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GRETA'S LAST STRIKE

by editor in chief Nicky Cox

ONE day in August 2018, a schoolgirl sat alone outside the Swedish Parliament.

Greta Thunberg, then aged 15, sat there every school day for three weeks leading up to the Swedish election, demanding urgent action on the climate crisis.

Soon, she was joined on her strike by others and, in September, Greta and her friends created the hashtag #FridaysForFuture, urging other young people to join them.

Greta had no idea back then that her quiet protest would lead to a worldwide movement joined by millions of young people in nearly every country on Earth. Her action sparked an international wake-up call, with schoolkids uniting around the globe to protest outside their local parliaments and city halls.

Last week, Greta went on strike for the last time. Not because she has stopped campaigning for the planet, but because she has finished her education.

Marking the day on social media, Greta wrote: "School strike week 251. Today, I graduate from school, which means I'll no longer be able to school strike for the climate. This is then the last school strike for me, so I guess I have to write something on this day.

"When I started striking in 2018 I could never have expected that it would lead to anything. After striking every day for three weeks, we were a small group of children who decided to continue doing this every Friday.

"Much has changed since we started, and yet we have much further to go. We are still moving in the wrong direction. There are probably many of us who graduate who now wonder what kind of future it is that we are stepping into, even though we did not cause this crisis.

"We who can speak up have a duty to do so. In order to change everything, we need everyone. I'll continue to protest on Fridays, even though it's not technically 'school striking'. We simply have no other option than to do everything we possibly can. The fight has only just begun."



Greta's first strike



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Thank you, teachers!



How awesome is your teacher? On 21 June it's your chance to tell them as it's National Thank A Teacher Day. It's the biggest celebration of teachers and staff working in schools in the UK, and everyone's opportunity to pay tribute to the people who make our schools so special. This year, famous author Charlie Mackesy (*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*) is helping you show your appreciation. He's created a special e-card that you can send to your teacher free of charge. Just check out thankateacher.co.uk. From your head teacher to your lunchtime supervisor, who will you send your card to?

Self-driving ferry launches

The world's first self-driving electric ferry is heading out to sea. The new vehicle, called the MF Estelle, set sail from Stockholm in Sweden and will travel short journeys between Kungsholmen and Södermalm. The boat cost around £1.2m and can carry up to 30 passengers. A captain oversees the craft but doesn't need to touch the controls.



New vaccine hope

Scientists carrying out tests on a vaccine for a disease called chikungunya have reported some success. The research, featured in journal *The Lancet*, indicated that a single dose of the vaccine protected 99% of people in the trial. Chikungunya is a disease passed on from mosquitoes and is most common in Africa, Asia and the Americas. It causes fever, headaches, tiredness, nausea and severe muscle and joint pain. There has been no vaccine or treatment for the disease until now.



Denmark's dry spell

Denmark hasn't had any rain for more than two weeks – the longest the Scandinavian country has gone without rain in 17 years. The country's meteorological agency DMI said that there are signs that going without rain for longer periods of time could be related to climate change and that they are investigating the link. Denmark is usually a rainy country but at the moment Danes are experiencing an unusually dry spring. A small amount of rain has been forecast for this week.



Danish capital city, Copenhagen

More tax on the rich?

The richest people in the world should pay more tax. That's what a group of economists, activists, politicians and millionaires are telling the European Union. They say a new tax on the richest 1% of people in the world will help reduce poverty, inequality and tackle climate change. People pay some of the money they earn, as a tax, to governments. The money is used to pay for public services like health, education and transport.



Man arrested climbing 123-storey building

A British man has been arrested in South Korea for trying to climb the sixth highest building in the world, without ropes. The man, who had been climbing for more than an hour, was stopped by police at the 73rd floor of the 123-storey Lotte World Tower. Free climbers often attempt to climb some of the world's tallest or most famous buildings.

Lotte World Tower dominates the Seoul skyline

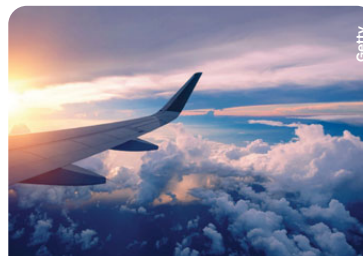


Former First Minister of Scotland arrested



The former First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, was arrested at the weekend and questioned by police over money that was given to her political party. Police Scotland arrested Ms Sturgeon as part of their investigation into what happened to money that was given to the Scottish National Party. The former First Minister was released without charge, which means she hasn't been accused of a crime, and has said that she is certain she is "innocent of any wrongdoing". Nicola Sturgeon was head of the Scottish Government for more than eight years. The investigation continues.

Climate change makes flight turbulence worst



Fasten your seatbelts, please. Scientists at the University of Reading have discovered that turbulence is getting worse – and it's all down to climate change. Climate change causes warmer air temperatures to drive more wind shear (a sudden change in wind speed or direction), which can cause the plane to shake. Of course, flights add to climate change themselves as they release carbon dioxide and other harmful gases.

Six "world's best schools" are in UK

Britain has topped this year's World's Best School Prizes shortlist. Six UK schools have been named in the Top 10 shortlists for the \$250,000 world's best school prizes – more than any other country. They are:

- Cadoxton Primary School named for Overcoming Adversity
- Feversham Primary Academy also named for Overcoming Adversity
- Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy named in the best School Prize for Innovation
- ACS International School Cobham named in the Top 10 for World's Best School Prize for Community Collaboration
- Barham Primary School named in Top 10 shortlist for World's Best School Prize for Community Collaboration
- Cardiff Sixth Form College named in Top 10 shortlist for World's Best School Prize for Supporting Healthy Lives.

HEARD?

Ukraine dam disaster

The destruction of the Kakhovka dam in Ukraine is disastrous for people living there. It threatens agriculture, food supplies, drinking water and ecosystems. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned that tens of thousands of birds and wild animals are at risk because of the flooding, and that contaminated waters are flowing into the Black Sea. Farmers relied on the now fast-disappearing Kakhovka reservoir for water. The region produces everything from watermelons and onions to sunflowers and wheat, and they could all be in trouble. It's estimated that the agriculture sector could lose around £5.5 billion. This could also have a knock-on effect for the rest of the world, as prices of food, like wheat, could rise. Russia was in control of the dam at the time, and Ukraine has accused Russia of placing explosives in the dam to blow it up.



Thousands of kids trained to fight bullying



Diana Award

The Diana Award has smashed its target to train more than 10,000 children as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. A total of 660 primary schools across the UK took part in the three-year partnership with the Nationwide Building Society. The stats are alarming. Almost half (46%) of young people have experienced bullying at school at some point in their life, with more than half (54%) saying it negatively affected their health and wellbeing. Thanks to The Diana Award and Nationwide Building Society's partnership, close to a quarter of a million young people now benefit from having a trained anti-bullying ambassador in their school. CBBC star Molly Rainford, a Diana Award Positive Post Box Ambassador, said: "I was delighted to take part in a campaign like this and I wish when I was in school there was a project like this to spread positivity. I think it's really important that these campaigns exist to encourage children to speak up, write down their feelings and also show their creativity."

King to ride at Trooping the Colour

A royal tradition will take place for the first time in more than 30 years at Trooping the Colour this weekend when His Majesty King Charles III rides a horse for the first birthday parade of his reign. It will be the first time a monarch has ridden at Trooping the Colour since Queen Elizabeth II in 1986. The ceremony has been held to mark the official birthday of the monarch for more than 260 years. On Saturday, the parade of 1,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will travel from Buckingham Palace down The Mall to Horse Guards Parade, where the King, 74, will be greeted by a royal salute. He will be joined by the Queen and members of the royal family to watch the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards troop their colour.



King Charles meeting Noble, the horse he is expected to ride

Boris quits as MP

Boris Johnson is quitting as Conservative MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. The former prime minister made the announcement following an investigation about parties at Downing Street during the Covid lockdown. He left the job of prime minister in 2022, following a mass revolt by ministers over his leadership, sparked by scandals including 'Partygate'. But he said he was quitting as an MP because he was "appalled and bewildered" about the investigation into him. He said: "It is very sad to be leaving Parliament, at least for now." Now there will be a by-election to elect a new MP.



World XI beat England at Soccer Aid charity football match

The World XI team, made up of ex-football players and celebrities, won the annual charity football match Soccer Aid on Sunday.

The money has been counted, and the event raised more than £14m for children's charity UNICEF.

The match took place at Manchester's Old Trafford and saw the World XI beat England 4-2, securing their fifth win in a row.

Robbie Williams presented the trophy to the World XI team, which was captained by world record-holding sprinter Usain Bolt and featured former footballer Robbie Keane, comedian Lee Mack and reality TV star Tommy Fury.

England's team included singer Liam Payne, *Thor* actor Tom Hiddleston, Tom Grennan, Olympian Mo Farah and was captained by former England Lioness Jill Scott.



Microplastics found in oceans across the world



Microplastics – broken down pieces of plastic that are smaller than 5mm – have been discovered in all samples of seawater taken by sailors competing in a race around the world's oceans. The Ocean Race sees contestants sailing around the globe from January to June, travelling through some of the most remote oceans in the world. Forty-five samples were collected during the beginning of the race as the boats travelled from Cabo Verde (off the west coast of Africa) to South Africa and then Brazil. Up to 1,844 microplastic samples were found per cubic metre of seawater in some locations, which is up to 18 times higher than in similar tests during the last Ocean Race in 2018. Although experts did point out that the equipment they're using is more sensitive than in the last race.



MAKE A SPLASH (SAFELY) THIS SUMMER

COOLING down on a warm summer's day by taking a dip in the sea or a pool can be tempting. However, an average of 312 people in the UK and Ireland lose their lives due to accidental drowning each year. So it's more important than ever that you know how to be safe in the water.

Drowning is preventable and this week (17-24 June) is the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week. Its aim is to raise awareness of how you can enjoy water safely. Some of the charity's top tips for taking a safe dip in the sea include:

- When near water, always go with an adult. If you're swimming, always find a site where there's a lifeguard.
- Beware: the water is always colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim.
- Don't swim out too far. Always swim parallel to the shore – that way you're never too far away from it.
- Beware of strong currents. If you find yourself in a rip current, don't swim against it, you'll tire yourself out. Swim with the current and call for help.



- If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in. Check out www.rlss.org.uk for more advice.



Would you like recorder lessons?

Let us know at first.news/polls

Why aren't many people playing the recorder nowadays?

DO you play the recorder? A top UK music school says fewer people are playing the woodwind instrument now.

Chetham's School of Music in Manchester has revealed that it has seen an 80% decline in people playing the recorder in the past ten years. The school has reported that only three of its pupils practised the recorder, compared with 15 a decade ago. The school says Covid could be to blame, as the idea of blowing air everywhere wasn't appealing during the pandemic.

Also, Covid stopped lots of children learning in a group with other people, so more children started taking up individual instruments, such as the piano.

The European Recorder Teachers Association says it's working to increase numbers of people playing the recorder.

Incredible tale of survival in the jungle

FOUR children have been rescued after spending 40 days in the Amazon jungle following a plane crash.

The Colombian children, aged 13, 9, 4 and 1, are members of the indigenous Huitoto people and had been travelling in a Cessna light aircraft when its engine failed and it crashed in the jungle. Although the plane was discovered by rescuers, there was no sign of the children. All of the adults on board, including the pilot and the children's mother, died in the crash.

The rescue effort, called Operation Hope, got underway and included 150 soldiers, 200 volunteers and ten Belgian shepherd dogs. After 40 days, the children were found and taken straight to hospital.

They had survived jungle predators like snakes and jaguars, endured heavy storms, foraged for safe fruit to eat and made shelters from branches held together by hair ties. The eldest child, Lesly, has been praised for using her knowledge of the jungle to keep her brothers alive.



The jungle is so thick that rescuers had passed within 50m of the children without finding them

EDITOR'S COMMENT

A TEENAGE Greta Thunberg's simple act caused ripples throughout the world.

One schoolgirl sitting alone outside her country's parliament was the beginning of a worldwide movement that saw millions of people in almost every country on Earth demanding climate action from their leaders. As Greta says: "You're never too small to make a difference."

Right now, children everywhere, like you, have issues they care about. Like Greta, you can make your voice heard. You could start by joining our *First News* FYI news club (p24) and telling us what you'd like to write, or film, a report about.



Nicky Cox MBE

Beavers

FORESTRY England is celebrating because baby beavers have been born in its beaver reintroduction project in the Forest of Dean.

Nighttime wildlife cameras managed to capture the baby kits, the first born as part of the Greathough Brook project. Forestry England has been given a five-year licence to continue the project.



Sneaky swimming pool owners

FRENCH tax officials are using artificial intelligence (AI) and satellite images to find homeowners who haven't declared that they have a swimming pool. A pool can add a lot of value to a home, but pool owners have to pay extra tax. Officials say that around 7% of pools haven't been declared, and they expect to raise at least £34m.



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SCHOOL BANS 'MISS' AND 'SIR'

A LONDON school has asked students to stop calling their teachers 'Miss' or 'Sir'.

Harris Westminster Sixth Form won't use the terms any longer, after head teacher James Handscombe said they are "deeply unequal" and unfair to women.

Mr Handscombe told pupils in a school assembly that 'Sir' suggests men are heroic like Sir Lancelot, but that 'Miss' is how you might refer to "a small girl, or an Edwardian shop assistant".

Now, students have been asked to call their teachers

by their formal names, for example Mr Handscombe, or just 'teacher' if they don't know that member of staff.

The head teacher posted his "No more Sir, no more Miss" assembly on Twitter, where it has had more than 162,000 views. But, what do you think?

Should we stop using 'Miss' and 'Sir' in school?

Let us know at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls)

Not enough people cycling or walking

THE Government is not on track to meet its goals to increase the numbers of people cycling and walking in England, says a new report.

'Active travel', which means everyday journeys made by walking, wheeling or cycling, is good for people's health and the environment. The Department for Transport says it wants active travel to be the main way people get about for shorter journeys in England, or part of longer journeys, by 2040.

But, a report by the National Audit Office (NAO) says that the Government's goals won't be reached. It added that, although there are plans to invest £6.6 billion on active travel plans between 2016 and 2025, it doesn't know if the schemes delivered by local authorities have been good enough so far. The NAO reports that more than half

(56%) of local authorities don't have enough resources or money to deliver active travel projects.

In other travel news, cyclists in Italy are set to be forced to pay for insurance, number plates and indicators for their bikes and electric scooters to help boost road safety.

Matteo Salvini, Italy's transport minister, said that a new government bill would provide "more rules, more education and more safety on Italian roads".

However, some people are concerned that the bill will stop some people from using bikes.

Should bikes have indicators just like cars and motorbikes?

Let us know at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls)



Calls to ban throwaway vapes

CHILDREN'S doctors have called for a ban on disposable e-cigarettes.

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) wants the UK Government to ban the products that are being used more commonly among children and young people.

Data from NHS Digital shows that one in five 15-year-olds used e-cigarettes in 2021.

The RCPCH has also highlighted how bad e-cigarettes are for the environment. Currently, at least 1.3 million disposable vapes are thrown away every week in the UK – that's two every second. They are very difficult to recycle

and often cause dangerous fires in UK waste plants when their batteries are crushed.

Dr Mike McKean from the RCPCH said we must ban these products immediately, adding: "Youth vaping is fast becoming an epidemic among children, and I fear that if action is not taken, we will find ourselves sleepwalking into a crisis."

The Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza, said the Government would be "failing a generation" if these "highly addictive and sometimes dangerous products" were allowed to become more widely used.

Microchip your furry feline or face a fine



ALMOST half of adults in England don't know that they need to have their pet cats microchipped by next year.

The RSPCA has issued a reminder to pet owners to get their cats microchipped by 10 June 2024 or face being fined up to £500.

The animal welfare charity said 47% of adults in England didn't know about the rules changing and that 83% of cats brought into its animal centres across England and Wales in 2022 were still not microchipped.

From next year it will be a legal requirement to microchip pet cats after they reach 20 weeks of age. Owners will also have to keep their contact details up-to-date on a pet microchipping database.

The RSPCA says that since this month is National Microchipping Month, what better time is there than now to get your cat chipped?



RUTH Magee and Beryl Richmond have been pen pals for a whopping 83 years!

The firm friends may live more than 3,000 miles apart, in Canada and the UK, but that hasn't stopped them from staying in touch. Both aged 95, they hold the record for the longest lasting pen friendship (being pen pals). They've written letters to each other about everything from their jobs to their families and they even stayed in contact throughout the Second World War. They've only met in person twice!



Mafraq, Jordan



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SYRIAN refugee Ziyad Al-Awaji, also known as Abu Jihad, turns plastic bottles and other rubbish into colourful decorations for the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan.

London, UK



Brandon Hartilloney / No.10 Downing Street

A ROBOT called Ai-Da visits 10 Downing Street. She was there to discuss AI with Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lucy Frazer. The visit was organised by the London Design Biennale to raise awareness of the impact of AI on creative jobs.

Basel, Switzerland



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VISITORS to the Art Basel exhibition study a new piece by American artist Alex Da Corte. *Béarla Féne* is the artist's playful take on an old German shipping company's logo.



California, USA



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NO, these aren't fancy ski goggles – Apple has revealed its virtual reality headset, the Apple Vision Pro. The headset has no controller because it's powered by the wearer's eyes, voice and hands. It will go on sale next year at a cost of around £2,899.

Maidenhead, UK



Getty

THE Princess of Wales shows off her rugby skills on a trip to Maidenhead Rugby Club. Catherine played a game of walking touch rugby as part of the promotion of her Shaping Us campaign, which aims to raise awareness of how our early childhood shapes the adults that we become.

New York, USA



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THICK smoke from wildfires in Canada covered New York, turning the city orange. Tens of millions of people in North America were urged to wear a face mask when they went outdoors.



POWYS

Man beats horse in famous race!

Daniel Connolly has become only the fourth man ever to outrun a horse in the annual Man v Horse race in Llanwrtyd Wells. The race sees humans and horses battle over a 22-mile mountainous course to see who can get to the finish line first. This year, Daniel won with a time of two hours, 24 minutes and 38 seconds. The first horse across the line was DNS Ronaldo, ridden by Kate Atkinson, which took two hours, 34 minutes and 25 seconds. It's the first time the event has been won two years in a row by a runner, but only the fourth time in the race's 42-year history that a runner has won.



ENGLAND

Lack of male teachers in England's primary schools

Does your school have any male teachers? A new study has found that almost one in three primary schools have no male teachers at all. The report by the Warwick Business School also found that the number of schools without a male teacher has gone up over the last 12 months. The author of the report, Dr Joshua Fullard, feels this is bad for pupils. "There is a large body of research that shows students benefit from being educated by a teacher with certain similarities to them," he said. He also said that boys from more disadvantaged backgrounds are the ones who who get the most out of having a male teacher.



HAMPSHIRE



New Forest, new rules

New rules have been introduced for locals and visitors to the New Forest. Now, you are not allowed to use barbecues or light fires in the forest, and feeding or petting the ponies or donkeys is banned. It's also an offence to place, throw or drop items likely to cause a fire, like lit cigarettes. People who break the rules could face a fine or police action. The move comes after repeated fire damage has been caused to the forest by campfires and barbecues. There's also a need to protect the health of the animals. Teams from Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the Verderers of the New Forest will be patrolling the area and making sure people are following the new rules.

BRIDLINGTON



Get roped in to the National Outdoor Tug of War Championships

Ready, steady, pull! The National Outdoor Tug of War Championships are taking place on Saturday 17 June, with men, women and children all taking part. Hundreds of competitors are expected to head to Bridlington Rugby Club to test their strength. The teams will be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals, with the winning teams also qualifying to represent England at the World Championships in Switzerland in September and the British and Irish Championships being held in Scotland in August.

LONDON

National Portrait Gallery prepares to reopen

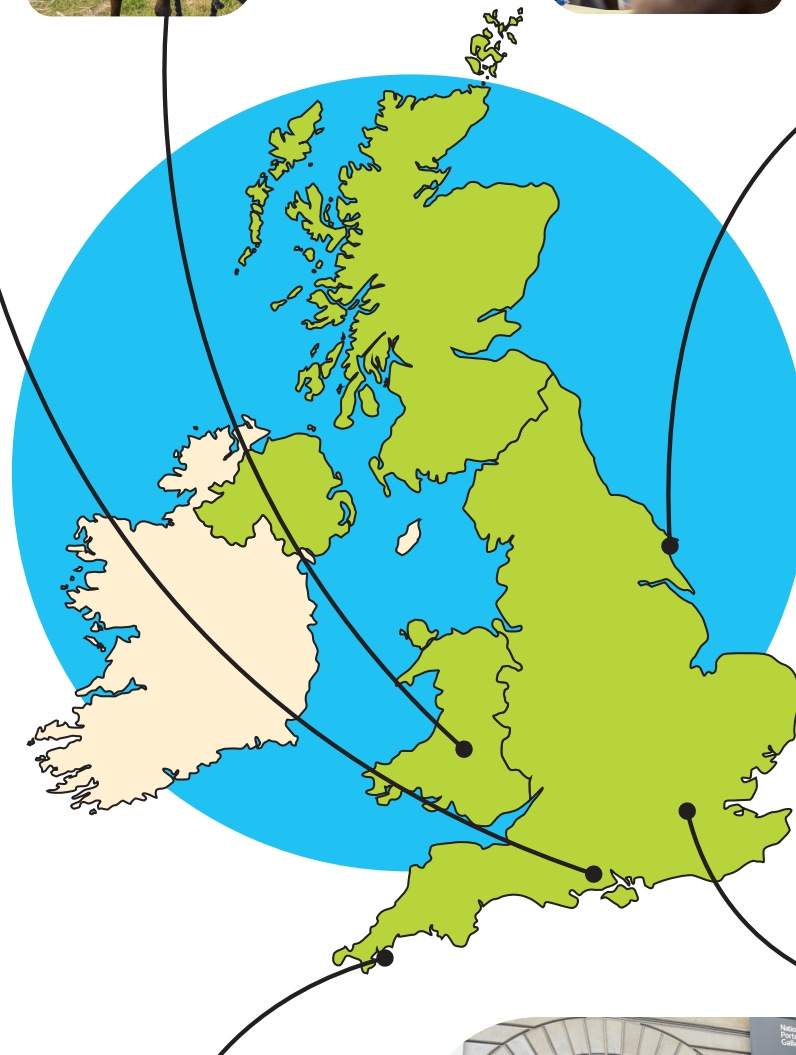
The National Portrait Gallery is officially reopening to the public on 22 June, after a three-year renovation. To celebrate, the gallery is holding its first-ever children's press conference in its new learning facility, The Mildred and Simon Palley Learning Centre. Local primary school children are being given the opportunity to interview the experts who have helped to transform the gallery – and they'll be telling us all about it in a future issue of *First News*! A host of major exhibitions have also been lined up to mark the grand opening, including displays from female photographers, paintings by leading black artists and new work by David Hockney.



CORNWALL

Rare whale sighting

A humpback whale has been spotted in Falmouth Bay. Humpbacks, which can grow up to 18m long, are a rare sight in the area in the summer and are only spotted occasionally in the winter months when they pass through. The Cornwall Wildlife Trust said that humpbacks do seem to be making a comeback in UK waters. Although they're still rare in Southwest England, sightings are more common around Shetland and the Hebrides.



SCOTLAND'S FIRST MINISTER REVEALS ALL



IN this week's *FYI*, Scarlett interviews Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf all about his important role and what he hopes to achieve while in power.

Did you ever think you'd actually become the First Minister?

Not at all. It's the biggest honour of my life. I hope that particularly young people of colour, young Muslim boys and girls can look at the highest office in the country and say, well, you know what? Maybe one day I could be there too.

Now you're in charge, will you push for Scotland to have independence?

Yes, I believe the future of our country should be in the hands of the people that live here. They should make the decisions that are in the best interests of this country. We've got a UK Government that I'm afraid often acts in the worst interest of Scotland.



Mr Yousaf in the Scottish Parliament

How will you support LGBT+ rights in Scotland?

This is one of the issues that is so close to my heart. I grew up in this country as a minority and I know what it's like to feel like you don't belong. I've got a duty to make sure that I'm protecting the LGBT+ community, particularly the trans community at the moment, while also advancing their rights.

University fees in Scotland are free now, but some people are saying that it's really difficult for pupils to access them. Wouldn't it be easier if people who could afford them just paid for it?

For me, education is a right. I don't want people's ability to learn, the ability to access education, to be based on their ability to pay. Therefore I think it should be free at the point of use.

What are you doing to help refugees living in Scotland?

If you look at Ukrainian refugees for example, we're making sure that in Scotland, first of all, we provide a home to as many of those refugees as we can. I also think it's really important that we give legal and safe routes for asylum seekers and those that are seeking to migrate here, because if we don't have safe routes, unfortunately the only option available is unsafe routes, those small boats you see on the news. Instead of trying to deport people to Rwanda, whatever the UK Government is trying to do, we should create safe legal routes because our country needs it too.

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WHO IS HUMZA YOUSAF?

FIVE things you need to know about the man in charge of Scotland:

- 1 Humza Haroon Yousaf was born in the city of Glasgow on 7 April 1985. He was 37 years old when he became First Minister.
- 2 He went to Hutchesons' Grammar School and then the University of Glasgow, where he studied politics.
- 3 He has served in the Scottish Government since 2012. Prior to becoming First Minister, he also held the roles of Justice Secretary and Health Secretary.
- 4 When elected as First Minister, he became only the second Muslim to lead a major UK party (Anas Sarwar leads the Scottish Labour Party).
- 5 He is married to Nadia El-Nakla and they have two daughters.

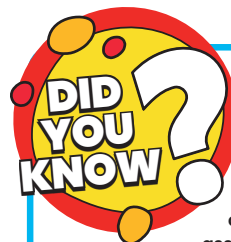


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IT'S the Great Big Live Assembly on World Refugee Day on Tuesday 20 June? At 9:05am, your school is invited to join a live online broadcast to see for yourself what life is like for many children around the world. The assembly will be hosted by Dr Krish

Kandiah OBE from the Sanctuary Foundation, and Daniel Orlova, a nine-year-old refugee from Ukraine now living in the UK. To register, ask your teacher to visit tinyurl.com/GBLAform.



CAR CRITICISM BACKFIRES ON MR BEAN

A NEWSPAPER article written by the star of *Mr Bean* has been widely condemned by experts, after the actor argued against the benefits of electric vehicles (EVs).

Writing in *The Guardian*, Rowan Atkinson said that he felt “duped” (conned) about the environmental advantages of EVs. He said that he “should know something” about EVs because he did a degree in electrical and electronic engineering – even though he was at university in the 1970s, when no-one was making EVs.

Atkinson’s article was widely shared and he was even called a hero by some newspapers and people who share his beliefs. However, experts who actually study EVs and carbon emissions say Atkinson was just repeating claims that have been repeatedly shown to be false. His fame might lead some people to take his claims seriously, which could be bad news for the environment, so this is one time that Mr Bean definitely isn’t funny.

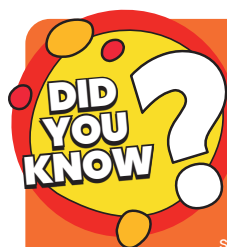
The big claim at the end of Atkinson’s article was that EVs “will be of real, global environmental benefit one day, but that day has yet to dawn”. But experts say that EVs have been better for the environment than petrol or diesel cars for years, and are only getting better (see right).

Among the many incorrect claims in the article are that EV batteries only last ten years, whereas most modern ones will last as long, or longer, than the car itself. Atkinson also said cars should use other sources of energy, such as hydrogen or synthetic (man-made) fuels. Dr Simon Evans, from the Carbon Brief website, said: “Both of these alternatives are incredibly inefficient, requiring many times more energy to drive the same distance.”

“I don’t blame Rowan Atkinson that much,” said Dutch EV expert Auke Hoekstra. “He’s an actor, comedian and writer. And the world is full of outspoken people with nonsensical opinions that they swear by. I mainly blame *The Guardian*. Shouldn’t a serious newspaper scan their content for misinformation?”



Rowan Atkinson as Mr Bean



A STUDY carried out for the Department for Transport said that even three years ago, EVs were already saving 65% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to a similar petrol car.

The technical study carried out by sustainable energy company Ricardo looked at what’s known as the ‘life cycle’ of an EV. This means the emissions involved in mining all of the elements that go into the car and battery, the emissions it emits while in use, and what happens to it at the end of its life when its parts are scrapped or recycled.

The report says that by 2030, EVs are likely to save 76% of GHG emissions, rising to 81% by 2050.

It also notes that EVs are better for human health because they emit less pollution.

Solar power beamed direct from space



It’s hoped that power could be sent to remote regions affected by natural disasters or war

ALTHOUGH solar power is a clean and almost limitless source of energy, it has well-known disadvantages, such as being limited by the weather, seasons and time of day.

But what if you could get solar power even in the middle of the night? That’s the aim of an ingenious experiment that has successfully beamed solar power to Earth from space for the first time.

The tests are being carried out by experts at Caltech (the California Institute of Technology), who hope to one day send power all over the planet from an array of satellites.

Scientists at Caltech have got three separate gadgets on a satellite called the Space Solar Power Demonstrator (SSPD-1). The one that has just sent energy down to Earth is called MAPLE (Microwave Array for Power-transfer Low-orbit Experiment), which converts solar power into microwaves before beaming it down to the ground.

“The hard work and dedication of the brilliant scientists at Caltech have advanced our dream of providing the world with abundant, reliable and affordable power for the benefit of all humankind,” said businessman Donald Bren, who has donated millions of dollars to Caltech for the project.

ChatGPT’s lies caught out in court case

THE news has been full of stories claiming that artificial intelligence (AI) could be dangerous or may even try to destroy the human race, but that seems a bit hard to believe when AI proves itself to be a bit stupid.

That was shown recently when a lawyer in New York was left red-faced after using AI to help him prepare for a court case. Steven A Schwartz used ChatGPT to search the internet for previous legal cases that were similar to the one he was working on. When lawyers on the opposing side read his report, they realised that lots of the legal cases didn’t exist. As well as inventing the cases, ChatGPT had even invented quotes that it said were from the judges’ decisions in the made-up cases.

Schwartz said he wasn’t aware that ChatGPT could just make stuff up, and has vowed to never use AI again without checking that what it says is true.



This report is from the
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THE Great Exhibition of 1851 turned the London district of South Kensington into the home of the sciences and arts in Britain.

Nothing like it had ever been seen before; 100,000 objects from paintings to machinery from all over the world were displayed in an enormous purpose-built glass structure, called The Crystal Palace.

Around 30% of Britain’s population visited the exhibition at the time, eager to learn about the latest innovations and artworks. It was so popular that it raised enough money to fund the V&A Museum, the Natural History Museum and, of course, the Science Museum.

Each year, South Kensington celebrates this history with the Great Exhibition Road Festival, and you can join us for free events on 17–18 June. Find out more at www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk.



An illustration of ‘The British Nave’ at the Great Exhibition of 1851



REMEMBERING WINDRUSH

THE people of the Windrush generation and their families have played a vital role in creating the Britain we know today. Here, readers Kaya and Tamzin explain why it's so important we remember, and celebrate, the generation that took part in shaping our history.

Thursday 22 June this year will be the 75th anniversary of the Empire Windrush ship arriving at Tilbury Docks in Essex. The passengers on board were all arriving in the United Kingdom for the first time, after answering the call to come and make a better life, helping England recover from the Second World War. They left everything they knew and loved – including friends, family and children – behind and took just a few belongings, believing in the promise of work and housing.



The letters from 1957 that the twins' great grandmother, Winifred Daniel, sent to her son Uriel Daniel, the girls' grandad

Over 23 years from 1948–1971, it's estimated that around 500,000 people from the Caribbean came to England, taking work at the Gas Board, the Royal Mail, NHS and London

Transport to mention just a few. Our grandad arrived from Barbados. We have 15 of Grandad's letters from his first 12 months from his mum, brothers and sisters. They were concerned about his living accommodation and what he was eating. They missed him very much. Grandad said that he couldn't believe how cold it was.

It's really important that we remember all the people who have contributed to the lives we live today. It has not been widely spoken about in the past, so many people are not aware of how much the people of the Caribbean lost and the hardship they came across in order to help the 'Mother Country'.



The TTEACH plaques, helping to raise awareness of both sides of the slave trade

It matters because this is not just black history, it is a huge part of British history. It has not been taught to us throughout any of our schooling years, even though people from the Caribbean played such a big part. It has been overlooked. It should be recognised and celebrated, so we are pleased that we now have a national day to remember the efforts of that generation and all the discomforts they had to endure. They left their lives behind them and came to the unknown.

Members of our family have traced our family tree back to our great, great, great grandad, John Isaac Daniel, who was enslaved on a plantation in Barbados. Our aunty, Gloria Daniel, has been researching our family name,

ancestors and the slave owner who gave the family his surname. It was her research into our family name that inspired her to start TTEACH Plaques (Transatlantic Trafficked Enslaved African Corrective Historical).

These plaques are being placed in British institutions and next to monuments to people; people who have also played a part in the trafficking of enslaved peoples from Africa to the Caribbean and the Americas. This is to bring awareness to both sides of the history, and 50 Plaques & Places is an exhibition taking place in October during Black History Month at The Tabernacle in west London.

TTEACH Plaques hope the exhibition will encourage other descendants to talk about and research their own family names, history and what can come from that knowledge.

As the theme for last year's Black History Month said: Time For Change – Action Not Words.



Eleven-year-old twins Kaya (L) and Tamzin (R)



The Roebuck Bakery, Barbados

The twins hold a photo that shows the bakery where their grandad, Uriel Daniel, was born and grew up. Uriel Daniel came to England in 1957 as part of the Windrush generation.

The two men standing in the doorway are the girls' great grandad, Ashton Daniel (on the right without a tie), next to his cousin Beresford Daniel.

The photo was taken by Belfield Daniel, Ashton's brother, known as Uncle Belfield.



Gloria (left) with Alissandra Cummins, Director of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society, after presenting the museum with a plaque

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

OCTOBER is Black History Month, an annual event celebrating black heritage and culture. It's a chance for everyone from all backgrounds to enjoy the events, performances and exhibitions that take place across the UK to recognise the achievements of black people.



ALL HAIL KING SPIKE

A PENGUIN from the UK has been crowned the world's favourite.

Spike the king penguin lives at Birdland in the Cotswolds and in April he beat off competition from Australia, America and Canada to win the top spot in the March Of The Penguin Madness contest. Last week, he was treated to his own coronation, complete with a crown, trophy and throne!

The unusual competition was run by the charity Penguins International to help raise awareness of the species and the need to protect it.

This isn't Spike's first taste of fame though. He previously appeared in Sir David Attenborough's TV show, *Natural Curiosities*. Go Spike!



Spike being awarded his trophy



ANEESHWAR'S ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

ANEESHWAR Kunchala is an eight-year-old wildlife campaigner. He shot to fame as a finalist in *Britain's Got Talent* and has appeared on *America's Got Talent: All-Stars*, too. He even has a Guinness World Record for being the world's youngest documentary presenter! Aged seven, Aneeshwar presented the Sky Kids documentary *COP27: Six Ways To Save Our Planet*. Head to first.news/sixways to watch it now.

Aneeshwar's Animal of the Week is...

Deer culls help woodland



Ryvoan Pass

DEER culls have helped woodland to recover in the Scottish Highlands, says Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).

Managing deer numbers has allowed the forest at Ryvoan Pass in the Cairngorms to flourish.

FLS, which looks after Scotland's forests on behalf of the country, says images taken in 1984 by forester George Dey – and in the present day by ecology intern Rossina Parvanova (see left) – show how much the area has recovered.

The forest surrounds the Green Loch (An Lochan Uaine), which is a popular beauty spot, famous for its emerald-coloured water. But the forest was suffering due to deer trampling over the greenery and eating the vegetation.

Tom Cameron, FLS area wildlife manager for the north region, said that deer culls are a "necessary part of managing Scotland's forests" and the woodland is now "thriving and expanding".

Insect numbers dropping

INSECTS have continued to decline in Britain over the past 30 years, says a new study.

The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology found that insects declined twice as fast on land farmed for crops, despite some wildlife-friendly farming methods being introduced. Bees and spiders have been the worst affected.

Intensive agricultural practices, such as chemical use and farming land that was previously wildflowers or hedgerows, have increased food production, but caused lots of problems for biodiversity.

The report suggests that we need to use more wildlife-friendly methods across the UK's farms if we want to protect and restore our insect populations.

The findings were published in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*.



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THE WALRUS



HABITAT:

Walruses are adapted to live on sea ice and prefer snow-covered, moving pack ice.

FUN FACTS:

- Walruses use their large tusks to help pull their bodies along the ice, like an ice axe!
- Their giant tusks are really just overgrown teeth!

SPECIAL SUPERPOWER:

Walruses can sleep in the middle of the ocean, thanks to their inflatable throats that work like floaters.

CONSERVATION STATUS:

The IUCN Red List says the walrus is vulnerable.



A walrus, as painted by Aneeshwar



OLD-SCHOOL SONIC WITH NEW TRICKS

THERE were quite a few new announcements at Summer Game Fest last week, but one that got a lot of people excited was a new Sonic the Hedgehog game that goes back to the series' roots.

Sonic Superstars is a return to the original side-scrolling 2D games, but with slick-looking 3D graphics – what's often known as 2.5D.

SEGA says that fans of the classic games will get the same controls, physics and movement that they're used to, plus the bonus of local four-player multiplayer. Gamers will be able to choose between playing as Sonic, Tails, Knuckles or Amy Rose.

One change for this game is that the Chaos Emeralds will each give you unique powers, such as the ability to multiply (pictured, above right).

It's due out this autumn for PS5, PS4, Xbox Series X|S, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and PC.

Another game that looks set to be a big hit is *Fae Farm*, a cute mash-up of *Harvest Moon*-style farming games with a sprinkling of fairy dust, magic and fantasy. At



The new multiply ability in *Sonic Superstars* (above) and the four-player co-op in action (below)



Summer Game Fest, it was revealed that the game will be out for Switch and PC on 8 September.

Animal lovers will get a kick out of looking after cute Chickoos and Cottontails, as well as the bigger animals like Mammoos and Woolyhorns. All of the animals have unique needs and all need your attention on a regular basis. You can also create your own cosy home, customise your character and learn new skills. Plus there are "epic quests" to go on and mythical beings to discover, and you can share your world with friends and "bring them into your story whenever you choose".



In *Fae Farm* you can use magic to help your crops grow



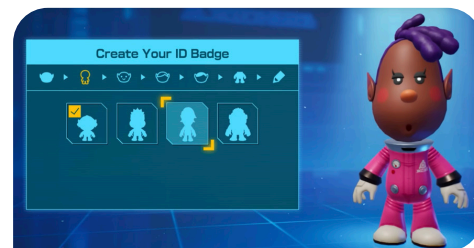
A scene from the *Sonic Superstars* trailer where Sonic goes from his '80s world to the new game

PIKMIN PICKING!

AS well as all of the great stuff coming out of Summer Game Fest, there was some cool news for *Pikmin* fans thanks to the release of a surprise new trailer for the upcoming *Pikmin 4*.

Although the game is out in just over a month's time, Nintendo has obviously been keeping some surprises until the last minute! The trailer shows that this time players will be able to choose the colour of their character's skin and hair, as well as the shape of the face and body. There are also loads of haircuts to choose from, and you can even choose the colour of your spacesuit.

Other additions for this game are the new ice Pikmin that can freeze enemies and the environment, and a cute space dog called Oatchi who can bash obstacles and carry Pikmin on his back.



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Destruction caused by wildfires in Alberta



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CANADA

Wildfires lead to air pollution warnings

Wildfires burning across Canada have meant almost 100 million people in North America have been warned about poor air quality. More than 160 fires in the province of Quebec have already destroyed 3.3m hectares of land, and thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes. The cause of the fires is thought to be a much warmer and drier spring than usual. Cities across the border in the United States, including Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York, were measured as having the worst air quality in the world at one point last week. The poor conditions also led to the cancellation of events and the grounding of flights. Wildfire smoke can cause shortness of breath, chest pain and sore eyes, nose and throat. It's a particular risk for people with conditions such as asthma, and has been linked to long-term health problems.



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PHILIPPINES

Volcano forces evacuation

Thousands of people in the Philippines have been evacuated after the country's most active volcano, Mount Mayon, began to erupt. It's thought around 13,000 people in a 3.7 mile radius have had to flee their homes on the southeast of the country's main island to escape lava and gas. A previous eruption of Mount Mayon in 1814 buried an entire town and killed 1,200 people.



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SPAIN

Ancient perfume bottle opened

A 2,000-year-old vial of Roman perfume has been opened by researchers at the University of Córdoba, revealing what people back then might have smelled like. The vial was found first in 2019 during an archaeological dig in Carmona, near Seville. It was perfectly sealed inside a quartz container. The findings, published in the journal *Heritage*, revealed that the scent was like a mix of vegetable oil and the earthy, spicy, sweet smell of patchouli.



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The patchouli plant



LEBANON

Trapped kitten rescued after 72 hours

A kitten in the city of Beirut has been saved after becoming trapped in a rain pipe for three days. The black cat was born on the rooftop of a building, but fell down a drainpipe and became trapped 18 metres underground. Charity Animals Lebanon spent three days freeing her, with the help of Beirut's Civil Defence and an architect. The team used thermal cameras to locate the kitten, then broke the pavement and cut through pipes to rescue her. The kitten has been named Beirut and has been reunited with her mum. Both are happy and healthy, and are living in foster care.



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FINLAND

It's freeeeezing!

It may be warm and sunny across most of the UK, but Finland has had what might be its coldest June day ever. A weather station in Lapland recorded a temperature of -7.7°C on 1 June. Finland experiences midnight sun during the summer, meaning there's 24-hour sunlight. The last time Lapland saw a minimum temperature of -7°C in this month was on 3 June 1962. However, for Santa's home, that is actually pretty warm – in the winter, temperatures can reach a very chilly -51.5°C !



CHINA

Digging begins on very deep hole

The China National Petroleum Corporation has started to drill one of the deepest holes ever in the Earth. The borehole, in the country's remote Taklamakan Desert, is planned to be 11,100 metres deep into rocks that are 145 million years old. The hole, which is expected to take 15 months to dig, could help researchers study Earth's evolution and what's deep inside our planet, claim scientists who are working on the project. But Professor Edward Sobel, a geologist at the University of Potsdam in Germany, says: "It looks very much like an industrial oil drilling project as opposed to a scientific drilling project. Research wells usually try very hard not to find oil and gas."



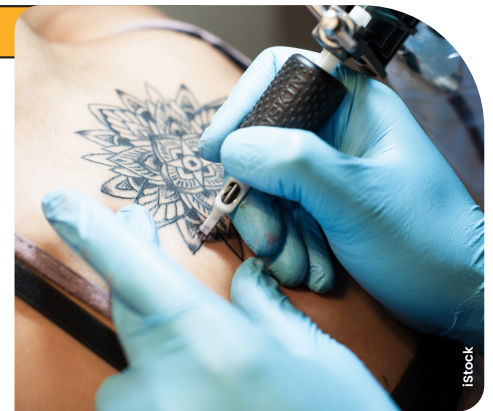
An oil well in the Taklamakan Desert



JAPAN

Japan rethinks tattoo ban to boost troop numbers

People with tattoos aren't allowed to join the country's military, the Japanese Self-Defence Forces (JSDF). This is partly because tattoos have been linked with criminal gangs in Japan. But now young Japanese people get tattoos just because they like them. The JSDF is 10% short of the numbers it needs at the moment, so is thinking of getting rid of the ban in the hope that more young people will sign up. The country's population is falling, so the military has fewer people to choose from.



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AUSTRALIA

Fraser Island gets indigenous name back

World Heritage site Fraser Island has had its original name restored and is now known as K'gari. Pronounced 'Gurrie', K'gari means 'paradise' to the Butchulla people. The Queensland government asked the public to vote on the name change and received more than 6,000 votes, with about seven out of ten people in favour of bringing back the island's indigenous name. The Butchulla, who are the traditional owners of the island – the largest sand island in the world – also had ownership of more than 19 hectares of land on K'gari returned to them.



A beach on K'gari



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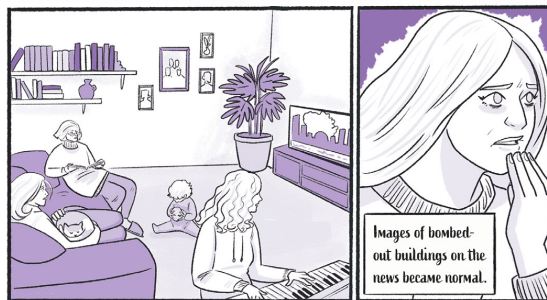


REFUGEE WEEK 2023

FROM 19 TO 25 June, it's Refugee Week. The week is the world's largest celebration of the contributions, creativity and strength of refugees and people seeking safety from war or persecution. Below, we've reproduced an extract of *The Power of Welcome*, a beautiful and powerful graphic

novel about displaced people. We've shown part of the section about what it was like for people in Syria, in 2011, when the first bombs fell and the war began. Nadine Kaadan, the author of this story, says: "They never let the conflict colour who we are."

The Syrian conflict began in 2011, when people began to protest and demand more freedom and rights. The government responded with force, which led to violence from both sides. Over time, lots of other groups and countries became involved. Millions of people had to leave their homes in Syria to seek safety in other countries, because it became too dangerous to stay.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

YOU can show support for Refugee Week in lots of different ways.

Whether you're raising awareness, sharing support or helping refugees and asylum seekers around the world, anything you do to join in is welcome. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

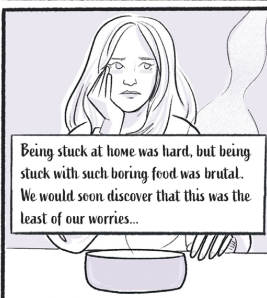
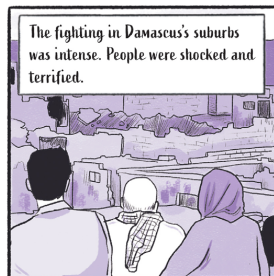
You could make a poster that shows that you support Refugee Week and put it in your window.

You could host a bake sale, and donate the money you make to a charity that supports refugees and asylum seekers.

Or you could take part in one of the online refugee events being held for young people. You can find out more about the events by going to the National Literacy Trust website at tinyurl.com/NLTrefugees.



Asylum seeker – an asylum seeker is a person who has left their home country and is asking for protection in another country. They are seeking safety because they fear being harmed or it has become dangerous in their own country. While their request for protection is being reviewed, they are known as asylum seekers.



The Power of Welcome is available in bookshops now.



We talk to...

ILLUSTRATORS LEVI PINFOLD AND FLORA DELARGY

ON Wednesday 21 June, the winners of this year's Yoto Carnegie awards will be revealed at a special ceremony in London. Ahead of the big day, we caught up with two of the finalists to find out more about their nominated books and how it feels to be recognised for the award.

Levi Pinfold

● **How does it feel to be shortlisted for a Yoto Carnegie Medal by the nation's librarians?**

Great! I value and respect the opinions of librarians, so it's a big deal.

● **Tell us about your illustrations for *The Worlds We Leave Behind* – what inspired them?**

The pictures were inspired by the words, first and foremost. I love the atmosphere that Ashley [AF Harrold] created in this book. It brought to mind plenty of half-remembered images from growing up: pockets of woodland, fairy-tale illustrations, my friends at school. So I tried to use my memories as much as I could to make it feel more real to the reader.

● **What makes the book special to you?**

Ashley is a friend, and it really did feel like collaborating on something just for fun.

● **How did you settle on your particular style of illustration?**

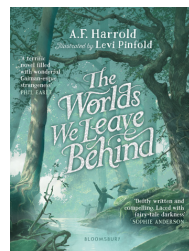
Long hours at the desk! After plenty of experimentation, I like to think I've found a style that has a balance between what I want to express and taking a reasonable time to do it. Saying that, style evolves as you grow and change as



a person, and I never quite get it right. I feel like I'm always chasing an impossible golden dream.

● **Do you have any tips for readers who might want to become illustrators themselves?**

Read a lot. Draw every day, even if you have other things to do. Make things up, make mistakes, draw your favourite characters, draw stuff for no reason. In other words, enjoy it! The most important thing is to do it every day.



Flora Delargy

● **How do you feel about being nominated for a Yoto Carnegie Medal?**

To be nominated for a Yoto Carnegie Medal is a huge honour. I am so pleased *Rescuing Titanic* has been recognised in this way. The medal is particularly special because it is voted for by librarians, who play such an important role in developing children's literacy.

● **Tell us about *Rescuing Titanic*, what inspired it?**

I began working on a version of *Rescuing Titanic* during my time at the Cambridge School of Art. I had been looking for a gripping non-fiction story and when I read about the heroism of the crew and captain of the Carpathia, I knew I had found the perfect true story to share with children.

● **What makes the book special to you?**

My grandfather and great grandfather worked in the Belfast shipyards where the Titanic was built so, in some ways, working on the book felt like a link with my family history.

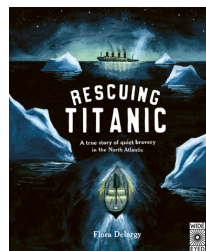
● **How did you come to find your own particular style of illustration?**

It took a little while to develop the visual language of the book. I tried lots of different materials and in the end I settled on a mixed media approach with watercolour, pencils and pastels to create the illustrations. The washes of colour helped me depict the dramatic seascapes and starry nights.



● **What advice would you give to readers who might want to become illustrators someday?**

It can be tempting to try and copy illustrators whose work you admire and it's easy to spend hours scrolling through social media, comparing yourself to others. I find it helpful to step back from social media when working on my illustrations and find inspiration elsewhere – through books, films or real life, for instance. Inspiration can come from many sources.



Rescuing Titanic by Flora Delargy and *The Worlds We Leave Behind*, illustrated by Levi Pinfold and written by AF Harrold, are shortlisted for the 2023 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration. The winners will be announced at noon on Wednesday 21 June – you can watch the ceremony live and find out more information at yotocarnegies.co.uk.

Recommended reads

in partnership
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REFUGEE WEEK

DID you know it's Refugee Week between 19 and 25 June? This is the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Here are a few of the best reads to mark this important week.



***You Don't Know What War Is* by Yeva Skalietska**
This real account of the Ukrainian war from a 12-year-old child is essential and insightful reading, sure to be an eye-opener.

***Jackdaw Summer* by David Almond**

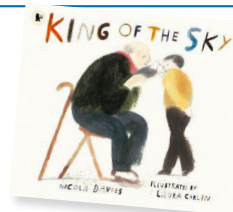
A jackdaw leads two friends to an abandoned baby, beginning a summer where friendships are tested and the lines between good and bad are blurred.



***On the Move* by Michael Rosen**
A thought-provoking and emotional poetry collection about migrants and migration by one of the UK's favourite poets.

***King Of The Sky* by Nicola Davies and illustrated by Laura Carlin**

Skilled illustrations portray this important message of a young Italian boy starting a new life in Wales, who is then befriended by an elderly man.



***Running On The Roof Of The World* by Jess Butterworth**
In this engaging tale set in the Himalayas, 12-year-old Tash journeys to save her parents, who have been seized by soldiers.

First News is super excited to team up with children's book specialists Peters, whose librarians will be hand-picking five books to recommend to our readers each week!



THIS DOG'S GOT IT LICKED!



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The longest tongue on a living dog is 12.7 cm (5 in), and belongs to Zoey, as verified in Metairie, Louisiana, USA, on 27 October 2022.

MEET Zoey, the dog with the longest tongue in the entire world!

Just months after English setter Bisbee claimed the title of 'longest tongue on a living dog', Zoey has swooped in to take the title.

The Labrador/German shepherd mix's tongue measures a massive 12.7cm long (measured from the tip of her snout to the tip of her tongue). Paw-fect for licking all that doggy ice cream this summer!

Kid creates official state cookie

THE state of Alabama in the US now has an official state cookie – created by a schoolgirl.

Mary Claire Cook, who is in the fourth grade (Year 5) at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery, came up with the recipe for the Yellowhammer cookie (below). The tasty treat includes honey, peanut butter and pecans. Alabama also has a state vegetable (sweet potato), nut (pecan) and rock (marble).



WOW!

OMG!

Pop star buys car wash



JASON Derulo, the singer-songwriter with some tasty TikTok recipes, has bought a car wash.

The star invested in the Rocket Car Wash chain, which gives people the chance to pay a monthly fee for as many washes as they want. Jason is turning into quite the businessman, having also invested in a restaurant and a fitness company.

Spidey outbreak!

MILES Morales' spider senses must have been tingling after 685 people headed to a shopping mall in Malaysia dressed as Spider-People.

The superhero fans, all dressed as various versions of Spidey, including Peter Parker and Gwen Stacy, gathered at Aeon Mall in Bukit Tinggi to break the world record for the most people dressed as Spider-Man or Woman in one location. The webbed wonders had to stay together for five minutes.

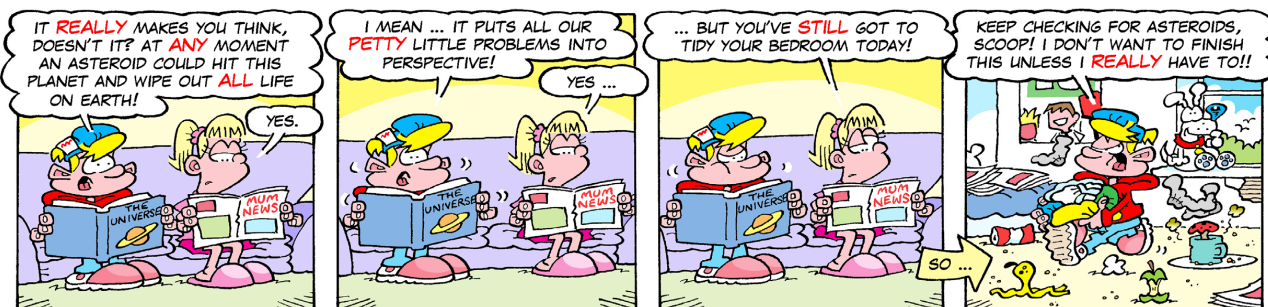


LOL!

Spidey fans unite!



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



FirstNews**TAKEOVER CHALLENGE**How **GREEN** can you go?

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IN February, *First News* launched the Takeover Challenge: How Green Can You Go? with WWF-UK. We asked you to find out if employers in your part of the country were doing their bit for the planet and to report back your findings. Now, we want you to take part in our big survey to let businesses know what the next generation of workers expects from them. We'll create a charter (a document demanding action) from the results and deliver it to businesses ahead of the COP28 climate conference starting in November so that you can have your voices heard.

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ABOUT THE SURVEY

First News has partnered with WWF-UK to put together a short survey for you to fill out at school with your thoughts on business and sustainability. Read on to find out about the survey and how you can get involved.

Key information

- The survey will take around six minutes to complete.
- It will ask you questions about business and sustainability.
- We'll then use the results of the survey to create a charter.
- By taking part in the survey, you could win £100 towards a sustainable initiative for your school.
- You must have a teacher's/parent's permission to take part.

- We want to hear from as many students in your school as possible. The more surveys completed means more entries into the £100 prize draw.
- You can choose to fill out the survey without entering your details if you don't want to enter the competition.
- The survey competition closes on Friday 1 September 2023 at 11:59pm.

TAKE PART

To get involved, just get your teacher to head to first.news/TCsurvey or scan the QR code on the right!



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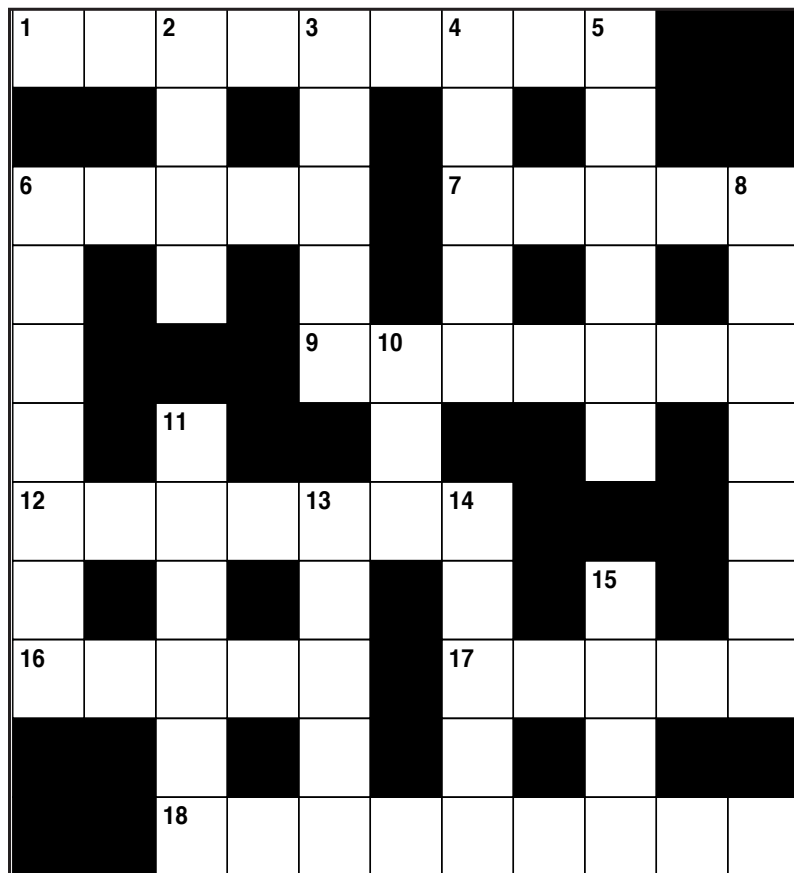
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Kids – go to first.news/howgreencanyougo to join in and watch the Takeover Challenge film.



CROSSWORD

CAN you complete our crossword puzzle using the clues below?

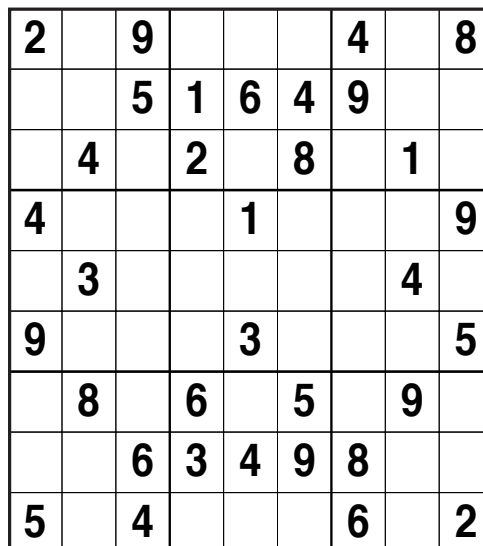


ACROSS

- 1 _____ Hotspur: football club (9)
 - 6 Enter data into a computer (5)
 - 7 Family name of Henry VIII (5)
 - 9 A sensitivity to certain substances such as pollen (7)
 - 12 Word of farewell (7)
 - 16 Red-breasted bird (5)
 - 17 Annoyed (5)
 - 18 Body parts at the tops of the arms (9)
- ### DOWN
- 2 Peat (anagram) (4)
 - 3 Additional (5)
 - 4 You might stay here while on holiday (5)
 - 5 Up to date (6)
 - 6 Whole number (7)
 - 8 E.g. King Charles and Queen Camilla (7)
 - 10 Produce an egg (of a bird) (3)
 - 11 Feelings of uncertainty (6)
 - 13 Type of drum (5)
 - 14 An electronic message (5)
 - 15 Shrek is one of these (4)

SUDOKU

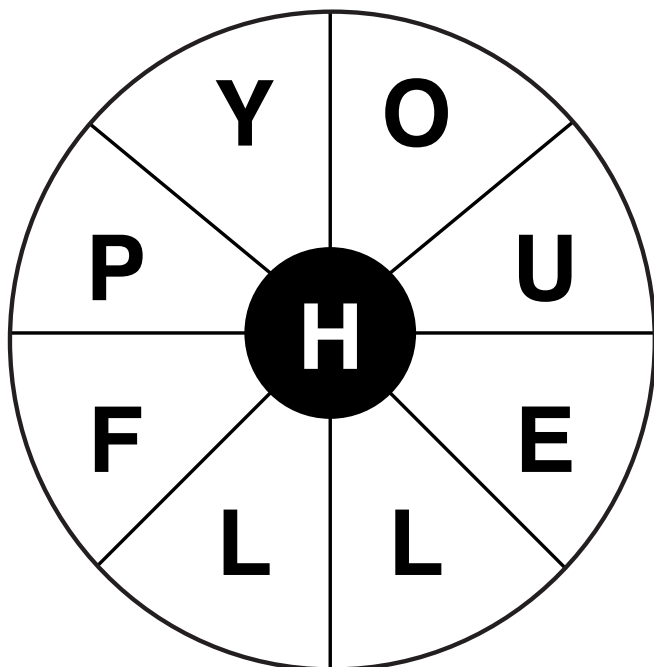
CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?



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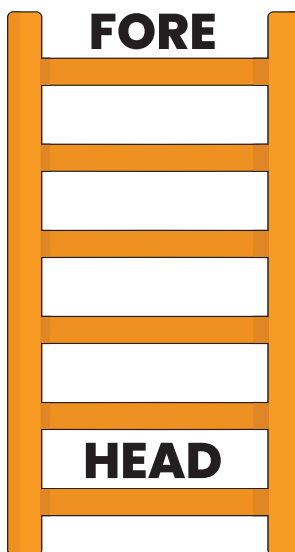
WORD WHEEL

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



WORD LADDER

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



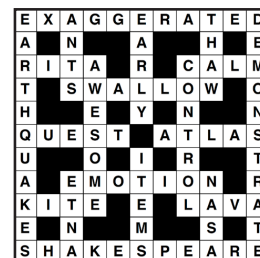
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Word wheel: Emergency.

Word ladder: Team, term, tern, torn, worn, work.

Spot the Difference: 1) Logo removed, 2) Head is bigger, 3) Container in background is pink, 4) Light added to floor, 5) Extra circle of armour added to Optimus Primal's chest.

What on Earth?: A) Shells, B) Deckchair, C) Life ring, D) Ice cream, E) Seaweed, F) Bucket & spade.



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

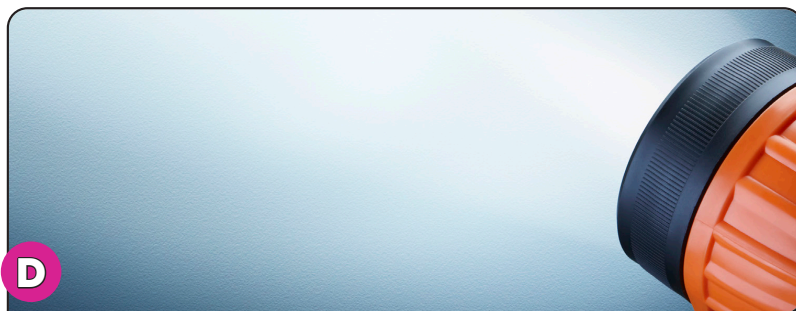
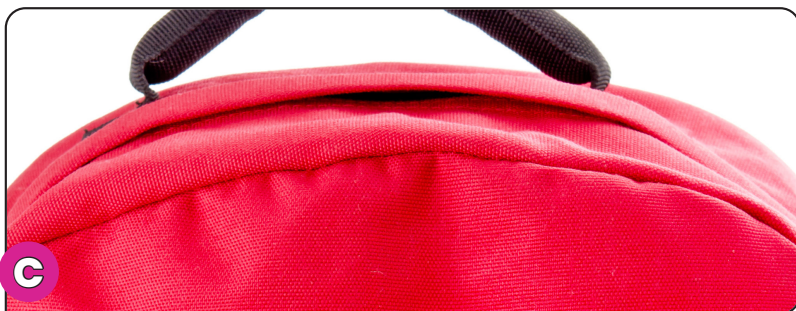
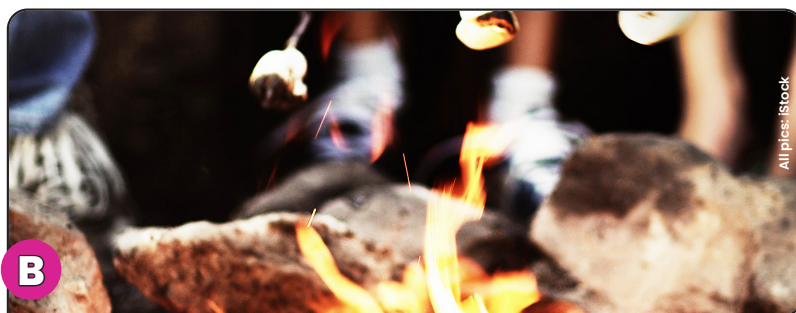
CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *The Flash*, which is in cinemas now?



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WHAT ON EARTH?

CAN you identify all of these things that are associated with camping?





MUSIC LEGENDS IN WINDRUSH PLAYLIST



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STORMZY, Little Simz and Craig David are among the music legends featured on Spotify's Windrush Top 20 playlist.

The list has been put together to mark the 75th anniversary of the Windrush generation arriving in Britain, and aims to showcase the huge contribution they've made, as well as their families and all those from the Commonwealth who followed.

Fans can listen to hit songs all the way from 1948 to 2021, including Lord Kitchener's *London Is The Place For Me* (which he performed as soon as he got off the Windrush



boat!) and *Let's Have Another Party* by pianist Winifred Atwell, who was the first black person to have a UK number one.

Among the modern tracks featured are Craig David's *Rewind*, Stormzy's *Blinded By Your Grace, Pt. 2* and Little Simz's *Woman*.

The Top 20 playlist has been put together by the Windrush 75 Network, which brings organisations together to celebrate the anniversary on 22 June.

Check it out and let us know what you think!

Who is That Girl Lay Lay?



AMERICAN singer, rapper and actor Lay Lay is making waves across the pond, so what exactly do we know about her?

- 1 Her real name is Alaya High and she was born on 28 January 2007 in Houston, Texas.
- 2 She became a social media star after videos of her freestyling went viral on Instagram in 2018.
- 3 Lay Lay is the youngest female rapper ever to sign to Empire Records.
- 4 She has her own show, called *That Girl Lay Lay*, on Nickelodeon.
- 5 Some of her hit songs include *Do What I Want* and *Stop Playin*.

Kylie's got her claws out!



KYLIE Jenner accidentally injured her make-up artist when she got a bit too carried away in a pillow fight! The reality TV star was messing about with her friend Ariel Tejada on board a private jet, when one of her throws left him with a cut on his forehead. Ouch!



MUSICAL MAGIC!

A WHOLE host of West End stars are heading to Trafalgar Square in London this weekend (17-18 June), for a series of free live performances. Visitors will get to check out musical numbers from the likes of Disney's *Frozen*, *Hamilton*, Disney's *The Lion King*, RSC's *Matilda The Musical*, *Les Misérables*, *Wicked* and *Six*. You can find out more at www.westendlive.co.uk.

PSSST! IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



1 WHAT do you get if you cross a pirate with a Spice Girl? A thrilling new movie, apparently! British actor Orlando Bloom has teamed up with pop star Geri Horner for *Gran Turismo*, an adaptation of the popular videogame. The movie follows the true story of a young gamer who turns into a real race car driver. It hits cinemas on 11 August.



2 MAY the Force be with you this summer, as Disney has announced that its brand-new *Star Wars* spin-off show *Ahsoka* is coming! The series is set after the fall of the Empire and follows former Jedi Knight and Anakin Skywalker's apprentice Ahsoka Tano as she investigates threats to the New Republic. Disney has released a teaser trailer and new images to keep fans on their toes! The series drops on Disney+ on 23 August.



3 IT'S all over for Taylor Swift and Matty Healy. The American singer and her English beau are believed to have called time on their short romance, which was revealed in May. Taylor is currently in the middle of her Eras Tour, while fellow singer Matty is touring with his band The 1975.



THE BIG PICTURE

IMAGINE turning the corner, only to be confronted by this awesome creation!

This is Asterion, a moving Minotaur (half man, half bull) that was created by a street theatre company called La Machine.

Weighing 47 tonnes and standing 13 metres tall, Asterion was moved through the Montaudran district in Toulouse, France, by a team of machinists who control him with lots of cables and levers.

His arms swing, his legs move and he even breathes steam out of his nostrils!



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 can include what's going on where you live, what you think about what's happening in the news, as well as sharing your funniest moments, biggest achievements and even your pets!

If you'd like to feature on this page, just get your teacher to set up a *First News* FYI News Club at your school. You'll also get opportunities to take part in our weekly news show from Sky Kids, FYI! Just head to first.news/fyinewsclub or scan the QR code below.

WALKING WITH GORILLAS

TENDO wrote in to tell us about his mum, Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, who has released a book about her life as a wildlife vet and conservationist called *Walking With Gorillas: The Journey Of An African Wildlife Vet*.



Tendo (far left) with his family on the book tour. His mum, Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, is in the centre

by Tendo Zikusoka, aged 14

My mother is a remarkable person. She is an award-winning wildlife vet and conservationist and recently released a book about her life called *Walking With Gorillas*. Her and my father, Lawrence Zikusoka, decided to do a book tour in the UK and invited my brother, Ndhego, and I to join them. We started the book tour at the Uganda High Commission in

London, and it was wonderful. My dad, my brother and I all read excerpts from the book and many people told me I read well – success!

We as a family also went to Cambridge, Oxford and Edinburgh to do more book events. We ended the UK tour with an event in Waterstones in Edinburgh, where I was in charge of a live stream.

I am so proud of my mother and this book tour has really inspired me.



News Club of the Week!



Facing my fear!



A few members of Thurlstone Primary School News Club!

THURLSTONE Primary School News Club love being a part of the *First News* FYI News Club so much that the whole school join in sometimes!

They particularly enjoy watching FYI because it brings them away from school learning and takes them into a different kind of learning where they can debate and discuss the news. Thurlstone Primary School also love 'Fake or Fact?' because everyone cheers when they get it right, or give the most dramatic 'Aw!' if they get it wrong.



Savannah holding a tarantula!

FIRST News reader Savannah went to London Zoo to conquer her arachnophobia (fear of spiders), and wanted to share her experience with you all!

by Savannah

When I got to London Zoo I was nervous but I knew I was going to be fine with my mum and twin Darcey doing the course with me.

All three of us were so afraid of spiders and we said to ourselves we would try our best but if it didn't work, that it would be okay. Guess what – it worked!

In the Tiny Giants exhibit we went through a spider walkthrough where spiders were loose on their webs.

Then we held a spider in a box. Next we had a go trying to capture a spider on some tables. Darcey and I were amazing at it!

At the end of the day, me, my mum and Darcey held Rosie the tarantula.

We overcame our fear of spiders! I would definitely recommend it if you have arachnophobia too.

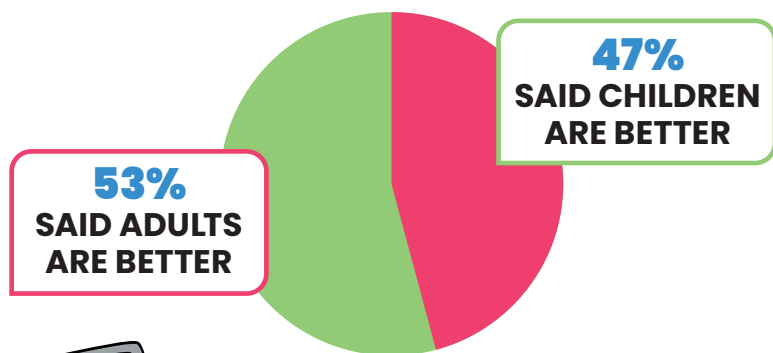
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THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION



Are the adults or children better at recycling in your house? You said...



Join in the conversation and cast your vote in our polls!

Vote at first.news/polls

FIRST NEWS READER SURVEY

THERE'S no-one more important than you, our *First News* readers, and that's why we'd love to know what you think of the paper and how we can make it even better. Have your say and take part in our reader survey by taking part in the survey online at first.news/RS2023. Share your thoughts and be in with a chance of winning a £100 gift voucher! The closing date is 23 June 2023.

Take part at first.news/RS2023
Have your say in how you want *First News* to be!

A night at the museum

PEARL went for a sleepover at the British Museum in London on behalf of *First News*. Carry on reading to find out what her experience was like!

by Pearl

A few weeks ago, I had a sleepover at the British Museum in London.

Me and my dad joined loads of other families to be sleepy Spartans for the night!

The museum had organised all sorts of fun activities. The first one was story making (aka myth writing!), followed by learning how to be a Spartan warrior. You had to wear a particular suit, which was funny.

We then had a break for dinner, before moving on to our third activity of crafting, where we had to draw pictures of a man.

Our final activity was story time. We listened to some amazing stories from the museum, before heading back to the Egyptian and Assyrian galleries to set up and wait until midnight for the lights to be turned off.

We decided to set up our sleeping bags against the statue of General Wahibra and underneath the stela [a decorated stone column] of Katjakadja.

I woke up the next morning to loud noises and then we headed for some breakfast. We had one final task to complete and had a look around the gift shop, before saying goodbye.

It was much fun getting to stay in the museum late at night and waking up there too!

The British Museum's Young Friends scheme is available for families to join for free, giving you access to events like this one. For more details, just go to tinyurl.com/museumyoungfriends.



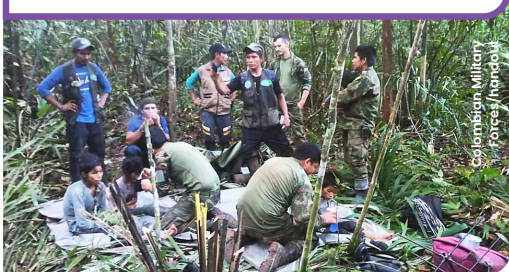
FirstNews Quiz

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

1 In what year did Greta Thunberg stage her first strike outside the Swedish Parliament?

2 Which country has launched the world's first self-driving electric ferry?

3 How many days did four Colombian children survive in the Amazon jungle following a plane crash?



4 What date must cats be microchipped by?



5 How much will the Apple Vision Pro mixed reality headset cost?

6 What species of whale has been spotted off the coast of Cornwall?



7 What year was the Great Exhibition?

8 What month is Black History Month?

9 What is the name of the UK penguin who has been picked as the world's favourite?

10 What temperature was recorded in Finland on 1 June?

11 Nadine Kaadan wrote part of which graphic novel?

12 What is American singer, rapper and actor Lay Lay's real name?

13 The Yellowhammer is the official cookie for which American state?



14 Which pop star has bought a car wash?

15 What does GOAT stand for?



Answers:
1 2018 2 Sweden 3 40 4 10 June 2024 5 ground £2,899
6 numpack 7 1851 8 October 9 Spike 10 -7°C
11 The Power Of Welcome 12 Alaya High 13 Alabama
14 Jason Derulo 15 Greatest of all time



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L-R: Japan's Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino and Denmark's Mathias Christiansen and Alexandra Bøje pose with their trophies after the mixed doubles final at the Singapore Badminton Open, alongside one of the best sports mascots we've ever seen. The Danish pair won the match 2-1.



With the spectacular sight of the Alps in the background, Danish cyclist Jonas Vingegaard makes a break from the peloton on his way to winning the Critérium du Dauphiné.



This amazing life-size recreation of Lightning McQueen from *Cars* was on display at the NASCAR Cup Series event at Sonoma Raceway in California.



Batsman Travis Head celebrates with his wife Jess and daughter Milla after Australia beat India to win the World Test Championship – although it looks like young Milla thinks the trophy is her new toy!



Canada's Nick Taylor (right) hugs his caddie and makes the fans go wild after he sank a dramatic 72ft putt on the fourth play-off hole to win the Canadian Open, beating England's Tommy Fleetwood.

PEP DOES THE TREBLE... AGAIN



City go wild as they collect the last part of their treble

MAN City have become only the third British team to win the treble of league, cup and Champions League, after beating Inter Milan 1-0 in the Champions League final.

Although Pep Guardiola's City team were the big favourites, it was a close game, with City relying on keeper Ederson for some crucial saves towards the end.

Midfielder Rodri scored the only goal of the game, with a perfectly placed side-foot shot that curled round two defenders and gave Inter keeper André Onana no chance.

UEFA later named Rodri as the player of the tournament and selected him alongside six more City players in the Champions League team of the season: Kevin de Bruyne, Rúben Dias, Erling Haaland, Bernardo Silva, John Stones

and Kyle Walker. Jack Grealish might feel hard done by for not being picked by UEFA, as he created 35 chances in the Champions League this season, which is 12 more than anyone else.

It's the first time since Man United in 1998/99 that any British team has won the treble, while Celtic were the first club in Europe to do it, in 1966/67. City are only the eighth team in Europe to do the treble, but Pep Guardiola has become the first manager in history to do it more than once, as he also bagged a treble at Barcelona in 2008/09.

"Sometimes it looks like this competition this year, this final, was written in the stars," Guardiola said.

"It's emotional. A dream come true," said Rodri.

Is Djokovic the GOAT?

TENNIS fans have been arguing for years whether Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal is the GOAT (greatest of all time), but Djokovic might have won a few more supporters after his record Grand Slam win.

The Serbian star beat Casper Ruud in the final of the French Open on Sunday to claim his 23rd Grand Slam singles title, which is a men's record. Nadal has won 22, while Federer retired with 20 titles under his belt.

Djokovic is now level with Serena Williams, and only Australia's Margaret Court has won more (24).

Although Djokovic is 36 now, he's on top form and has won three out of the last four Slams. He's also won Wimbledon four years in a row, so is the big favourite to win there again and equal Court's record.

"I don't want to say I am the greatest," Djokovic told journalists. "I leave those discussions to someone else."

Poland's Iga Świątek might not be able to say she's the GOAT yet, but she's certainly the greatest at the French Open at the moment, after winning the women's title for the third time in four years. She won her fourth Grand Slam title by beating Karolína Muchová 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Even though Świątek should be used to holding this trophy by now, when she lifted it this time she managed to drop the lid on the floor!

Djokovic celebrates his third French Open title in front of the Eiffel Tower



Świątek in action on her way to winning the final... then dropping the trophy lid!

1 week after breaking the 1,500m world record, the incredibly talented Faith Kipyegon broke the 5,000m world record too! If that's not outrageous enough for you, how about if we told you it's only the third time she's ever run a 5,000m race, and the first time she's done it in eight years? "When I saw that it was a world record, I was so surprised," she said. "I just wanted to improve on my PB [personal best], the world record was not my plan."



2 canoe slalom titles were won by Australia's Jessica Fox (below) at the World Cup event in Prague. It's the seventh time in her amazing career that she's won both gold medals that were up for grabs. Fox is widely regarded as the greatest canoe slalom athlete of all time and has broken tons of records – including some set by her parents, who were both world champions too!



2 Netball Super League titles have now been won by Loughborough Lightning, who came from behind to win this year's grand final 57-48. Although London Pulse put up a fantastic fight, they couldn't manage to win their first title. Lightning captain Nat Panagarry said the sport had helped her mentally this year, after finding out that her wife has cancer. "It's an escape for me that I absolutely love," she said.

