completed an epic expedition to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, raising vital funds for the Rafiki Thabo Foundation. The charity aims to give disabled children in East African countries access to an education. Here, Maddie shares her photo diary from the trip exclusively with *First News*.



DAY 1: IN THE JUNGLE

To get to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest mountain in Africa!) we took the 'Marangu' trekking route. Our long, uphill journey started in the jungle, where we found ourselves surrounded by black and white colobus monkeys, lush green trees and moss-covered vines!



DAY 2: FIRST SIGHT OF THE PEAK!

The landscape transformed into open moorlands. We walked over rickety bridges and along dusty paths lined with scrubby bushes and sweet-smelling flowers. We also got our first sight of the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro!



DAY 3: HALFWAY POINT

We reached the halfway point at the Horombo Huts campsite, 3,705m up. Here we spent a full day getting used to being at high altitude. Altitude sickness can be a problem for people attempting this challenge. As you climb higher, you take in less oxygen with every breath, and this can lead to headaches, sickness and dizziness. It's important to take the climb slowly to give your body the best chance to acclimatise. On this day we also spent some time chatting with radio stations back in the UK. (Pretty impressive to get Wi-Fi this high on the mountain!)



THE GANG

I wasn't alone on this trek. There was a team of 15 of us, including the patrons of the Rafiki Thabo Foundation charity: Amar Latif, the blind adventurer and Harry Baker, who plays for the England Cerebral Palsy football team. I got involved in the Kilimanjaro challenge to help raise money and awareness for the charity, which does amazing work helping young people across East Africa.



THE DESERT

The final part of the trek involved walking through vast alpine deserts. The high altitude means there is less flora and fauna [plants and animals], so the landscape feels pretty bleak and the reality of the summit started to hit home.



DAY 4: BASE CAMP

On the afternoon of day four we reached the Kibo Huts, also known as Mount Kilimanjaro base camp. Here we spent a few hours resting before we would start our climb to the summit at midnight. We were all feeling nervous, but excited about what was about to happen. The summit is the hardest part of the trek and the moment we had all been training and preparing for.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES

'ORRIBLE Opera is hitting CBBC today (Friday 8 September). Join the *Horrible Histories* gang as they team up with the English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra for an amazing concert showcasing the biggest, bloodiest and most dramatic opera tunes! You can catch the *'Orrible Opera* on iPlayer too.



Tracey Welch



THE SUMMIT

After a tough, 11-hour climb through the night and witnessing the sun rise over Africa, it was an emotional arrival at the summit. I'm so proud of our whole team for making it to 5,895m. What an incredible adventure! Then we just had to get back down...

Find out more at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/maddie-moate.



WINDRUSH: THE GAME

THE world's first game based on the story of the Windrush Generation is being made.

In June 1948, thousands of people from the Caribbean were invited to move to Britain to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. The Empire Windrush was the name of one of the ships that carried them across the Atlantic Ocean.

Windrush Tales puts you into the shoes of two of those immigrants. Rose and her brother Vernon set off from their home in Antigua in the hope of a happy new life, but face difficulty adjusting to their new home. They also face aggression from the British public when they arrive.

You explore Rose and Vernon's lives through an interactive photo album and make choices that change the path of their journey, until they find finally their feet in 1950s London.



The game will offer a little slice of Caribbean culture and feature authentic music. Last month, developers 3-Fold Games spoke to real-life members of the Windrush Generation and their families to help create the story.

When it's finished, *Windrush Tales* will be available to play on PC.

Samba de Amigo: Party Central



Nintendo Switch

IT'S party time on the Nintendo Switch, as we shake our Joy-Cons to epic pop songs in this fun-filled game. **First News** game reviewer Samuel gave it a go – here are his thoughts.

"At the beginning of *Samba de Amigo: Party Central*, you're told it's up to you to restore the beat to the world – you have to hit buttons or shake the Joy-Cons to the beat of the music. You make poses, too – this features a lot in Crazy mode! It's a freeplay game, meaning there's no story, so you can choose your level rather than having to progress to each one. By winning levels, you earn XP, which allows you to unlock extras to customise your character.

My favourite thing is that the deluxe version contains a lot of Sonic the Hedgehog stuff (costumes and music), making the game much more fun to play, as it includes some of my favourite songs. As well as current songs, the funniest thing for me was coming across lots of the music my parents like!

There's more content available via Switch Online, too – but even as a Switch Lite player, without a Switch Online account, I really enjoyed playing this game."

WHAT WE KNOW...

Super Mario Bros Wonder

Here are the latest leaks about Mario's new adventure!



- 1** We've seen Mario in the Mushroom Kingdom... but this game takes place in Flower Kingdom! The levels are alive with bright blooms, beautiful landscapes and squirting pipes.
- 2** Levels also have hidden Wonder Seeds, which change the game in very weird ways – some trigger a stampede of bulls, while others turn the characters into floating balloons!
- 3** You can attach special power-ups to your character, enabling them to float, drill into secret areas, blow bubbles to jump from, get stretchy and even become an elephant!

The game lands on Nintendo Switch on 20 October.

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THE UK'S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC HARRY POTTER FAN!



HELLO! I'm Milly, the *First News* FYI News Club leader. These pages are your place in *First News* to share anything you like with other *First News* readers.

This summer, I set you a challenge to send in photos of the most exciting, cool places you were reading *First News* over the summer holidays. I was so impressed by how creative you got, both at home, away and even on your travels! You've shown that *First News* really can be read anywhere – even upside down! Thank you to everybody who sent in a photo.

If you want to feature from now on, why not get your teacher to set up a *First News* FYI News Club? I'll be including my 'News Club of the Week' below for a while until the next challenge! Just head online to first.news/fynewsclub to find out more about how you can get involved.

THE Harry Potter books and films are loved by so many, but can you imagine being crowned the nation's most enthusiastic Harry Potter fan? Arnav was given that title recently after winning a wizarding world competition. He led the countdown for the legendary Hogwarts Express train leaving platform 9¾ in a day of back-to-school celebrations, alongside celebrity host Sam Thompson. Arnav tells us about his experience below!

by Arnav

I LOVE Harry Potter so much. There are so many different stories in the awesome books and movies.

Harry Potter transports me to a magical world and gives people life lessons about being brave in difficult times.

Being a competition winner is exciting but this was not just any competition, it was about Harry Potter. To win it with so many entries from all over the UK and Ireland was incredible. It was a jaw-dropping moment, and although my friends were jealous,



Arnav with celebrity host Sam Thompson

they knew I was the best person for the job!

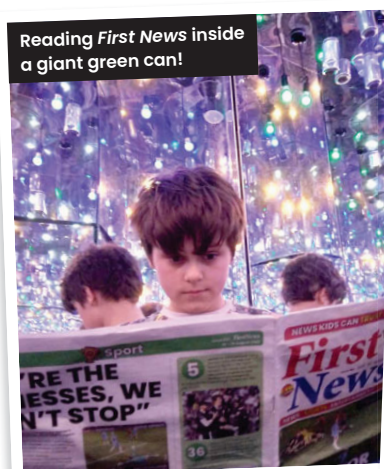
It was the best day of my life and I never wanted the experience to end.

The fans are unbelievable and as one myself, getting to send off the Hogwarts Express was a dream come true, though

I would love to board it myself! My favourite things were the fans in costumes and drinking Butterbeer.

For more information on all things Harry Potter, please visit the Wizarding World site at www.wizardingworld.com.

Send us your summer snaps!



Reading *First News* inside a giant green can!



Reading *First News* on the plane

WE set you a challenge. We wanted to see the coolest places you were reading *First News* this summer!

In the last week of the holidays, Henry read *First News* from a giant green can

created from 1,500 recycled drink cans, inside the #EveryCanCounts infinity room at Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, and Felix read *First News* on the plane on the way to Italy to visit his relatives. Wow!

A letter from the King!

YOU may remember a while ago that *First News* reader Anay featured in Your News because he created a five-metre-long timeline of all the kings and queens of England.

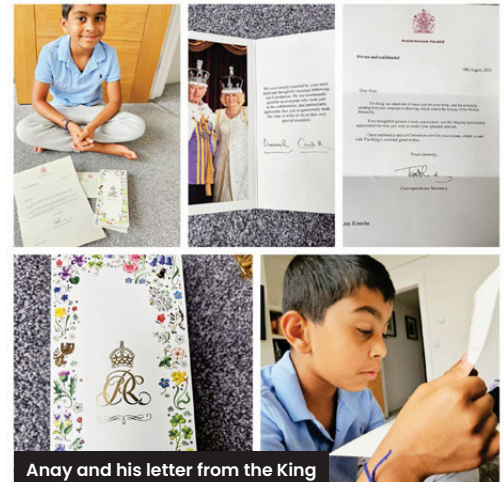
Well, Anay also sent a photo of that timeline to King Charles as a celebration of his coronation, and he replied!

Enclosed was a special coronation card, and a letter of thanks on behalf of the King from his Correspondence Secretary, who said: "His Majesty particularly appreciated the time you took to create your splendid artwork."

Congratulations, Anay!



Anay's 5m scroll of monarchs



Anay and his letter from the King



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION



We asked you...

Should the money spent on space travel be used for something more important?

33% of you
said NO

67% of you
said YES



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

Vote at first.news/polls

A ROARsome show!

ZAK went to see *Dinosaur World Live* at the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre in London on behalf of *First News*. Check out what he thought of it below!

by Zak

I WENT to see *Dinosaur World Live*, an interactive adventure for all the family, at the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre. It was a great experience with an egg-cellent surprise!

Explorer Miranda introduces eight dinosaurs that she has brought back to Britain from an island close to Argentina called Dinosaur World. We encountered Juliet, a stripy and furry *Segnosaurus* and flying carnivore Orlando, a blue *Microaptor* who is fond of being groomed. Newborn *Triceratops* Beatrice was then carried on stage because she was asleep, until the crowd woke her up, and big ticklish *Triceratops* Brutus came on very slowly to say hello. We then met playful juvenile *T rex* Tamora, who was so stubborn that a volunteer from the audience had to take her for a walk off the stage. Soon after we were faced with Titus, the towering *T rex*, who had to be taken away promptly as he was so fearful and loud. Last but not least, we met the gentle giant *Giraffatitan* Gertrude, whose egg finally hatched with touching results.

I recommend this dinotastic show to everyone for some roarsome fun!



Zak with some new dino friends!

A tour around the Houses of Parliament

FIRST News reader Amelie wrote in to tell us about a tour she had of the Houses of Parliament with her grandad. MP Tulip Siddiq showed them around. Find out how she got on below!

by Amelie, aged seven

I HAD the incredible opportunity to go on a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

My grandad and I had a day out in London, then we headed over to Westminster, where the MP Tulip Siddiq showed us around.

First, we saw Westminster Hall, which I loved because the Gold State Coach that was used for King Charles' coronation was on display. We were lucky to see it, as it's only on display for a few months.

Then we got the chance to see inside the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The MPs were on recess, which means they were taking a break, but it was so exciting to see where big issues are discussed and laws are made. We found out that when a vote is called, a bell is rung all around Westminster to give MPs eight minutes to get back to cast their vote!

My favourite bit was getting to go inside a famous broom cupboard where a suffragette called Emily Wilding Davison hid overnight in a protest over voting rights for women.

I was really happy when Tulip Siddiq MP told me: "It was wonderful to show you around Parliament, Amelie. I was impressed with the intelligent

questions you asked about voting rights and the suffragette movement." I found the tour fascinating and I learned so much (and so did my grandad!).



The Gold State Coach



Amelie and her grandad in front of Big Ben



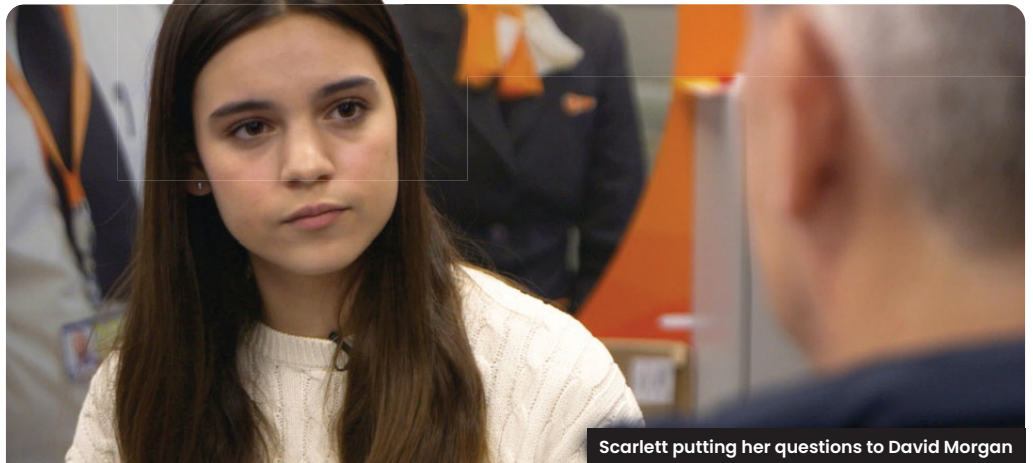
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With reports from across the globe, explainers, debates and in-depth reporting, FYI covers everything, and puts your questions to everyone, from world leaders to pop and film stars!

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Scarlett putting her questions to David Morgan

OUR planet is warming up rapidly, but who is most to blame for the greenhouse gas emissions that are destroying it, and how much of it is down to big businesses? In this mini-series, the FYI presenters explain what major companies are doing to combat their carbon footprint. This week, Scarlett puts easyJet's Chief Operating Officer, David Morgan, in the hot seat.

Scarlett: UK airlines like yours have announced that they are committed to reaching net zero by 2050. How confident are you that airlines are going to be able to pull this off?

David: We have to do it. We've signed up for a net zero roadmap [plan] that must follow science-based targets. It begins today by replacing older-generation aircraft with newer-generation aircraft. Our newest aircraft are 15% more fuel efficient than the old ones.

Scarlett: Airlines are cutting back on emissions, but the number of people deciding to travel by plane is going up. So on one hand you are decreasing emissions, but then on the other hand you are increasing the number of planes going into the air. Aren't you just cancelling out the cuts to emissions?

David: You can hardly imagine a world today where we aren't able to travel and we certainly don't want to go back to a day where flying was only for the rich and famous. Flying is not the enemy here. easyJet plans in 2050 to have net zero emissions, so it won't matter if we fly 10 million or 100 million planes then.

Scarlett: Airlines need to change from fossil fuels to biofuels (made from plants) or to a gas called hydrogen. Are easyJet looking into hydrogen-powered planes?

David: Hydrogen is an incredible gas as there is lots of it in the universe. But it's quite tricky to find in its natural form. When you make it on a large scale, hydrogen can be very affordable.

Scarlett: I also read that the process to make hydrogen emits a lot of carbon dioxide. Is that true?

David: Currently that's right. What we need to do is make so-called 'green hydrogen' [made with renewable energy].

Scarlett: How about a fuel made from household waste or cooking oil? That is available right now. You and other airlines could be switching to this type of fuel a lot quicker than you are.

David: Yes, but the availability of it is actually still quite small, and the cost of the fuel currently is very high. So even if I want to fly all of our easyJet planes tomorrow with sustainable fuel, I couldn't. We'd be out of business in a few days.

Scarlett: We've been talking about these issues for ages, so why haven't we done something sooner?

David: I think that a lot of industries are guilty of leaving it perhaps longer than we should've done, and in fact I really want to beat the pathway and get to the objective earlier than 2050.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 Just one long round-trip flight can create more emissions per person than anything else you might do in a whole year.

2 Aviation (the making and flying of planes) is the cause of 2-3% of the world's total carbon dioxide emissions.

3 For more than 100 years, since the Wright brothers invented the first successful powered aeroplane in 1903, we've used the same fossil fuel for everything from two-seater to 500-seater planes.



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WHOLE TOWN HAS EPIC FOOD FIGHT!



A SPANISH town slipped and squelched into ketchup-coloured chaos as 15,000 people pasted each other with tomatoes.

Six trucks dumped 120 tonnes of over-ripe tomatoes in the streets of Buñol for the annual Tomatina street battle, which went on for a whole hour. The event is so popular, people even travel from other countries to muck in!

The streets became rivers of red until time was called, and drenched residents brought out their hoses and brooms to clean the place up again.

This was the 76th edition of the event, which was inspired by a simple food fight between local children in 1945. It happens on the last Wednesday of every August and people pay about £10 each to take part. Chips are optional!

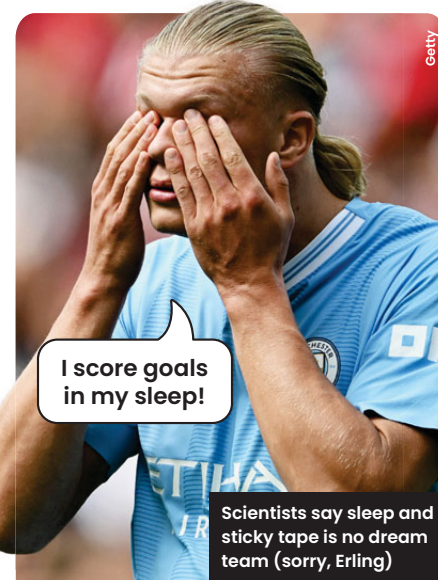


LOL!



The clean-up begins

Prem superstar's barmy bedtimes



I score goals in my sleep!

Scientists say sleep and sticky tape is no dream team (sorry, Erling)

FOOTBALL goal machine Erling Haaland has revealed that he sleeps with his mouth taped shut!

Speaking on a podcast, the 23-year-old seemed to suggest the bizarre routine helps him to sleep. He said: "I think sleep is the most important thing in the world."

If you're thinking that this is part of the secret behind his superhuman scoring feats for Manchester City, though, think again – taping your mouth shut is actually bad for you. Scientists say it can cause difficulty breathing and damage your skin. So, it's best not to try this at home.

A good night's sleep is undoubtedly good for you, though, and another of Haaland's routines might actually help – he wears glasses that block out blue light (the kind of light that comes from mobiles and tablets) for three hours before hitting the pillow. The NHS recommends avoiding electronic devices for an hour before bed to get a good night's sleep.

'Bull over!' Car gives cow a lift

MOTORISTS in America were treated to an utterly unbelievable sight when a driver sped down the highway with a bull in the passenger seat!

The fully grown African bull, named Howdy Doody, felt the wind in his humongous horns as his owner, Lee Meyer, cruised down Route 275 in the state of Nebraska. The roof of the car had been cut to allow the animal to fit inside.

Open-mouthed onlookers quickly alerted the cops. "The officers received a call referencing a car driving into town that had a cow in it," Police Captain Chad Reiman told News Channel Nebraska. "The officer chose to write him a warning and ask him to take the animal back home and leave the city."

Howdy Doody was already a bit of a celebrity before his wild ride – he's said to be a big hit at parades and fairs throughout the state. Luckily, no-one was hurt (but the side of the car got a good coating of cow pat!).



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The police were not a-moo-sed

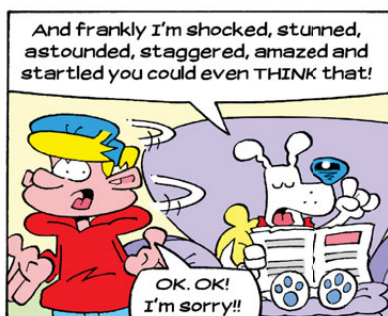
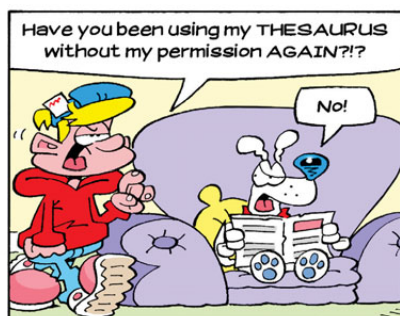


Why did the boy dream about a lion, a witch and a wardrobe?
Narnia business!

haha ha



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer





MAX THE WAY TO DO IT!

MAX Verstappen's win at the weekend was a record tenth in a row, breaking a record that was set ten years ago.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz managed to get pole position at the Italian Grand Prix and held onto the lead for a while, but the Red Bull driver eventually took the lead and went on to top the podium yet again.

Sainz led for 14 laps, which is the longest that any non-Red Bull driver has been in front for all season.

Verstappen has been unbeatable this year, and this tenth win in a row puts him one ahead of Sebastian Vettel. Germany's Vettel also set his record in a Red Bull car, back in 2013.

Red Bull is now the first team to have won 15 races in a row, and have won 24 out of the last 25 Grands Prix.

"To win ten races in a row, and 15 consecutive races as a team, is unbelievable!" Verstappen tweeted. "I'm beyond proud to achieve this milestone together. Today we will enjoy this moment and then we will keep pushing for more."



Verstappen celebrates after the race



Sainz keeps Verstappen at bay, but it didn't last long

MONZA, where the Italian Grand Prix was held, was created in 1922 and was only the third track in the world to be specially built for racing. The first two were Brooklands in the UK and Indianapolis in the US.



Cup kicks off with the Kiwis

AFTER an exciting build-up, the men's Rugby World Cup starts today (Friday 8 September) with a mouth-watering clash between the hosts, France, and New Zealand's All Blacks.

All of the UK teams and Ireland are involved, with Ireland up first tomorrow afternoon against Romania. Ireland are ranked first in the world and are expected to have a good chance of winning the tournament, but the team ranked eighth, England, have had a disastrous build-up. Owen Farrell is suspended for the first two games, and at the time of writing, seven of England's first-choice players were injury doubts for their tough first match against Argentina tomorrow.

Speaking of tough matches, Scotland kick off their campaign against the No 2 team in the world, South Africa, on Sunday, with Wales playing Fiji later that day. Fiji's population is less than a million, so there are more people in Birmingham than in the whole of Fiji. But, the team recently beat England for the first time and are now one place above them in the world rankings.

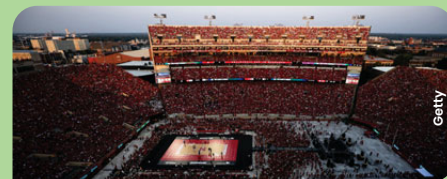
There'll be a lot of great games between now and the final on Saturday 28 October, so sit back and enjoy!



Manie Libbok kicks one of his five conversions in South Africa's recent 35-7 win over the All Blacks

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thousand and three people filled Memorial Stadium in Nebraska, US, to set a new global record for attendance at a women's sporting event. Although you might guess that it was for a football or basketball game, it was actually volleyball! The home team, the Cornhuskers, beat Omaha in front of an ecstatic crowd. A Women's World Cup football match in Mexico in 1971 was said to have had a crowd of 110,000, but that's never been officially confirmed. The official record until now was set in 2022, when 91,648 fans watched Barcelona beat Real Madrid 5-2.



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is the age of Brighton's Evan Ferguson, who notched up a hat-trick to help his team beat Newcastle 3-1. Only three other players have scored a Premier League hat-trick aged 18 or

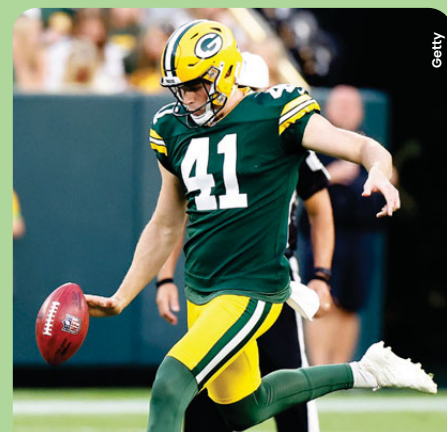
younger: Chris Bart-Williams and Robbie Fowler both did it, while Michael Owen did it three times!



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years is how long it'd been since an Irishman played in the NFL, the top American football league in the US. The 24-year-old Dan Whelan will reset that record this season, after being named in the squad for the Green Bay Packers.



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