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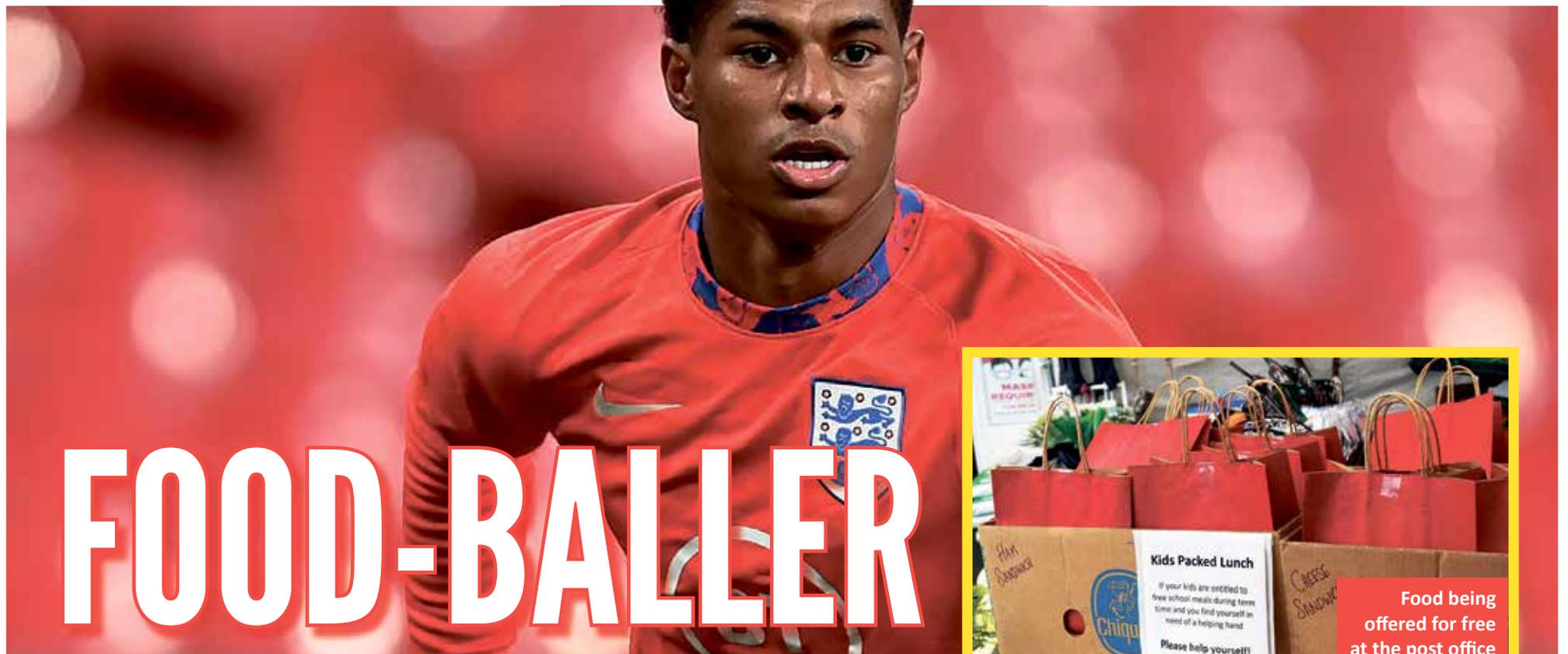
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FOOD-BALLER



Food being offered for free at the post office in Brompton-on-Swale, England

HUNDREDS of organisations across the country are offering free meals to children after pleas from the England and Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford.

The post office in Brompton-on-Swale (right) is just one of the organisations helping out struggling families, after Conservative MPs voted against extending free school meals into the holidays.

The Government says it has given councils £63m to support families during the coronavirus pandemic and has increased the amount of money for other help by £9.3 billion.

But many people, including doctors, believe that it is not enough, and say children will be going hungry at half-term and Christmas.

Marcus says he will continue to press the Government to change its mind. But, as *First News* went to press, it hadn't done so. A number of local councils, including some that are Conservative – the same party as Boris Johnson's Government – agree

with the football star and are giving out free meal vouchers or other help for families struggling to feed their children outside term time.

The Welsh, Scottish and Northern Ireland Governments have already extended the scheme.

Marcus has been visiting food banks and his petition has been signed by around one million people. He said he could take criticism "all

day long, as long as we start to see improvements going forward for the people that are in need of it now. That's what's important to me."

Food businesses, charities and schools across England have been finding ways to provide lunches to children, and more than 200 children's authors and illustrators have signed a letter asking for more help for kids.



Nickelodeon's *Unfiltered* is a new game show, where celebrities hide behind hilarious 3D animated characters!

Who's hiding behind these emojis?



Turn to page 17 for a chance to WIN one of 10 Nickelodeon Experimake kits.



Tune in to *Unfiltered* at 9.30am every Saturday and Sunday on **nickelodeon**.

2. QUICK NEWS

PONGY PANTS

A study of cleanliness among 2,000 Brits has found that one in ten men admitted to only washing their underwear after ten uses! The research, by Hammonds Furniture, also revealed that a third of us only wash our bedsheets once a year. It's recommended that you wash your underwear after every use (we hope you do this!) and to wash your sheets once a week, to avoid things like bed bugs and fungal infections. Out of those surveyed, millennials were the cleanest generation, while those 65 and over showed the worst habits.



QUIBI CALLS IT QUILTS

Streaming service Quibi, designed to offer 'quick bites' of TV content, has closed after only six months. While it hoped to rival Netflix and YouTube, the platform that offered ten-minute episodes has failed to capture the imagination of the public. Some suggest the pandemic is responsible, but others argue that the service didn't offer enough quality programmes.

PROGRESSIVE POPE



Pope Francis, the head of the Catholic Church, has made headlines recently for two reasons. Firstly, he shared his support for civil unions between gay people, the first time a Pope has done so. Secondly, he made Archbishop Wilton Gregory a cardinal, making him the first black cardinal in America. A cardinal is one of the highest positions in the Catholic Church.

GOOD DEED

Firefighters in Florida, USA, were called out to an 83-year-old man who had collapsed from heat exhaustion while working in his yard. The crew cooled the man off, then finished mowing his lawn for him!

QUICK NEWS

TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

SEA TRIALS FOR SHIP



The RRS Sir David Attenborough, named after the popular naturalist, is conducting its first sea trials in preparation for a trip to Antarctica. The research vessel has been built to look at how climate change is affecting Antarctica, and carries the robotic sub Boaty McBoatface. Its maiden voyage is due to start in November 2021.

DOGGY PHOTO BOOTH



A dog has gone viral after her owner built a photo booth for her to take selfies in. Simone Giertz built the booth out of LEGO and hooked a camera up to a pedal. When Scraps hits the pedal with her paw, it takes a photo and gives her a treat. The adorable photos have received more than 230,000 likes on Twitter!

FOOD, NO FLIGHTS

Aeroplane food doesn't have the best reputation but, if you're in the mood for food without the flight, an airline called Finnair has you covered. The only problem is you'll have to go to a Finnish supermarket to buy their in-flight meals! Finnair says that the new business idea has allowed them to re-hire their chefs and give work to at least some of the staff who have been unable to work due to COVID-19.

PISTACHIO PUP



A puppy has been born in Italy with a green tint to its fur. Cristian Mallocci, from Sardinia, was shocked when one of his dogs gave birth to a litter of five puppies and one of them was green! The pup has been named Pistachio after the green nut.

CINEMA VISITS

We asked you recently if you had been to the cinema since they re-opened. An overwhelming 90% of you said you had not. Many said you didn't feel comfortable sitting in a room with strangers yet, especially when you could comfortably watch films at home without a mask. However, *First News* reader *crystalx27* was one of the few who had made a trip to the movies. She said it was "lovely to experience the cinema atmosphere again" despite the "slight inconvenience" of wearing a mask.



CURIOUS COW

A cow that escaped from a farm in Victoria, Australia, was later found trapped on a trampoline. The bovine bouncer had got on the stretchy surface and wasn't able to get back off. Reports that the cow is producing milkshakes have not been confirmed!

TREE FELLED FOR HS2

A 250-year-old pear tree, which won the Woodland Trust's 2015 Tree of the Year award, has been felled to make way for the HS2 rail line. The route between London and Birmingham has caused lots of arguments due to costs going up and the disruption to countryside areas. HS2 said the tree's trunk was hollow and that dozens of trees have already been grown from its cuttings.



The Cubbington Pear

SKYDIVING SENIOR

An American woman fulfilled her dream of skydiving... at the age of 102! Millie Bailey described the jump as "wonderful, a real thrill". It seems Millie always had a head for heights, though, as she fought in WW2 as one of the first African-American women pilots.



POO PROBLEMS

A water company is asking for ideas to stop seagulls pooing at its sites. Essex and Suffolk Water says the quality of water has not been affected (phew!) but that poo and feathers have caused some issues with water filters – plus it's not nice for the staff. Ideas can be sent to Amplify, an idea-sharing platform set up by the Northumbrian Water Group. Water supply manager Louise Parker said: "We've tried scarecrows, kites and distress calls, but the gulls are wise to them."



These gulls turned a roof into a poo slide

SCHOOLS AIM FOR ZERO CARBON



Could changing your school lunch menu lead to lower carbon emissions?

SINCE young people have been leading the way in climate protests, it seems obvious that your schools should be next to step up to tackle the climate crisis.

Climate charity Ashden is set to launch a campaign called Let's Go Zero, to get schools to commit to being zero carbon by 2030. To reach that target, a school will have to make sure that overall it doesn't contribute to carbon emissions. This could mean anything from working out how to save energy, to switching menus or food suppliers, or even growing your own food.

Ashden plans to support schools and give them advice to help them along the way, while calling for Government action to help schools become carbon zero.

The scheme is due to have a proper launch at the Youth Climate Summit from 9-13 November,

which is taking place entirely online this year. It was meant to be happening alongside the COP26 climate conference, but that was called off due to the coronavirus.

The summit is run by Global Action Plan, and teachers can sign your school up to sessions, activities and green careers talks that run during the week. If you want to get your school involved, ask your teacher to go to youthclimatesummit2020.org.

Although the Let's Go Zero campaign hasn't officially launched yet, you can already find out more at letsgozero.org, so get your teachers and head teacher to have a look.

WOW!

SCIENTISTS have developed a white paint that reflects so much light that it can help to cool buildings down during hot weather.

Experts at Purdue University in the USA say their paint reflects 95.5% of the sun's energy and that it can cool surfaces to below the surrounding air temperature. In hot countries, this could help to reduce the amount of energy used for air conditioning.



FIRST NEWS is urging everyone to play their part in Helping the UK Grow back.

We've launched the [#HelpingTheUKGrow](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingTheUKGrow) challenge. All you have to do is plant something as a symbol of

hope and growth for our futures. Whether it's plants in the garden, cress in a pot or a tree at school, upload your planting pics at first.news/HelpingTheUKGrow.

We'd love all families and schools to share their photos and videos on social media and challenge someone else to join the movement, using the hashtag [#HelpingTheUKGrow](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingTheUKGrow).

BAD INFLUENCES



Food adverts can shape your food choices and encourage you to choose unhealthy foods

KIDS across the world are at risk of developing unhealthy diets from watching top young influencers on YouTube, say scientists.

They say that exposing kids to food adverts helps to shape your food choices as you grow older. Writing in an American journal called *Pediatrics*, the researchers say that food companies are targeting kids by paying influencers to promote fatty and sugary branded foods. And that, by using young influencers, the companies can get away with promoting unhealthy food in ways that would be banned on TV.

The researchers found that more than 90% of the food shown in the influencers' videos they studied was unhealthy branded products, compared to just 2.4% of healthy branded foods and



RyanToyReview

3.1% unbranded healthy foods, such as fruit and veg. Researchers say that many of the tactics used to promote food in this way "may qualify as unfair and deceptive [meant to trick you]".

A YouTube influencer plays with McDonald's toys in a video that's had more than 46m views

LEARNING FEARS

FEARS for the future of education worldwide have been discussed by experts at a meeting in Paris.

With so much normal life being disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) brought together politicians, presidents, education specialists and others to consider how education is being affected. Every country is having to make difficult decisions about how to pay to keep their economies going but, right now, only a tiny amount is being set aside for education and training. Actor and director Angelina Jolie, who is a UNESCO Special Envoy with an interest in education, said that it would be a big mistake to save money on education at this time.

More than 1.6 billion children worldwide have had their learning disrupted. The new Save Our Future campaign is recommending that governments and the international community come together to improve education going forward. The campaigners say that budgets should be protected so that those already missing out don't fall further behind.

Stefania Giannini, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education, said: "When education is in danger, so is our future."

4. NEWS IN PICTURES

WASHINGTON, USA



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A MEMBER of the Washington State Department of Agriculture displays a canister of Asian giant hornets vacuumed from a nest in a tree. Scientists discovered America's first nest of Asian giant hornets, nicknamed 'murder hornets', and worked to wipe it out to protect native honeybees. Workers spent weeks searching, trapping and using dental floss to tie tracking devices to the hornets, which can spray venom and deliver painful stings. They are the biggest threat facing honeybees, which farmers depend on to pollinate crops.



Getty

PERTH, AUSTRALIA

MEMPHIS, a southern white rhino, tucks into his 33rd birthday cake especially created with celery 'candles'. Memphis arrived at Perth Zoo in 1989 as part of a breeding programme to help save his species from extinction.

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The Royal Mint

The Royal Mint, in partnership with Disney, has released the second coin in its Winnie the Pooh and Friends series. The 50p coin features Christopher Robin, best friend and owner of the loveable bear. This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of the original Christopher Robin, son of Winnie the Pooh author AA Milne and the inspiration for his famous stories.

LONDON, UK



ARTS and community hub Rich Mix has unveiled a four-storey giant mural on the front of its building, celebrating diversity in the NHS and essential workers. Rich Mix worked in partnership with Paint the Change, which uses street art to start conversations about social justice. Titled 200 Nationalities, One NHS, the giant artwork features a young NHS health worker along with drawings and paintings of flowers from across the UK.



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DON'T BE SCARED, BUT BE SAFE



FIGURES released last week show that COVID-19 was the 19th highest cause of death in England in September (and the 24th highest in Wales).

That fact might surprise you, but for most people who catch the virus, the symptoms are mild and some don't even know they have it. However, it does spread very quickly and can easily be passed on to more vulnerable people. The virus has been especially deadly among the over-75s or those who have other health problems, although some younger people can suffer from the effects for several weeks or months afterwards.

Case numbers are rising quickly, though, and were expected to hit a million soon after *First News* went to press. So until we have a vaccine, which is at least a few months away, it's important that we follow the rules, keep washing our hands and stay socially distanced. We'll get through this!

FAILED AID



POOR countries have missed out on trillions of pounds of aid and are set to become poorer in the next few years.

A report by Oxfam says some rich western countries have failed to give \$5.7 trillion (£4,300 billion) they promised in international aid. The money is vital to fund health and education programmes that improve the lives of millions of people. Yet it is often the budget that is cut when rich countries want to save money. Oxfam says that Jeff Bezos, the world's richest man, has more money than all the international aid budgets added together, and that governments spend twice as much helping fossil fuel industries than they do on aid.

Oxfam says that the missing money means 260 million children can't go to school and two billion people don't have enough to eat.

LADY, 104, TAKES ON SIR TOM

STEP aside Captain Sir Tom Moore, there's a 104-year-old lady about to overtake you!

Ruth Saunders had already raised funds for the Air Ambulance, so thought she'd take on a fundraising walk like Captain Tom. She has already raised £30,000. Ruth started off aiming to do 104 laps of her garden, but then decided she could manage a marathon, which is over 26 miles. Captain Tom's 100 laps were around 1.5 miles. Ruth admits she is competitive and is delighted to be going farther, and at an older age, than the man who inspired her!



EDITOR'S COMMENT



COVID-19 has been by far the biggest story in 2020.

So, the report on this page that there are many other things more deadly – like heart disease – might surprise a lot of people.

It is probably reassuring to many people who are living in fear of catching the virus. But, do remember that we are all taking care to protect those people who are hardest hit by COVID-19 – mainly the elderly and those who already have other serious health problems. So – hands, face, space – for a bit longer!

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GOOD WEEK FOR...



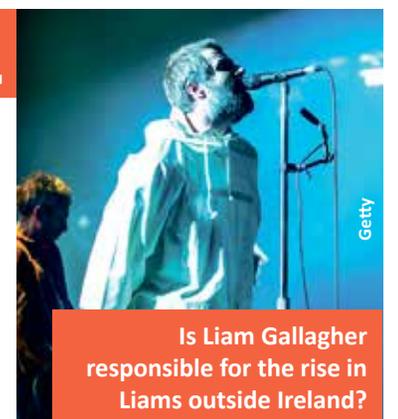
THE IBERIAN LYNX

ON the verge of extinction less than 20 years ago, numbers of Iberian lynx have increased from 94 to 855. However, the species isn't out of the woods yet. Experts say it could take until 2040 for this beautiful creature to be out of danger in its homelands of Spain and Portugal.

BAD WEEK FOR...

IRISH LIAMS

ONCE as Irish as a leprechaun, the name Liam is now more popular in Germany and Canada than at home. Only 334 Liams were born in Ireland last year, while it is the 11th most popular name in France. Irish Liams could soon be a tiny minority.



Is Liam Gallagher responsible for the rise in Liams outside Ireland?

POSTPONE CHRISTMAS? BAH HUMBUG!

TWO months to go and there is no doubt that whatever happens, Christmas will be different this year.

The COVID-19 crisis is not going away, so the question is how many people will we be able to celebrate with on the big day? Professor Jason Leitch, Scotland's national clinical director, says we should prepare for a "digital Christmas", or does that sound so awful we should just cancel it altogether? For some who love a big

family Christmas, seeing our loved ones on a screen could be worse than not seeing them at all. Alternatively, we could embrace it and go all out setting up family quizathons, sharing family movie moments and even having grandma online at the end of the table during dinner. What do you think?

POLL OF THE WEEK

Should we cancel Christmas?
Vote at first.news/polls

6. HOME NEWS

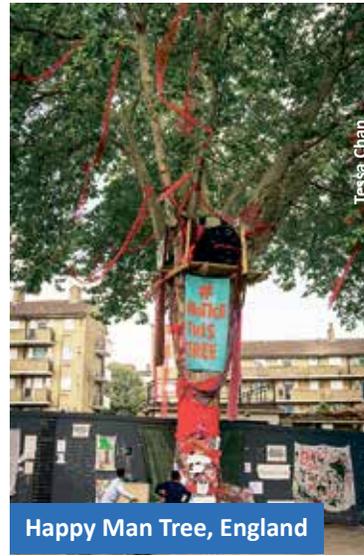
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Trees of the year announced

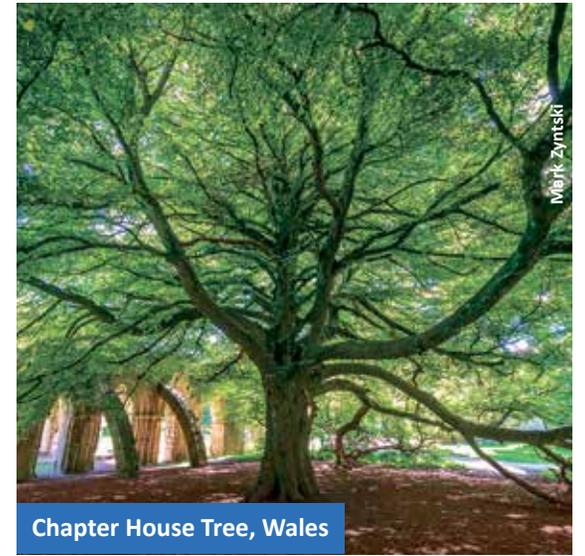
The winners of the Tree of the Year awards have been announced. Scotland's winner is The Survivor in Carrifran Wildwood. The rowan tree stands as a symbol for the Borders Forest Trust, which has planted 600,000 trees since 2000. England's winner is the Happy Man Tree in London. The 150-year-old plane tree is set to be chopped down but members of the local community are fighting to save it. Wales' winner is a stunning fern-leaved beech, the Chapter House Tree at Margam Abbey. Each tree wins £1,000, which can be spent on ensuring the tree's health or holding a public celebration.



The Survivor, Scotland



Happy Man Tree, England



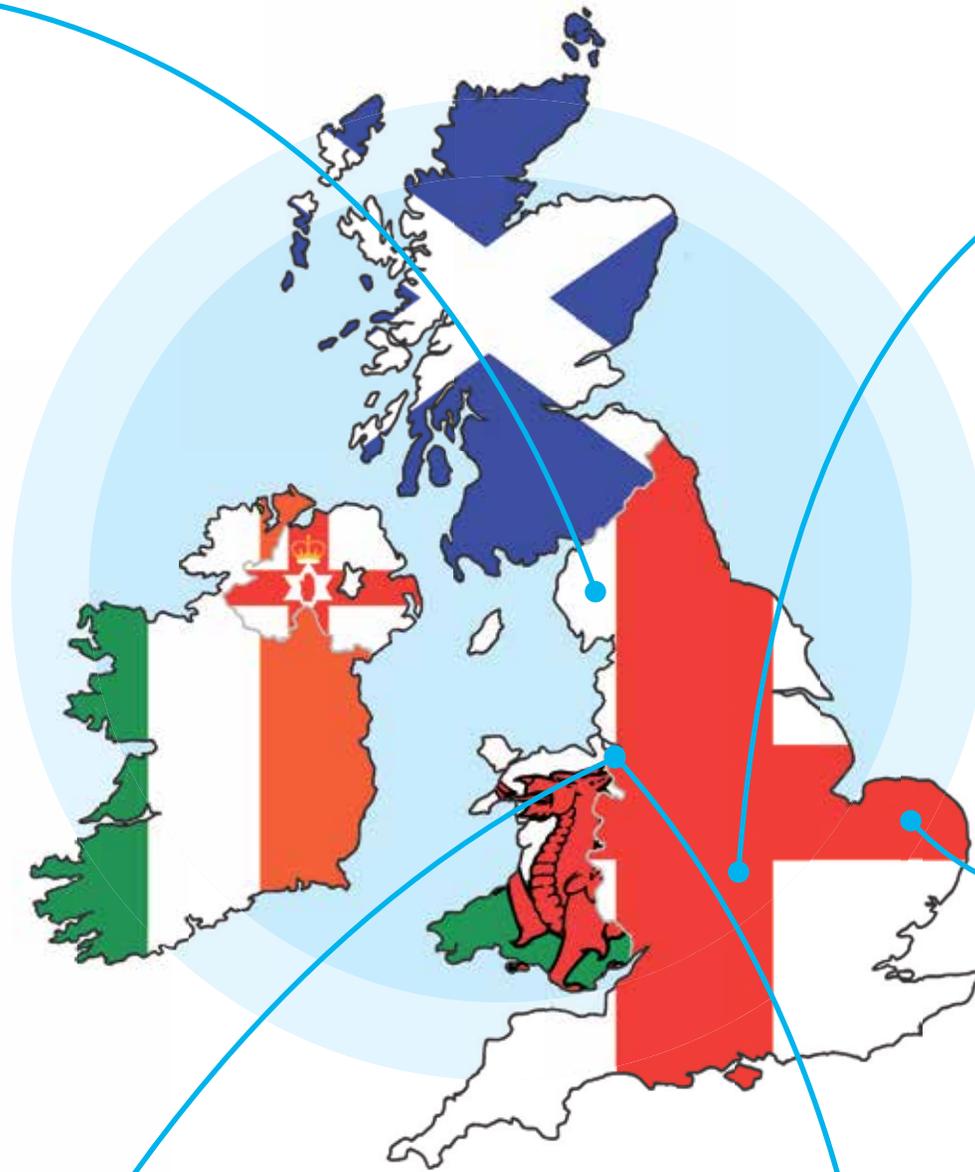
Chapter House Tree, Wales

CUMBRIA



Man reunited with dog

Emotions ran high when a 93-year-old man was reunited with his beloved sheepdog. Alan Leek hadn't seen Cap for two years, since he moved into a care home and had to give him up. But, thanks to Cap's new owner, they have been reunited at last. SallyAnn Fisher drove 300 miles to Alan's care home so the pair could spend some time together. SallyAnn said: "I just felt I had to do it because, when I was talking to Alan, he was saying how lonely he was. And I'd like to feel that when I'm old, maybe somebody will come and see me and brighten up my day." Aaw.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Puddle splashing comp

The World Puddle Jumping Championships are going virtual this year, opening up the floodgates for global entries. The event usually takes place in Wicksteed Park in Kettering, but this year anyone can submit a video of themselves jumping into puddles. The entries must be posted on the park's Facebook page by 2 November and contestants will be judged on criteria like jumping ability, enthusiasm and splashing distance. Good luck, puddle jumpers!

NORFOLK

Teens find rare coins

Two teenage boys have separately found very rare coins while using metal detectors. Reece Pickering, 17, from Great Yarmouth found a Harold II silver penny, while Walter Taylor, 16, from Essex discovered a Henry I silver penny. Both coins are almost 1,000 years old. Reece's sold for £4,000 at auction; Walter's went for £3,100.

CHESHIRE

Illegal loo breaks?

Customers at a drive-in cinema in Chester FC's stadium were almost caught short when Welsh coronavirus restrictions meant that no-one would be allowed to go to the toilet. The stadium is on the England/Wales border and, while the cars would all be on the English side, the toilets were on the Welsh side. Luckily, event promoter Storyhouse realised the problem and ordered some portable loos in time, meaning customers could have a wee without breaking the law!



CHESHIRE

Zoo building reopens

The largest zoological building in the UK has reopened after being damaged in a fire two years ago. The Monsoon Forest area in Chester Zoo was home to almost 70 species, including lizards, tortoises and Sumatran orangutans. They had to be moved after the fire but we're sure they are happy to have returned to the Monsoon Forest habitat, which recreates the climate of Southeast Asia.



He's happy to be back!

7. BIG NEWS

THE POPPY APPEAL



THE Poppy Appeal is here and, like many things, the pandemic has made it different this year.

With many of the charity's collectors unable to carry out face-to-face collections for the Poppy Appeal, the Royal British Legion is asking people to donate via post or online.

It is also asking that people display poppies in their window this year.

To launch this year's appeal, the Royal British Legion has released portraits of those who volunteer for, and are helped by, the Poppy Appeal each year.

One of the portraits (above) features Poppy, who is 11 and raises money at school for the appeal every year.

TEST AND TRACE TROUBLE

THE prime minister has admitted that England's Test and Trace system needs to be improved. The £12 billion system is supposed to reach out to those who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Some parts of the system are run by the Government, while other parts are being run by companies. This week, it was revealed that the Test and Trace system in England was only reaching 60% of close contacts. The prime minister said: "I share people's frustrations and I understand totally why we do need to see faster turnaround times and we need to improve it."



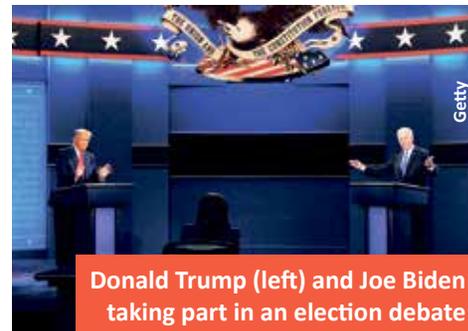
A RECORD-BREAKING number of Americans have voted early in this year's presidential election.

As First News went to press, more than 64 million people had already had their say. Experts think turnout (the total number of people who vote) could be above 65% for the first time since 1908. At the last election in 2016, it was just 55.5%.

The election day itself is Tuesday 3 November, but many people chose to get their vote in early because of rising cases of COVID-19 in the USA. Last week, the country recorded more than 80,000 daily cases for the first time. Americans are choosing between current President Donald Trump and his Democrat rival Joe Biden to run the country. Polls show that most voters think President Trump has handled coronavirus badly and that they trust Joe Biden more.

In several parts of the country, more votes have been cast early than the total number of votes cast in 2016. Voters have reported having to queue for several hours in some areas, including New York.

It's believed Mr Biden holds an advantage among early voters and he was also ahead in national polls at the start of the last full week of campaigning. He had also raised a lot more money than Mr Trump, which will help him to pay for adverts to get his message across. Both candidates have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on their campaigns.



Donald Trump (left) and Joe Biden taking part in an election debate

DAD'S DIRE DRAWINGS FOR CHARITY



justgiving.com/fundraising/portraitsbyhercule

DOODLING dad Phil Heckels has found internet fame with his peculiar drawings of people's pets!

Phil, who calls himself "acclaimed artist Hercule Van Wolfwinkle", started drawing pet portraits for his six-year-old son, Sam, while helping him to make a thank you card.

After putting the pictures on social media, he quickly had his friends requesting dodgy drawings of their own animals.

Phil felt that his drawings were just too rubbish to be worth any money, so asked that, instead, people should give to Turning Tides, his local homeless charity in Worthing. So far, he's made 120 portraits and raised more than £21,000!

WATER FOUND ON THE MOON

NASA has discovered water molecules in a sunlit crater on the surface of the moon.

After teasing an "exciting announcement" last week, on Monday, NASA revealed that it had spotted water molecules on the sunlit areas of the moon at the south pole.

The water molecules were spotted by a team working on the SOFIA observatory, which is a modified 747 aeroplane that flies high in the atmosphere. They can see things more clearly than land-based teams, because their view isn't affected by gases in our atmosphere.

The water molecules that were spotted are spread so thinly that they can't form as ice or liquid water. But, even when in direct sunlight, the water doesn't evaporate, so it could be trapped in glassy 'beads' or in soil.

NASA also made it clear that it doesn't think that there's life on the moon, since there are "many other factors" required to support life.

It estimated that there could be up to 15,000 square miles (39,000km²) of frozen water on the moon.

NASA says it is developing plans to extract the water from the moon now. It also hopes to learn how the water arrived there and how it moves across the moon.



8. WORLD NEWS

ITALY



● COVID-19 clashes

There have been protests against the Italian government's latest coronavirus restrictions, with some people taking to the streets in protest and clashing with police. Bars and restaurants must now close by 6pm, while gyms, cinemas and swimming pools have been shut to try to slow a second wave of infections. The World Health Organization boss Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that "pandemic fatigue" had set in and people were tired but that "we cannot give up".



BELGIUM



● Clone crayfish takeover

Mutant clone crayfish that were created in an experimental breeding programme have taken over a graveyard in Belgium. It's thought that German pet sellers in the 1990s accidentally bred the marbled crayfish. The crustacean, which can't be found in the wild naturally, has the ability to clone itself without needing a partner. This means that all marbled crayfish are females, and have the exact same DNA. It's thought that someone with a marbled crayfish pet released it into a canal close to the Schoonselhof cemetery in Antwerp, and it cloned itself there. Ecologists say they don't know how they'll remove the invasive mutant species.



JAPAN



● Radioactive row

The Japanese government has said that it is considering releasing more than a million tonnes of radioactive water from the severely damaged Fukushima nuclear plant into the sea. Environmental charity Greenpeace says the water contains "dangerous" levels of radioactive substances that could "potentially damage human DNA".



CHILE



● A new constitution

Most people in Chile have voted to rewrite their constitution (the laws that say how a country is run). More than 78% said 'yes' in a referendum that was called following mass protests. The protests began after a fare rise on the Santiago metro sparked wider demonstrations about inequality. Chile's president, Sebastián Piñera, praised the peaceful vote. He said it was "the beginning of a path that we must all walk together". A vote in April 2021 will choose the people to draw up the new constitution, which will be presented to the Chilean people for another vote in 2022.



VIETNAM



● Evacuation begins

As First News went to press, Vietnam was preparing to evacuate 1.3 million people out of the path of Typhoon Molave. The typhoon is the fourth storm to hit Vietnam this month, causing flooding, landslides and the destruction of homes. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuân Phúc has said that "troops must deploy full force to support people, including mobilising helicopters, tanks and other means of transportation if needed".



BELARUS



● General strike

Factory workers, students and pensioners in Belarus have taken to the country's streets in a huge strike. In August, the country held elections that were seen as unfair. Since then, Belarusians have been protesting and, this week, took part in a huge, nationwide strike against the election results.



OUR WORLD



NAME: CARLOS
LIVES: BRAZIL

CARLOS is 16 years old, and a member of a youth-led pressure group in Brazil called Youth Monitoring Social Policies. The group lobbies the Brazilian government on issues that matter to young people in the country.

Carlos has carried out research into violence, bullying and safety at school. He puts this to people in power to urge them to change things, so that young people can live free from discrimination.

He said: "It really bothers me that people are discriminated against and suffer for their own choices about how they want to live their lives. We deserve rights to protection and freedom of expression wherever we go."



To find out more, go to www.amnesty.org.uk



9. ANIMAL NEWS

FIREWORK FEARS



MANY people will be celebrating Bonfire Night or Diwali at home this year, but it's important to remember how frightening fireworks can be for pets.

This year, many organised events have been cancelled, so more people will be enjoying celebrations at home, which may include fireworks.

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is worried about the number of home fireworks that may be set off this year and how they will impact pets, livestock and wildlife.

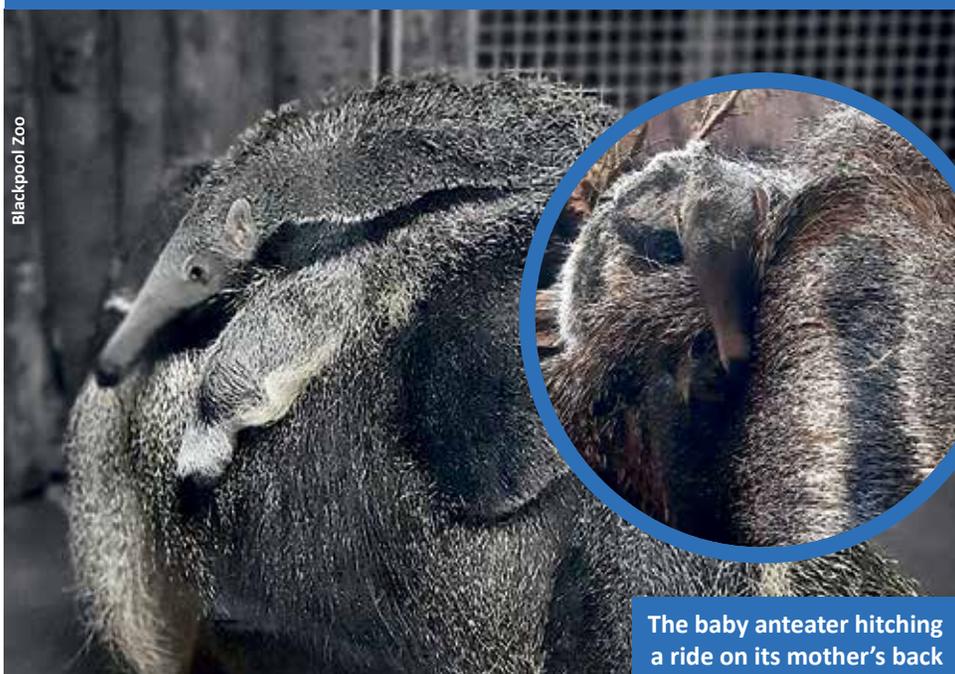
The flashes and loud bangs can upset and frighten animals, causing them to panic and run off. In 2018, one in 14 vets reported

treating animals with firework-related injuries.

If you have pets, it's important to make sure they're inside and in a safe space after dark, especially if you know fireworks may be set off. Make sure they have their favourite blanket or toys and try to leave a TV or radio on so that it muffles the sounds outside.

The leftover bits of fireworks and sparklers can be a hazard to animals too, so if you are having a celebration in your garden, make sure you clear away any leftover pieces before you let your pets back out.

GIANT BUBBLE



The baby anteater hitching a ride on its mother's back

BLACKPOOL Zoo's newest family bubble is a huge hit with visitors.

Giant anteaters Andina and Eskil welcomed their baby at the start of June, while the zoo was closed to visitors. The pup will live on its mother's back for up to a year, and is already a firm favourite among visitors, thanks to its unusual appearance.

Staff at the zoo are leaving the baby to be raised naturally by its parents, so they are unsure yet whether it is a boy or a girl.

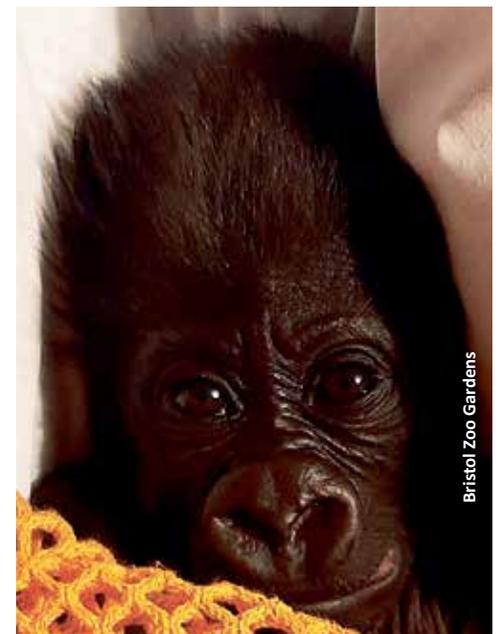
The giant anteater is the most threatened species in Central America, where the species lives in swamps, grasslands and forests.

I NEED A NAME!

A RARE western lowland gorilla born at Bristol Zoo Gardens needs a name, and keepers want your help naming him!

The two-month-old is being raised by keepers after struggling to get enough milk from his mother. A shortlist of names has been drawn up and the zoo wants people to vote for their favourite. You can choose from **Motuku** ('Chief of the Village' in the Bubi language), **Hasani** ('handsome' in Swahili), **Luango** (a town in Equatorial Guinea) or **Kidosi** (a popular African name).

You can vote for your favourite at [facebook.com/BristolZooGardens](https://www.facebook.com/BristolZooGardens) although please be aware of age limits on social media.



BITESIZE NEWS

TREETOP bridges made from water pipes are being used to help critically endangered Javan slow lorises move

around the forest. Large areas of rainforest in Java have been cleared for farming, which can stop the mammals from moving around. Slow lorises were recorded making over 1,400 crossings on the bridges over two years by Professor Anna Nekaris from Oxford Brookes University. She has been studying the animals, thanks to funding from wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES).

First News has teamed up with **sky Kids** show **FYI** and the **young audiences CONTENT FUND** to make a series of videos for you to watch at home or at school, called **Kidversation**. Across the world, children are fighting for their right to a better life. Thirty years ago, nearly every country signed up to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international agreement to take care of children – but are they? This week, Archie meets Arven to talk about a child's right to seek refuge in a safe country.

ARCHIE MEETS ARVEN

Hello, my name is Arven, I'm from Iran and I am a refugee



ARVEN and his family lived in tents in a field on the French coast for months. Millions of refugees and migrants arrive in Europe hoping to be offered a new life, but countries say they're overwhelmed and many refugees are forced to move on. The dangerous waters of the English Channel are all that lies between them and their last hope of a new life in the UK. Archie first met up with Arven on the French coast...

ARCHIE: Are you planning to go to the UK?

ARVEN: Yes.

ARCHIE: How do you think you are going to get there?

ARVEN: By boat.

Arven and his family say their lives were in danger in their home country, Iran. After months of travelling across Europe with the help of people smugglers, they ended up in Dunkirk on the French coast.

ARVEN: The problem is it's very cold here. My brother is ill, there's no help for my brother, no doctor. He has autism and epilepsy.

Since the end of 2019 record numbers of migrants who are seeking a better life or refugees who are fleeing war or violence are being picked up in the English Channel in small boats. Some also hide in lorries on ferries. Arven's family are determined to cross the channel to seek help from the British Government.

ARCHIE: Are you scared of going to England a little bit?

ARVEN: Yes, I'm afraid because the sea is very big and I'm afraid the boat will crash. I don't know how to swim.

ARCHIE: So is it really worth that risk, that danger?

ARVEN: No, but we don't have a choice.

A few weeks after talking to Arven, FYI reported on one of the largest attempted crossings made by refugees and migrants from France to the English coast. Arven and his family were on board one of the five boats stopped by the British Coastguard.

ARCHIE: I'm about to meet Arven again. It's absolutely insane that he's come over to the UK in a boat. I just cannot imagine enduring those kinds of conditions.

ARVEN: Hey. Hi!

He seems completely different, just happier. For now, Arven and his family are allowed to stay in the UK.

I wanted to know more about his dangerous journey across the English Channel and I dug out some news footage to help him explain it to me.

ARCHIE: Was it night time, so like this, or was it bright?

ARVEN: Like this, yeah. It was so windy and the waves were so big. The water came into our boat. I got wet.

ARCHIE: So, your feet were in the boat, and in the boat there was water?

ARVEN: Yeah, yeah. The water came up to here (Arven points to his shins). It was scary and it was so cold I thought I was going to die.



Archie speaks to Arven

It seems Arven has integrated really well. He's made loads of friends inside and outside school. It looks like hanging out at his mate's house is just a normal weekend for him. I even got treated to some traditional Persian dishes Arven's mum brought round.

ARCHIE: You call this stuff koshesh?

ARVEN: Yeah, koshesh. This one mish, like chicken... mish. In this one, salad.

For now, the British authorities have given the family a place to live and they're allowing Arven and his brother to go to school.

ARVEN: I like the school because I'm learning the English language. I like this language and I know I'm in a safe place. I have a question for you: after school I'd like to go somewhere to play football or join a club.

ARCHIE: Yeah, there's loads of things that you can do. A lot of football teams have youth teams, you know, teams for kids. We love football here, it's our national sport. What are your hopes for the future?

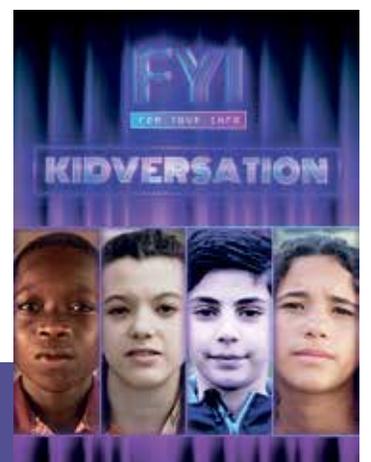
ARVEN: I want to be a doctor, working and treating children like my brother who has been diagnosed autistic.

ARCHIE: Oh that's amazing. You want to work with people like your brother and help them?

ARVEN: Thank you. Or I'd like to do something like you do on TV or to be a producer.

ARCHIE: We've decided, me and Arven, we're gonna make documentaries together. He's gonna be the cameraman and the producer and I'm gonna be the presenter and we're gonna talk about everything.

Arven has a right to seek refuge, but after so many countries refusing to help them, the UK was their final hope. A few weeks after we met, the British Government decided not to deport the family, so their case can be investigated. And only then will it be decided if they can stay in Britain permanently. It's their best chance yet to be given a new home in a safe country and to make plans for the future.



Kids – you can watch this Kidversation at [first.news/kidversation](https://www.firstnews.co.uk/kidversation)

Teachers – you can watch the film in the classroom alongside our tie-in award-winning educational resources at [schools.firstnews.co.uk](https://www.schools.firstnews.co.uk)

First News has teamed up with former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan for a spectacular panto to watch online at school or at home. Since 2020 has been quite frankly rubbish, we couldn't have Christmas without panto, could we? Finally, something to cheer!

PANTO FOR EVERYONE!



AS Christmas draws closer, many schools and teachers may be wondering how they can fill the gap of producing a nativity play or organising a Christmas outing to a theatre to see a pantomime.

In the last issue of First News I wrote about the online panto film I made in the summer, *Jack and the Beanstalk (A Garden Adventure!)*. If your school does choose to watch it, your teachers will also receive some short creative online workshops that will tell you how to make your own show to perform in your bubbles at school or even at home. It doesn't have to be a fairy tale like a pantomime, you can make up your own story. It can be set in the past, the future or even in the strange times we live in now.

The workshops are in four episodes. The first shows how to use your ideas and imagination to create your own story or play, how to get ready and run rehearsals playing different roles. The second will be about music, how to make up your own songs or to take tunes that you know and change the lyrics to fit into your story.

The third workshop will show how to make simple costumes and props to add to the spectacle, and the final episode will be about movement or dance, as well as describing the best way to present the final result to your teachers and classmates.

If your school would like to watch *Jack and the Beanstalk*, go to pantoonline.co.uk and we will send the creative workshops before the film is released and ready to watch from 7 December. And if your school allows, you could even film your own show, post it on social media and become an internet sensation!



I wash my hands to protect everyone.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STROKES OF GENIUS

JAMES Finch is an expert in 19th century British art and an assistant curator at Tate Britain, where a new exhibition is exploring the work of one of Britain's greatest ever painters, JMW Turner. James told us all about him and why he was so important.



England: Richmond Hill, on the Prince Regent's birthday, from 1819

JMW (Joseph Mallord William) Turner is one of the most famous painters in the history of British art. He has an art prize (the Turner Prize) and a gallery (Turner Contemporary in Margate) named after him, and his face is even on £20 notes! Turner was born in 1775 in London, where he lived until his death in 1851.

Like many aspiring artists at that time, Turner studied at the Royal Academy Schools (part of the Royal Academy of Arts, which still exists today). His talent was recognised at an early age and he became a Member of the Royal Academy (essentially a club for successful artists) when he was only 26. Most years he exhibited pictures at the Royal Academy's summer exhibition (an annual tradition that continues to this day) but his success enabled him to set up his own gallery, where collectors could view and buy his works.

Turner was primarily a landscape artist. He loved travelling, and most years he went on a 'sketching tour' in Britain or continental Europe, filling sketchbooks with drawings that inspired his subsequent paintings. Unsurprisingly for a landscape artist he loved water; he travelled by boat whenever possible and enjoyed fishing. Turner also designed his own house in Twickenham, to the west of London near the river Thames, which is now open to the public.

Turner also painted many other subjects, including scenes from ancient history and mythology, and contemporary military and naval battles, such as Trafalgar and Waterloo. In addition to his exhibited paintings, Turner also had a successful sideline as an illustrator, producing hundreds of designs that were made into prints and published alongside poems and stories. Like any entrepreneur, he was always looking for new ways to make money from his talents!

As he got older, Turner's art became increasingly experimental. Critics complained that his paintings didn't look finished, and that they couldn't tell what he was painting. In fact, Turner was ahead of his time. He rejected traditional expectations of landscape painting and depicted nature as we so often see it— when we're dazzled by the

sun, or disorientated by fog or rain. Turner claimed that one of his most famous pictures resulted from his own experience of being on a steamboat in a fierce snowstorm. By painting his experience of the world, rather than what was conventionally considered beautiful, Turner paved the way for the Impressionists and perhaps even abstract art.

Turner's paintings can now be seen around the world, but the largest collection of his work is in London. Late in his life, Turner decided to leave to the nation all of the art that he owned, so that it could be enjoyed by everyone. There was a lot of it – nearly 300 oil paintings and many thousands of drawings and watercolours (including all of his sketchbooks). Most of this art is now in the Tate collection. At Tate Britain, in London, there is a group of galleries where Turner's art is always on display for free.

A new exhibition of Turner's art has also just opened at Tate Britain, bringing together paintings and watercolours from many different collections. Titled *Turner's Modern World*, it looks at how he included a wide range of modern subjects in his art. Turner lived through a period full of important events: a long-running war between Britain and Napoleon's France made life unstable and uncertain; important inventions such as steam travel transformed transport and industry; and laws such as the abolition of slavery marked an important change to the way human life was valued. All of these subjects, and many more, were painted by Turner in his efforts to depict the times he lived in.

Despite his fame, Turner was not a conventional celebrity – his appearance and behaviour were eccentric, and in later years he liked to conceal his identity. There is still so much that we don't know about him. Who knows what subjects Turner would paint if he was alive today – the effects of climate change? Human rights protests? It's impossible to tell, but looking at Turner's art invites us to consider what is most distinctive about our own modern world.

All pics: JMW Turner



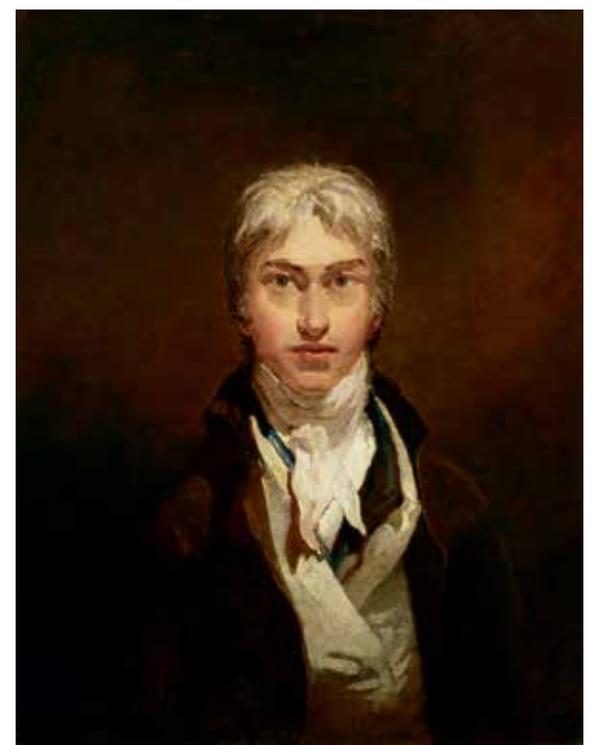
Shields on the River Tyne, from 1823



Snow Storm – Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth, from 1842



The Battle of Trafalgar, as seen from the Mizen Starboard Shrouds of the Victory, from 1806-8



A Turner self-portrait, from around 1799 (it isn't part of the new exhibition, but can be seen elsewhere in Tate Britain)

13. THE BIG(ISH) PICTURE



LONDON'S Parliament Square was the scene for this bizarre protest against plans for a trade deal with the US after Brexit.

The odd protest above is meant to draw attention to the different food standards in the US, where cows can be injected with hormones to help them grow, and chickens are washed in chlorine to kill off bacteria. Lots of people are also unhappy because they think that American healthcare companies will be allowed to run parts of the NHS as part of the trade deal.

TAKEDA Advertisement feature



#BorntobeADHD



ADHD is the most common neurodevelopmental childhood condition, and can continue throughout adolescence and into adulthood*. October is **ADHD Awareness Month** and, to celebrate, we have developed a series of **#BorntobeADHD** memes to help young people share their own stories of living with ADHD.

Created by people with ADHD for people with ADHD, these memes shine a light on the everyday adventures of young people living with ADHD through eye-catching illustrations and animations.

From the amusing to the inspiring, **#BorntobeADHD** memes help demonstrate the positive experiences of life with an ADHD brain and challenge some of the negative stereotypes associated with the condition.

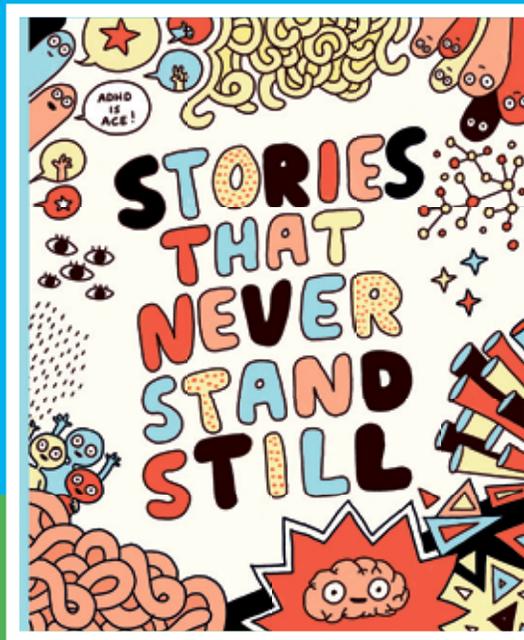
#BorntobeADHD memes can be shared across your social media channels to help tell your own story. In honour of ADHD Awareness Month, please use them if you would like to



illustrate your own true experiences and viewpoints in a positive, authentic way to support and inspire the wider ADHD community or to help others understand what living with ADHD is like.

Read about real-life stories of people living with ADHD in **Stories That Never Stand Still**, a book highlighting the positives of ADHD, along with ways to support the negatives.

*ADHD Foundation. FAQs. Available at adhdfoundation.org.uk/faqs



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Please be aware of age restrictions on social media.

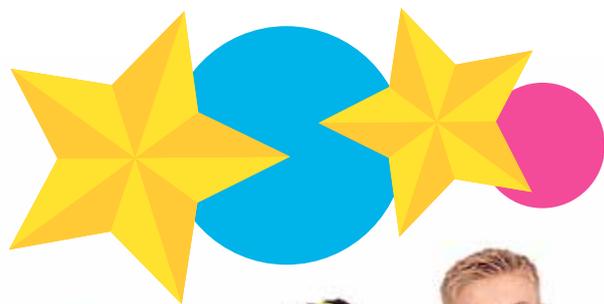
Whether you want to share the many ways ADHD makes you, or provide a glimpse to your friends and family of what's going on inside an ADHD brain, have a look through our meme library and download your favourites for free at borntobeADHD.co.uk/memes/

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14. ENTERTAINMENT

KIDZ BOP



“WE STILL HAVE TO DO HOMEWORK!”

KIDZ BOP talk lockdown, celebrity fans and what it's really like being a pop star...

● Have you met any of the artists that you've covered?

Max: We haven't met them personally but we've had messages sent to us.

Twinkle: Anne-Marie retweeted our *Ciao Adios* music video and that was really exciting. It was crazy to see that someone we'd covered had actually seen our music video.

● Do you get starstruck when you meet other pop stars or do you play it cool?

Mia: Obviously it's so nice to meet them, as we've heard so much about them and their songs are amazing, but we keep our cool.

Twinkle: But on the inside we're freaking out!

● What's your favourite song from your new album?

Ashton: Good question. My favourite song on the album is *Physical*, because I just love the '80s/'90s vibe, and when I imagine the perfect party, it's that song.

Max: *Lonely*. I liked the song before we even covered it and it's just a really fun song to cover.

Twinkle: I'd say *Lonely* too. It fits in with the whole party vibe. I feel like the whole album has a party vibe. I would say if you want to dance to something, definitely play *Lonely*.

Mia: Mine is *Break My Heart*. We had so much fun filming the video.

● What song would you love to cover?

Ashton: I really like Dua Lipa at the moment. *Levitating* is such a good song.

Mia: I think I'd like to do a throwback song. You know, change it up a bit. It'd be really fun.

● What's the best thing about being a pop star?

Twinkle: I would have to go with tours and performing concerts because that's the time we get to see the people that support us. It's amazing to see everyone vibing with us and to meet them in person.

Max: I've always enjoyed doing the music videos.

Mia: Yeah, me too, they're so much fun to make. I love the travelling part too; we've been to so many places, like Miami.

Ashton: Mine is recording the songs. It's just a really cool atmosphere in the studio, working with our vocal coach, testing our range and seeing what we can do. And then, we get to hear the song come together.

● How do you balance being pop stars and doing homework?

Max: We go to school just like normal kids. We still have homework. I was actually doing my homework on the way here today. Usually we rehearse on the weekends, so we do the normal five days at school and then get the rehearsals done at the weekend.

● What do your friends think about you being pop stars?

Ashton: They're so supportive. They're always asking, "what's the next thing with KIDZ BOP?"

Twinkle: I think another good thing about all of our friends is that they're always there for us. If we do miss anything at school, they're always there to help us catch up. I can't explain how grateful I am to have such good friends to help me keep up with everything.

● How did you find lockdown?

Ashton: A lot of my friends were saying that they were finding it hard and ran out of things to do, but I found a lot of things to do. I started to play the guitar and the piano, things that I would have never had the time to do.

Mia: I really enjoyed lockdown because we got to spend time at home with our families. Also, we did shoot a few music videos, commercials and things on social media, which was really fun.

Twinkle: I think altogether it was a very big change for a lot of people but I think it was cool to see the different things you could do at home and being outside.

● How did you find going back to school after lockdown?

Max: I was definitely nervous because it's that change of scenery again – we've never had that big chunk of time away from school before. But when I got back into the swing of things it was quite enjoyable seeing my friends again.

Twinkle: I have to say at one point in lockdown I was missing school! It was so nice to see all my teachers and friends again.



KIDZ BOP's new album, *KIDZ BOP 2021*, is out now

THIS WEEK

1 Once Halloween is over for another year, it means we can officially start thinking about Christmas! The festivities begin this week at Disneyland Paris, with Disney's Enchanted Christmas kicking off on 7 November.



2 The new live-action film *Roald Dahl's The Witches* is now available to rent from your own home. The film, which stars Anne Hathaway as the Grand High Witch, can be rented for 48 hours from premium video-on-demand services in the UK. Perfect Halloween week viewing to scare the whole family!



PICS OF THE WEEK



BLUE Planet II captured our imaginations as a TV show, and now it's been turned into a beautiful illustrated book.

The book is packed with stunning illustrations like these and will help you learn about life beneath the waves. From warm tropical waters to the chilly Arctic, the ocean is teeming with life and fascinating creatures. Did you know that swordfish have eyes the size of a tennis ball, which heat up to help the fish see when they are in deep water? Or that fur seals like to swim and play in kelp forests – which can grow up to 60m tall? That's as tall as a tower block!



Blue Planet II, published by Puffin, is available from 5 November at waterstones.com or amazon.co.uk

STRICTLY STATS

STRICTLY Come Dancing waltzed back onto our screens last week, but who are the new celebrities taking part?

1

Singer and actor Max George used to be in pop band The Wanted with Jay McGuinness, who won *Strictly* in 2015. Max admits he'll be asking Jay for some tips!

2

Nicola Adams is a boxing champion with two Olympic gold medals. She is making history as part of *Strictly's* first same-sex couple.

5

Bill Bailey is a comedian, musician and actor. He's looking forward to learning to dance after giving up lessons as a kid and regretting it ever since!

7

Reality TV star Jamie Laing was meant to appear in the series last year but broke his foot during the launch episode and was replaced by Kelvin Fletcher – who went on to win!

9

JJ Chalmers is a television presenter, former Royal Marine and Invictus Games medallist. He is also buddies with Prince Harry!

3

Actor Caroline Quentin was starring in a play at the National Theatre that got cancelled because of lockdown. She thought *Strictly* would be something fun to do instead.

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Former Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has always enjoyed dancing and won a bronze medal for Scottish Highland dancing when she was younger.

6

HRVY is best known as a pop star and for being big on social media. His mum is very excited that he's on *Strictly* and he says he really wants to win!

8

Jason Bell is a former American football star turned sports presenter. He says his biggest critic will be his six-year-old daughter, who he shares with ex-Girls Aloud star Nadine Coyle.

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Actor Maisie Smith has been in soap opera *EastEnders* since she was six. She took part in the Children In Need *Strictly* special last year and is very excited about wearing lots of sequins!

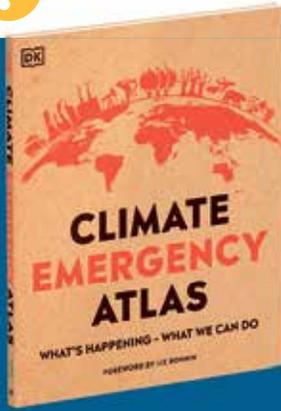
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Ranvir Singh is the political editor of *Good Morning Britain*. The journalist said she was speechless and felt sick with nerves when she was confirmed for the show!



16. PUZZLE FUN

WIN! CLIMATE CHANGE ATLAS

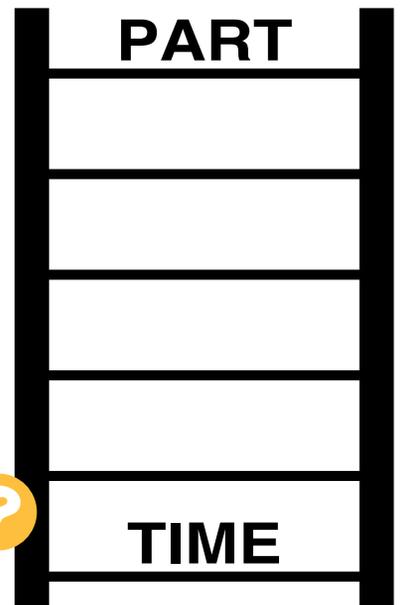


CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle, filling in the numbers one to nine?

Send in your answers and two lucky winners will win a copy of *Climate Emergency Atlas*. Never has there been a more urgent time to take action against climate change. *Climate Emergency Atlas* is a unique graphic atlas packed full of facts, figures and eye-popping maps that help you get a better understanding of the causes of the climate crisis and its effects. We're in this together and you can be the change our planet needs!

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WORD LADDER



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

WIN! GOTTA GO FLAMINGO



CAN you complete our prize crossword puzzle by using the clues below?

Send in your answers and two lucky readers will each win a Little Live Pets Gotta Go Flamingo. Little Live Pets brings you Gotta Go Flamingo, the funniest and hippest interactive flamingo! He'll make you laugh as he wiggles and jiggles his neck and repeats what you say.

After feeding him, he'll let you know that he's just 'Gotta Go' and do a 'poop' into the loo! Just feed him some more and he'll go again and again. You'll just keep laughing as he sings his hilarious 'Gotta Go' song!

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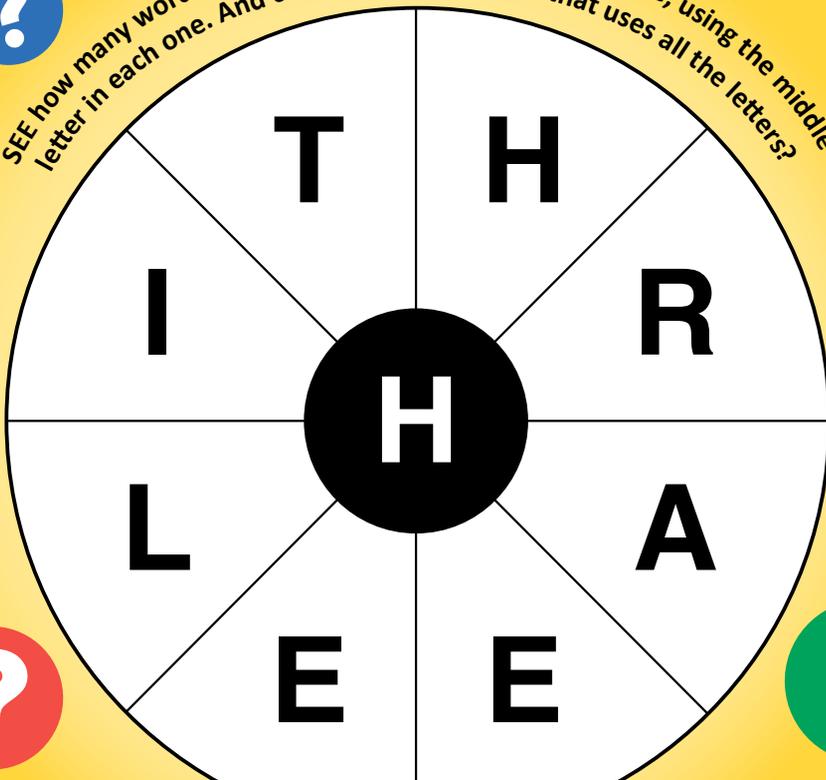
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- ACROSS**
- 1 These cause the ground to shake (11)
 - 6 Animal doctors (4)
 - 8 Cut with scissors (4)
 - 9 Manage to do something (7)
 - 10 Unwraps a present (5)
 - 11 A large group of insects (5)
 - 13 Running late; not on time (7)
 - 15 At any time (4)
 - 16 Piece of office furniture (4)
 - 17 US musician whose hits include *Shake It Off* (6,5)

- DOWN**
- 1 The natural world or ecosystem (11)
 - 2 Rodents (4)
 - 3 Duck sound (5)
 - 4 Friendly and nice (4)
 - 5 Large shop (11)
 - 7 Brighter (7)
 - 8 Plant that grows in salty water (7)
 - 12 Relay (anagram) (5)
 - 13 Say something is not true (4)
 - 14 ___ Moore: Hollywood actor (4)

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?



17. PUZZLE FUN

HOW TO ENTER: Send your finished puzzles by email to win@firstnews.co.uk. Don't forget to put **Puzzles 750** in the subject box. We're afraid that we can't accept postal entries for now. The closing date for entries is **Thursday 5 November 2020**.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

JUST for fun this week! Can you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from the new film *The Witches*?



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nickelodeon's UNFILTERED

FIRE up your filters! **Nickelodeon's Unfiltered** is a new game show, where celebrities hide behind hilarious 3D animated characters and it's up to our panel to ask questions, gather clues and play games to correctly guess the mystery guest!

Practise your guessing skills by working out who these people are!



Who is the mystery guest at last year's Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards?

Which three famous faces covered up in these images can you spot on Nickelodeon in between episodes of *Unfiltered*?



WIN! ONE OF 10 NICKELODEON EXPERIMAKE KITS

Do you want to win a new Nickelodeon Experimake Swivelling Solar System kit? Then send us the names of the four mystery stars, along with your name, age and contact details to firstnewscompetition@nickelodeon.co.uk



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Entry is open to residents of the UK and Republic of Ireland only. Please make sure you have your parent or guardian's permission to enter.

Tune in to *Unfiltered* at 9:30am every Saturday and Sunday on **nickelodeon**.

The competition closes on 6 November 2020.

COMPETITIONS: You can enter First News competitions in one of two ways. 1. Go to firstnews.co.uk/competitions and follow the instructions. 2. Email us at win@firstnews.co.uk putting 'competition name' (e.g. Holiday), in the subject box. Please note: First News will not share your personal details with third parties. First News will only use your details to contact the competition winners. First News competitions are only open to those aged 17-and-under and residents of the UK & Republic of Ireland, except employees of First News, First Group Enterprises Ltd, Reach plc and any associated companies and their families. Winners will be the first correct entries drawn after the closing dates. No purchase necessary. No responsibility can be accepted for entries that have been lost or damaged in transit. First News will not enter into any correspondence. All winners will be notified accordingly and their names and location will be available on request. No cash alternative for any prizes will be offered. The winner may be required to partake in media activity relating to the competition.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the difference: alien's shirt is green, barrel has been added, green button removed, barrel has extra hole, exhaust has been removed.

Word ladder: bird, bind, bond, bone, gone, gene. **Word wheel:** corrected.

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18. BIG INTERVIEW by Shelley Moulden

■ Can you tell us what Greg and the Heffleys are up to in *The Deep End*?

Greg and his family start off in quarantine in Gramma's basement, and they escape on an epic camping trip. They have some close encounters with wildlife, but things get really wild when they encounter masses of other people at an RV [camper van] park.

■ Have you had any nightmare holidays like the Heffleys?

I think in a way, every family trip can have its nightmarish moments! Anyone who's packed up the car and has gone on a road trip with their loved ones has hit some bumps in the road. Many of the big moments in *The Deep End* actually happened to me — including getting tossed from my raft on a river!

■ Which character in your books are you most like?

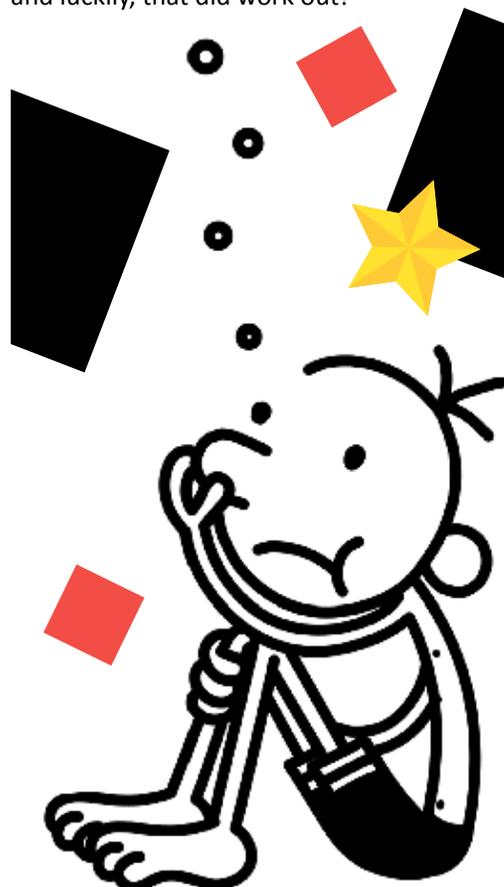
It's no secret that I'm the most like Greg. He's a flawed character, just like me! But I like to think he's a little more flawed.

■ This is the 15th book in the series, but do you have a favourite?

I'll always like the first one the best, because it's a really small story, but it's got big themes. And I'll always like *The Long Haul*, because that was the first book I wrote with a film in mind. So I got a little better at writing a big, epic story.

■ Can you remember when you first came up with the idea for *Wimpy Kid*?

Yes! In my basement apartment, in January of 1998. I had wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist, but after three years of trying, I realised that wasn't going to work out. So I had the idea to put my comics into books, and luckily, that did work out!



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Filip Wolak

“I WANT TO KNOW WHAT MAKES KIDS LAUGH”

THE brilliant Jeff Kinney has written his 15th book in the *Wimpy Kid* series. This time Greg and his family head off on a family holiday... what could possibly go wrong? Jeff told us more.

■ Greg isn't your average 'hero' – do you think that's why he's so popular?

Yes. I think kids like to read about a character who's relatable. Plus, it's more fun to read about a zero than a hero!

■ How long does it take you to write and illustrate a *Wimpy Kid* book?

The first book took me eight years. These days, each book takes about seven months.

■ What did you want to be when you were little?

When I was little, I wanted to create videogames. As I got older, I wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist. Luckily, I got to do both!

■ Do you have lots of fun memories from your time at school?

I have memories of good times and not-so-good times. I think my favourite memory as a kid was when my friends and I rehearsed for a talent show. Our plan was to be a giant snake – seven of us in a costume made up of sheets. We looked so ridiculous that our teacher talked us out of it.

■ How have you been spending your time at home during lockdown?

I wrote a book and I even did a little bit of touring in the US... I handed books to kids with a seven-foot trident!

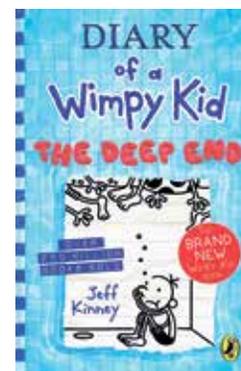


■ What one thing do your young fans always ask you when they meet you?

Kids often want to know what the next book is going to be about. And I usually don't know until I start! One kid asked if I could visit his school so he could ride in my limo – which I don't have!

■ What one thing do you wish you could ask your readers?

I'd like to know what makes them laugh the most. I'm always interested in what kids find funny!



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End by Jeff Kinney is available in hardback by Puffin now

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- c) Brazil



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UNDER THE WEATHER

IT'S a hot topic of conversation, it affects our mood – and it can even be a matter of life and death.

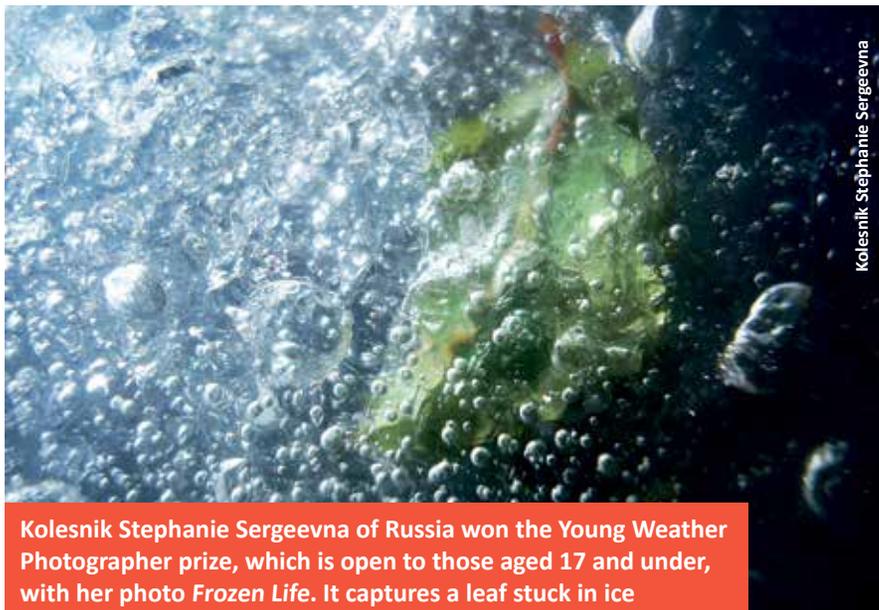
Yes, the weather is a big part of our lives wherever we live on Earth. These stunning images from around the globe are the winners and some of the shortlisted entries for this year's Weather Photographer of the Year prize. The competition, now in its fifth year, is organised by the UK's Royal Meteorological Society and AccuWeather.

More than 7,700 images by over 2,600 photographers were submitted, capturing dramatic weather such as lightning and fog, as well as the impact of weather on humans, cities and the natural landscape.



Rudolf Sulgan's photo, entitled *Blizzard*, won him the Weather Photographer of the Year 2020 prize. It captures a particularly snowy and chilly day two years ago on Brooklyn Bridge in New York, USA

Rudolf Sulgan



Kolesnik Stephanie Sergeevna

Kolesnik Stephanie Sergeevna of Russia won the Young Weather Photographer prize, which is open to those aged 17 and under, with her photo *Frozen Life*. It captures a leaf stuck in ice



Alexey Trofimov

Baikal Treasure, by Alexey Trofimov, won the Public Favourite award. Lake Baikal is the world's deepest and largest freshwater lake



Marc Marco Ripoll

Sa Foradada Storm by Marc Marco Ripoll was taken on the Spanish island of Mallorca



Laura Hedien

Laura Hedien's *Frosty Bison* captures a majestic bison in America's Yellowstone National Park. It was -17°C at the time!



Adrian Campfield

Here's a picture many of us can identify with! *Just Walking in the Rain* by Adrian Campfield was taken at a soaking railway station in London. Adrian explained: "Without any warning, the heavens opened"



This report is from Science and Industry Museum in Manchester

DID you know Manchester is home to lots of railway history?

In fact, it's home to the world's oldest surviving passenger railway station and first ever railway warehouse. These historic buildings formed the Manchester end of the first railway to run between two cities, Manchester and Liverpool.

Today, these remarkable spaces are part of the Science and Industry Museum, but back in 1830 they created a bustling station. From sugar to soap and cotton to cauliflowers, goods from all around the world were received, stored and distributed. It would have been a very noisy place, with steam trains hauling their loads, horses and carts clattering over cobbles, and workers shouting!

You can stand in the same cobbled yard that was once home to the sights and sounds of booming industrial Manchester when you visit the Science and Industry Museum. Find out more at www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk.



Science Museum Group

A drawing of the Manchester and Liverpool Railway

21. PICTURE SPECIAL

THE CLOWNS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM!

EVERY year, wildlife photographers submit their funniest photos to one of the most popular photography competitions in the world, the Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards! This year saw a whopping 7,000 entries. Here are a few that tickled our funny bone.



Ayala Fishaimer/The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards

TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS BY AYALA FISHAIMER
Ayala's fox photo was taken in Israel. She says that before this photo was taken, the fox had thrown the shrew into the air, and it landed like this. Is anyone else reminded of the Gruffalo?

SERIOUSLY, WOULD YOU SHARE SOME? BY KRISZTINA SCHEEFF
Krisztina said her snap, taken in Scotland, shows off just how talented puffins are at fishing. Or at least, it shows off how talented some puffins are at fishing.



Krisztina Scheeff/The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards



Thomas Vijayan/The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards

FUN FOR ALL AGES BY THOMAS VIJAYAN
Taken in Kabini, India, Thomas' snap of this langur monkey using its family's tails as a swing is simply adorable!



Sally Lloyd-Jones/The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards

IT'S A MOCKING BIRD BY SALLY LLOYD-JONES
This kingfisher in Kirkcudbright has really made a mockery of the sign it's sat on. Sally said that she was "over the moon" when the kingfisher landed there!



Charlie Davidson/The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards

ALMOST TIME TO GET UP BY CHARLIE DAVIDSON
This raccoon, in Virginia, USA, appears to have woken up on the wrong side of the tree!

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22. BOOKS

YOUR READS!

THE TRIALS OF APOLLO: THE TOWER OF NERO RICK RIORDAN

reviewed by Devan Barodia, aged 12

This book is the final chapter in a five-book series. In the previous books, Apollo, the Greek god of the sun, has been cast down to Earth by his father, Zeus, as a punishment for wrongdoing.

Apollo is in the body of a mortal teenager, Lester, and he won't be allowed to be a god again until he has learned the value of being mortal.

In this book Lester must defeat the reincarnated Roman emperor Nero and his army of Cyclops, Hydras, Dragons and other monsters who are planning to destroy Manhattan. Apollo is funny, quick on his feet, but also a bit selfish. Through this series, Apollo learns the value of kindness and being grateful for what you have, because mortals have only one life and must make the most of it.

The book brings the story of Apollo to an exciting and action-packed conclusion, building suspense and unravelling mysteries from the series as it progresses.

I enjoyed it very much and would recommend this book to children aged 10+.

I would rate it 5/5 as it was very well written and left some unanswered questions – it makes you wish that there was just one more book!



WORDS FOR LIFE



MICHAEL Rosen, one of the best-known figures in the children's book world, is renowned for his work as a poet, performer, broadcaster and scriptwriter. Michael's *Macbeth United* is out now. He told us what stories he read as a child:

“ I liked stories that were set in the past, especially Tudor time, by authors like Rosemary Sutcliff, Geoffrey Trease and Cynthia Harnett. And I liked books written from the point of view of a wild animal, by Ernest Thompson Seton and René Guillot especially.



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TIME FOR A DIET?



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Do you like my new outfit?

A CHUBBY pup went viral after he had a bit of trouble fitting through a doggy door.

Drax is a happy Labrador who recently got so lodged in a doggy door that the door came off its hinges! In Drax's defence, he was visiting some canine friends who are smaller than he is. Nonetheless, his owner is putting him on a diet.

Although Charmaine Hulley, from Queensland, Australia, describes Drax as a "chonky boy" (adorably round or plump), it wasn't always that way. "He is a rescue off the streets. He was sleeping curled up outside a supermarket all skinny and sad," she explains. "Now he's very happy and warm and loved... a little too loved."

"He's the most placid [calm] dog I've ever met," Charmaine says. "He loves everyone. In two years, I've heard him bark twice. He doesn't cause any trouble, everyone loves him. He's so sweet and just spoilt rotten now."

BACON MASKS

THERE are so many face masks being made nowadays, from functional ones for care workers to fancy ones for the fashion-conscious. But this is the first time we've heard of scented face masks!

American food company Hormel has launched the Black Label Breathable Bacon face mask, complete with pictures of rashers and "the latest in pork-scented technology".

The company is also running a competition to win one (only in the US sadly) and is promising to donate up to 10,000 free meals for the first 10,000 entries.

It seems to have convinced magazine writer Diana Bradley (right), who tweeted: "This smells so good I'm considering wearing it all day even though I have no plans to leave the house."



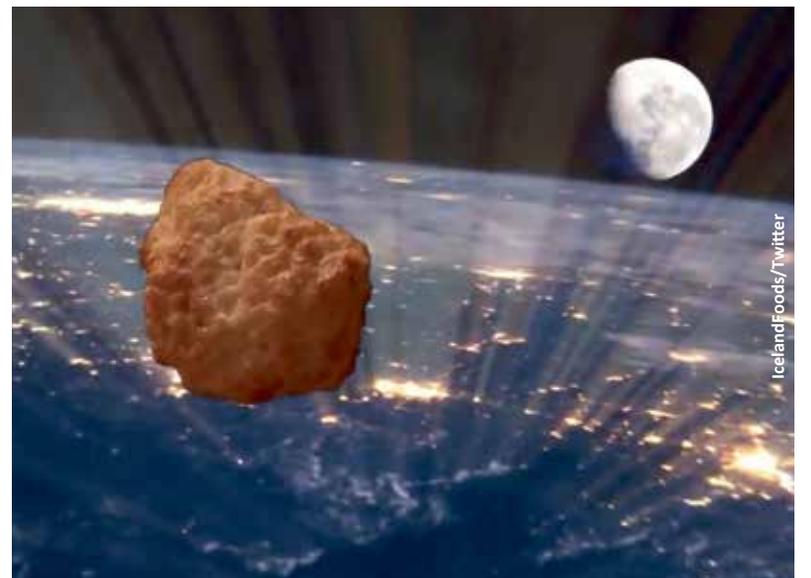
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SPACE NUGGET

SUPERMARKET chain Iceland has launched a chicken nugget into space because... well, why not?

To celebrate its 50th birthday, the company sent a nugget 110,000ft (20.8 miles) up in the air, to a region known as near space.

Iceland's trading director Andrew Staniland said: "What better way to show that our products are out of this world than by sending one of our customer favourites into space?"



IcelandFoods/Twitter



SUNFISH SURPRISE

LOCALS in the town of Wareham in Massachusetts, USA, were shocked when they spotted a sunfish in the ocean. But a fish? In the ocean? What's strange about that?

To be fair, when the fish in question can grow up to 3m (10ft) long and weigh more than 1.8 tonnes (4,000 pounds or 285 stone), you can start to understand people's concern.

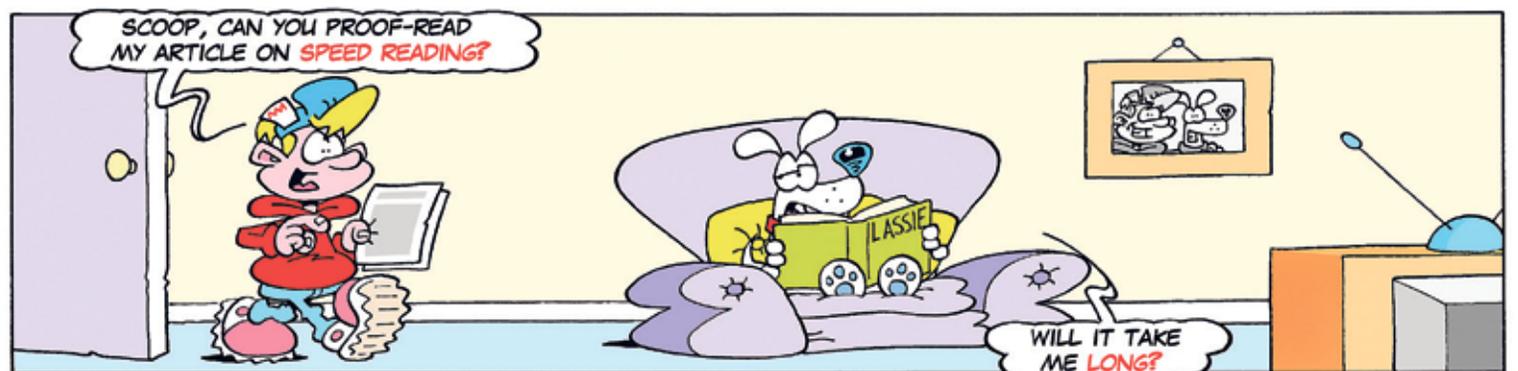
However, when a few too many people started calling the police, mistaking the sunfish for a shark or a seal, the Wareham Department of Natural Resources was prompted to take a look... and its response was hilarious!

Posting on Facebook, the department said: "We are aware of a sunfish in Broad Cove. We have checked on it, and it is doing normal sunfish activities. It is swimming. It is not stranded or suffering. The sunfish is FINE. Don't be jealous just because it's not swimming weather any more! PLEASE STOP CALLING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS SUNFISH!"

So there you go. If you see a sunfish swimming along just minding its own business, it's probably safe to assume it's doing okay.



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



24. FIRST CAREERS

NICOLE PISANI EXECUTIVE CHEF AT CHEFS IN SCHOOLS



Harriet Clare

TOP chef Nicole told us how she got started in her career, and how she advises schools on making your lunches lovely!

WHAT I DO

I am the executive chef and co-founder at Chefs in Schools, a charity that gives school food a makeover. I teach chefs how to transform school meals, and I run cookery classes for pupils too. We also provide food hampers to families who are at risk of going hungry.

HOW I GOT MY JOB

I used to be head chef at a London restaurant called Nopi. I saw a tweet asking for a chef to work in a school and I thought it sounded interesting!

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY JOB

The best thing is that we're a small charity that's getting bigger all the time. I also love having an impact on the lives of children by serving up good food that they enjoy!

WHAT'S DIFFICULT ABOUT IT

The hardest thing can be spending the morning cooking and then pupils not wanting to try it because they haven't eaten that kind of food before. But then, when they do try it, it's really rewarding to see them enjoy it! At the moment, working in a school kitchen



Harriet Clare

is difficult because of social distancing, but we're finding ways to overcome the challenges.

WHAT SKILLS I NEED

You need to love food and want other people to love food! You have to do things like bake bread, cook meat, cut up vegetables and turn them into sauces, plus plan menus, order in ingredients, all things like that. It's creative and good fun.

USEFUL QUALIFICATIONS

There are lots of catering courses, but you can't beat hands-on experience. I learned from watching my family cook and then from working with top chefs in restaurants.

WHERE YOU SHOULD START IF YOU WANT TO DO THE JOB TOO

Start practising! Read cookbooks and watch cookery videos. If you know someone who likes to cook, ask to help. If you're enthusiastic and work hard, you can go far. One of our chefs started out washing dishes and worked his way up; now he runs his own kitchen.

HOW MY JOB COULD CHANGE IN THE FUTURE

I think we'll be using more apps to cut down on food waste, and serving up more vegetarian food too. We are trying to show that every school can make and serve up good food. Hopefully, in ten years' time that will be the case. If you want your school food to change, please tell your teachers about our charity and that better is possible when it comes to school meals!

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25. GAME ZONE



CRASH is back! In his first adventure for over 20 years, it's up to everyone's favourite bandicoot to take on a crew of bad guys that threaten not just his world, but every dimension conceivable!

If you're unfamiliar with the *Crash Bandicoot* series, you've been missing out on tough platforming games that require you to carefully manoeuvre Crash through dangerous worlds, while beating ridiculous enemies.

Crash Bandicoot 4: It's About Time is a lot like the other games in the series and, while the levels are not quite as cruel, it can still be a difficult game at times, despite its silliness.

It requires some proper effort to beat certain parts, especially if you're trying to get all the secrets – and there are a lot of secrets!

There are unlockable levels and outfits for both Crash and his genius sister, Coco. You can play as Coco whenever you want.

Crash has three main moves: he can crawl, spin and jump, and most of the time you'll be using these to make your way forward. Some levels, however, introduce new characters to play as, each of them with special moves. Others add special masks that give Crash new powers.

These masks are called 'quantum masks', and each of them has a different effect, like slowing down time. It's up to Crash to use them to beat the evil scientists who are trying to take over.

Once you've played through the game, even more stuff is added – including 'dimensional shifts' that change the game in all sorts of funky ways.

It's safe to say that Crash's long-awaited return has been well worth the wait!



Crash's genius sister, Coco



Activision

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CRASH BANDICOOT 4: IT'S ABOUT TIME

435,000 WATCH US POLITICIAN STREAM AMONG US

IT'S fair to say that when you think 'politician', you usually don't think 'gamer'.

But American congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is set to change that. She's been streaming herself playing *Among Us* with online celebrities, including fellow politician Ilhan Omar, while encouraging viewers to vote in the upcoming election.

Over 435,000 people have tuned in to watch Ms Ocasio-Cortez play the game on streaming site Twitch, making it one of the top 20 livestreams ever on the site.

Among Us is set on a spaceship, where players must figure out who among them is secretly an impostor trying to sabotage the rest of the team – before the impostor gets them.

During the game, Ms Ocasio-Cortez said that she was unhappy to learn that the spaceship was still running on fossil fuels, even in the future!



Getty

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez killing some time on the campaign trail between streams!

MINECRAFT & MICROSOFT

MOJANG has announced that the Java edition of *Minecraft* will soon force players to use Microsoft accounts to sign in.

Minecraft developer Mojang was bought by Microsoft back in 2014 for a whopping \$2.5 billion (£1.9 billion).

While the *Bedrock Edition* of *Minecraft* has asked players to use Microsoft accounts since the game launched, the original Java version of the game has always had its own account system.

Mojang says it is making the change to increase security and connect all PC *Minecraft* games to the same account.



Mojang



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FALL GUYS' TOP LEVEL IS...

SUMMER smash hit *Fall Guys* has launched its medieval-themed Season 2, and asked fans what their favourite level is.

More than 25,000 people responded, and the winning level was the tough-as-nails Slime Climb!

Runner-up was Hex-A-Gone, followed by Jump Showdown and new level Knight Fever. What's your favourite level?

26. SHOPS

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PLASTIC-FREE SCHOOL

by the Student Council, Manor Leas Junior Academy

OUR school has been working hard over the last year to become the first school in Lincolnshire to achieve the Plastic Free Schools status from Surfers Against Sewage.

The Student Council, alongside Mrs Denny, decided that becoming a Plastic Free School was of great importance.

We began to find three things that the school could stop using that were single-use plastic. We identified plastic drinking straws, plastic bottles and plastic snack wrappers as the top three priorities to eradicate from our school.

The school's milk provider, Cool Milk, was keen to help, providing information to the school council about how to prevent the use of straws. Now our milk arrives in glass bottles with no need for plastic straws.

Snack times are now plastic-free too – we bring reusable containers or simply bring fruit in their natural skins, to cut down on waste and rubbish.

Every pupil now brings in their own reusable water bottle rather than the single-use alternatives.

The Student Council worked hard to meet all the criteria set out by the Surfers Against Sewage schools programme.

This included writing to local politicians, companies and even Parliament.

Responses from our local MP were really positive and encouraged us to go for the challenge.

Our school and teachers are very proud of our achievements and we are now looking at other ways to improve our impact on the environment.



School rubbish patrol



WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU/YOUR SCHOOL IS UP TO



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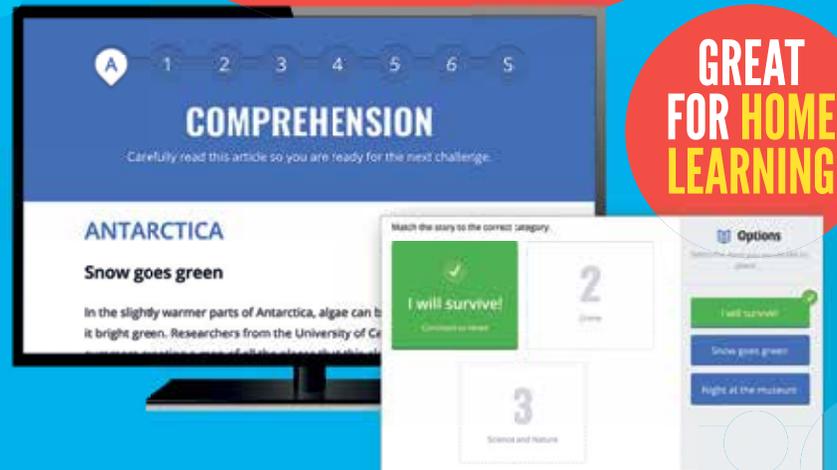
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SPORT IN NUMBERS

13 goals were scored by Dutch champions Ajax as they demolished VVV-Venlo 13-0 to move top of the Eredivisie table. The win – which saw 19-year-old striker Lassina Traoré (below, right) score five goals – is the largest in the league’s history, beating the previous record of 12-1 set by Ajax against Vitesse in 1972.



39 seconds was all that separated Giro d’Italia winner Tao Geoghegan Hart from second-placed Jai Hindley after more than 85 hours and nearly 3,500 kilometres of racing. The two riders were tied at the top of the overall standings going into the final time trial, but 25-year-old Hart triumphed to become only the second British rider to win the competition, after Chris Froome.



11 years after winning the Madrid Masters, Englishman Ross McGowan claimed his second European Tour title with a one-shot win at the Italian Open. The victory has propelled the 38-year-old up the world rankings, from 560th to 242nd.



HAMILTON MAKES HISTORY

LEWIS Hamilton has made Formula 1 history by claiming a record 92nd career victory at the Portuguese Grand Prix.

The Mercedes driver finished nearly 25.6 seconds ahead of his team-mate Valtteri Bottas to top the podium for the eighth time this season.

It means that Hamilton has now overtaken the legendary Michael Schumacher, who retired in 2012, as F1’s record all-time race winner.

Breaking the record is yet another achievement in the 35-year-old’s incredible F1 career.

After finishing as runner-up in the

World Drivers’ Championship in his debut season, Hamilton went one better the following year as he became world champion at the age of 23.

Since switching to Mercedes in 2013, he has dominated the sport, winning a further five world championships.

His record-breaking success means that he will be remembered as one of the greatest drivers of all time.

“Today is beyond my wildest dreams,” Hamilton wrote on Twitter. “I couldn’t

be here without my team, continuously innovating and pushing the barrier. I’m so grateful to have you guys by my side.”

Hamilton also paid tribute to Schumacher, who suffered a serious brain injury while skiing in 2013.

“I’m thinking of Michael today,” he wrote. “I will forever have the utmost admiration and respect for you.”

Hamilton could equal another of Schumacher’s records this season by winning his seventh world title.



Lewis Hamilton celebrates his victory and new record

IT ALL SCRUMS DOWN TO THIS...



Scotland’s Jade Konkel tackles France’s Marine Ménager during the draw that handed England the title

Welsh captain Alun Wyn Jones is set to make history against Scotland by earning his 149th international cap – making him the most capped player ever

ENGLAND will be looking to do the double in the Six Nations this weekend, after the women’s team were crowned champions for the second year in a row.

The Red Roses haven’t played since March, due to the tournament being postponed to the coronavirus pandemic, but secured the title after Scotland held main rivals France to a 13-13 draw in a dramatic return to action.

In the four matches they played before the disruption, England scored 165 points and conceded just 20. They now have an opportunity to secure back-to-back Grand Slams (meaning they have beaten every team in the competition) in their final game against Italy on Sunday (1 November).

England’s men also travel to Italy for their final game this weekend, but they face stiff competition, with both Ireland and France also in with a chance of winning the title. Ireland moved to the top of the table after thrashing Italy 50-17 in Dublin last Saturday, but are only one point ahead of England and France in second and third place.

