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HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT ** IS BACK FOR A FANTASTIC SEVENTH YEAR! **

On 24 June Harry Potter Book Night returns, and this year's theme is the magical Diagon Alley. Witches, wizards and Muggles from all around the world are invited to discover its spellbinding shops and stores. You can hold your Harry Potter Book Night celebrations any time you like, so why not join in with the fun?

PREPARE FOR YOUR HARRY POTTER PARTY

This year your event may be slightly smaller, or even virtual, but that doesn't mean it can't be just as magical. Just make sure anything you plan follows the latest advice for COVID-19 in your area.

***** MAKE A PLAN

Plan your event ahead of time. Work out who you're going to invite and how your party will work, whether it is virtual or in person, if guidelines allow. Send out invitations by email or hand deliver them for that

personal touch. Here's an example of what your invite could look like.

***** GET DRESSED UP

Encourage your friends and family to get involved by asking them to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter characters. You could offer a prize for the best fancy dress outfit.

***** PREPARE YOUR GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Make sure you have everything you'll need to make your event go smoothly. Plan any games you want to play and make sure the activities you want to host are organised and set up ahead of time.

* DECORATE YOUR SPACE

Whether you're hosting an in-person event or a virtual gathering, there are so many ways you can transform your space into your very own Diagon Alley. If you are hosting a virtual event you can download a special video backdrop by registering for a kit at harrypotterbooknight.com. Or you can use some of the ideas here to create your own decorations.

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Scatter your space with toy owls on perches, then sprinkle bird seed and feathers. If you don't have any toy owls then you could draw your own. Some of the owls in Harry Potter are Hedwig (a snowy owl), Pigwidgeon (a little owl) and Errol (a great grey owl).

and bronze Knuts. Include a set of weighing scales!

Collect old shoeboxes and paint them black, then add

markings on the outside to note which wands are

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FLOURISH AND BLOTTS

Stack books in tall piles. You could turn your books into wizarding books such as Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them by wrapping them in brown paper and painting on new titles. You could also paint a sign advertising a book signing event by a famous wizard author like Gilderoy Lockhart. Have fun creatin can become Skiv your own fluffy F

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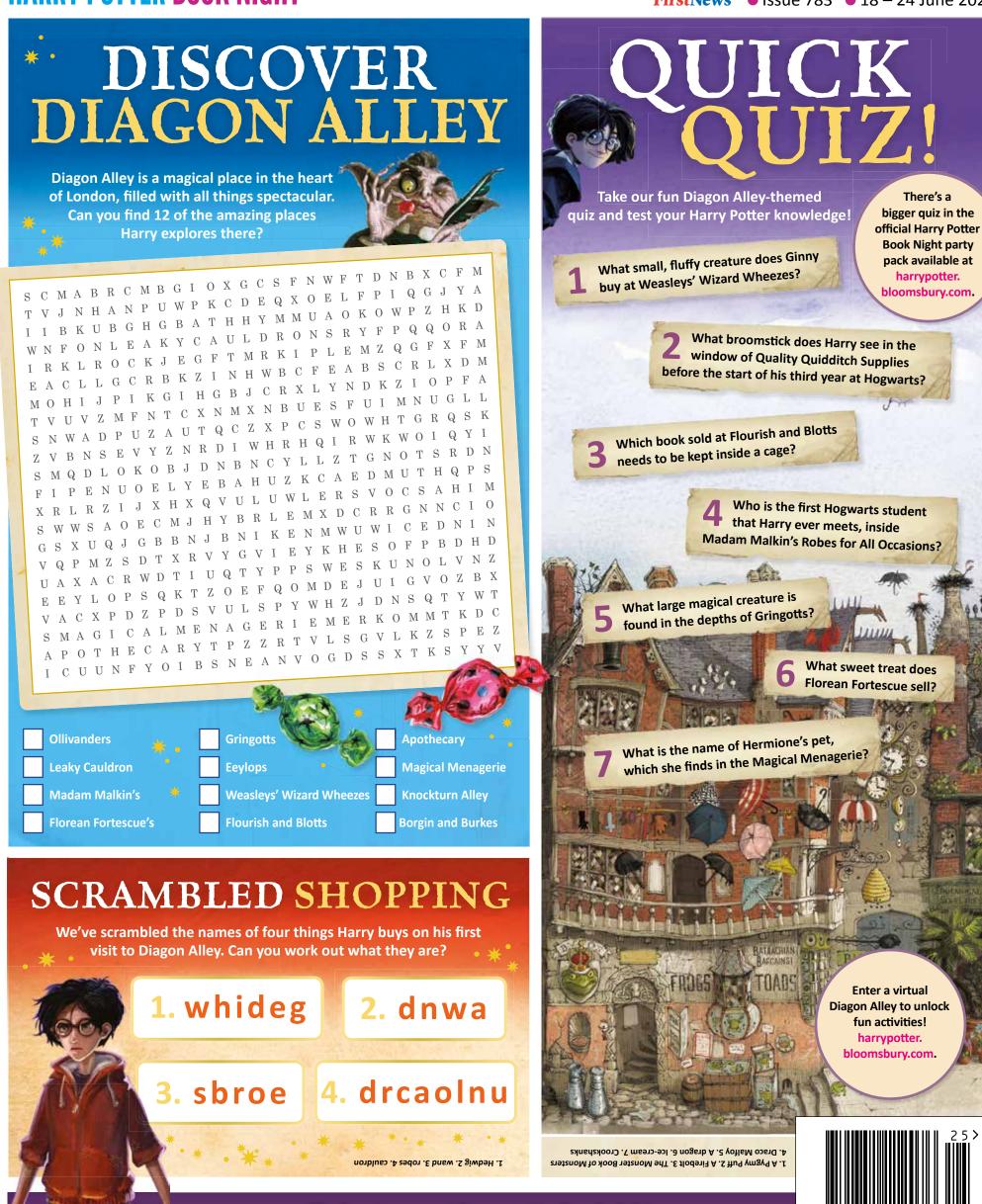
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HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT



Find out more at harrypotterbooknight.com

3. QUICK NEWS

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE POSITIVE FOR FUTURE



A poll of 1,000 young people for youth mental health charity stem4 showed that young people are optimistic for the future after coronavirus. Some 70% of those polled said their most common aspirations for the future were "just being healthy and happy"; 56% prioritised "having a stable job" while only 27% say they want "to make a lot of money". Most are optimistic about the future, with 80% believing it is likely they will achieve their goals, although 42% described lack of confidence or fear of failure as a barrier.

BE A FOOD HERO!

Peter Rabbit has joined forces with the United Nations to enlist more food heroes, like Peter, who see the value in fruits and vegetables for a balanced diet and a healthier planet. They're looking for food heroes to take action, like eating more healthy foods, buying at local gardens and farmers markets where possible, reducing food waste and planting your own garden – big or small. Find out more at un.org/ActNow.

STUNNING SEAGULL SNAP SELLS



A one-in-a-million snap of a seagull snatching a chip has been bought and used by Google for their latest advertising campaign. Amateur photographer Hannah Huxford took the amazing picture on holiday a decade ago and said: "It feels very surreal. Seeing it on an advert is a very bizarre feeling."

OUCK NEWS TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

SUNRISE SOCIALS



Young people in Northern Ireland have been gathering on the coast to watch the sunrise together, in an effort to combat loneliness. Sunrise Social North Coast was created by Chloe Mullan, who was inspired by a similar initiative in Australia. She now has a group of volunteers to welcome newcomers and organise the events, which take place on various beaches. Chloe told the BBC: "I think COVID-19 really was a hard year for a lot of people. Lots of people were feeling lonely." She wants sunrise socials to build a community for young people.

BROKEN RECORD BEATEN AGAIN!

Last week, we told you it was a good week for Sifan Hassan after the Dutch runner set a new world record for the women's 10,000m. Well, just two days later, after First News went to press, the record was beaten again! Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey beat Hassan's record by five seconds, achieving a time of 29:01.03 on the very same track that Hassan had run on 48 hours earlier.

DESIGN WINNERS

A seed launcher designed by students from Heckmondwike Grammar School in West Yorkshire has won the Design Museum's annual design competition for schools. The winning design, called Sow Beautiful, aims to bring the 'buzz' back to Britain using a seed launcher to grow wildflowers and to combat the decline in British wild bees. Along with the work of other finalists, the creation is on display at the Design Museum in London until 22 August. As the winner, Sow Beautiful will go on sale in the Design Museum shop this autumn.



BIG BEE CHALLENGE

BBC Radio 2 have launched their Big Bee Challenge with a competition for 6 to 12-year-olds to design a beefriendly garden. The winning garden design will be built by the RHS at an NHS Trust site that is used by children and young people with mental health needs. Head to **bbc.co.uk/radio2** and look for 'Big Bee Challenge' for more details. You can enter the competition until 6pm on Monday 5 July.

BARBIE GOES GREEN

Toy company Mattel has introduced Barbie Loves the Ocean, its first fashion doll line made from plastic which would otherwise have ended up in the sea. It is part of Mattel's goal to achieve 100% recycled, recyclable or bio-based plastic materials across all its products and packaging by 2030.



Ocean activists projected a huge call to action onto the Houses of Parliament recently. The 30 by 30 campaign wants almost a third of oceans to become 'No Take Zones' by 2030 – that means that no fishing can take place there. It's calling on world leaders to act now. So far, 80 countries have signed up to an international target to protect at least 30% of the world's oceans by 2030.

WHALE 'EATS' MAN

A man who was swallowed by a whale lived to tell the tale when the giant humpback spat him out 30 seconds later. Michael Packard, an American from Massachusetts, said he was diving when he "felt this huge bump and everything went dark". Just as he realised he was in the mouth of a humpback whale, "I just got thrown in the air and landed in the water. I was free and I just floated there. I couldn't believe... I'm here to tell it." Amazingly, Mr Packard came out of the experience with nothing but a dislocated knee.

SNOW IN OZ

Areas of Australia have been hit with snow and are experiencing their coldest weather in decades. Although some mountainous areas of the country do see snow annually, snow has covered many parts of New South Wales and Victoria now. The city of Sydney experienced its coldest day since 1984 thanks to cool air travelling from Antarctica.



4. BIG NEWS **EMPIRE** or **EXCELLENCE?**



Footballer Raheem Sterling was given an MBE this year for his work promoting racial equality in sport

THERE have been calls to change a word in the titles given to people receiving honours.

The Queen's Birthday Honours, which recognise the work of people in the UK, have recently been announced. Individuals can be given different titles after their name, like MBE, CBE or OBE.

The 'BE' in all of these stands for 'British Empire', in reference to the country's colonial past, when Britain occupied other countries around the globe, such as India and Kenya.

Some people, including those who have received honours in the past, want the 'E' to be changed from 'Empire' to 'Excellence' instead.

Some of those who received honours were born in countries that were taken over by the British Empire many years ago. They don't think a positive award should be named after \mathbf{Q} something which caused harm and trauma to lots of people. What do you think?

Do you think we should replace 'Empire' with 'Excellence'? Let us know!

Go to first.news/polls to vote

G7 LEADERS PLEDGE VOTE FOR ONE BILLION COVID-19 Vaccine **VACCINE DOSES**



LEADERS from some of the richest countries in the world pledged one billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines for poorer countries at the G7 summit which took place in Cornwall last weekend.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the pledge was a "big step towards vaccinating the world". Children's charity UNICEF welcomed the pledge, but warned that "the volume and speed of vaccine donations needs to accelerate" in order to help those countries most in need.

Other charities and campaigners were much more disappointed with the summit's outcome, as they had hoped for a global vaccination programme with strong funding. More than 100 former world leaders had called upon the G7 to pay two-thirds of the \$66bn (£46bn) needed for the programme, but the UK, who led the talks in Cornwall, did not even mention it in discussions.

Save The Children said it was "deeply disappointing that Boris Johnson is avoiding the main issue", while former prime minister Gordon Brown said the billion doses would "fall far short of the total 11 billion doses needed".

Although COVID-19 took a lot of the focus, the G7 summit also discussed many other things. These included plans to get rid of coal-fired power stations, get 40 million more girls into education by 2026 and to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or earlier.

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VOTING has opened for a technology competition full of great ideas created by young people.

The Amazon Longitude Explorer Prize has announced the 40 finalist teams - and you can vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award.

Innovative groups of 11 to 16-yearolds have worked hard to create ideas to help people live longer, better, greener and more together.

Some of the innovations in the running include:

- a device that generates electricity every time a door opens
- robotic medicine dispensers for elderly people
- plastic-eating worm farms
- rainforest monitoring stations
- an app that helps young women tackle period poverty

Voting closes at 5pm on Friday 2 July. To view the finalists and vote, go

to longitudeexplorer.challenges.org

PLAYER COLLAPSES AT EUROS THERE were distressing scenes during the Euro 2020 group match between Denmark and Finland last weekend, after Danish midfielder

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Christian Eriksen suffered a cardiac arrest.

Eriksen in action

shortly before he

suffered a cardiac

arrest

Thankfully, the Inter Milan star, who is 29, was resuscitated on the pitch by medics and rushed to a nearby hospital for tests. A cardiac arrest is when the heart suddenly stops pumping blood around the body. It's very, very rare in young people, which made the incident all the more shocking. Two days after he was taken ill, Eriksen released a statement. He said: "Thank you, I won't give up. I feel better

now - but I want to understand what's happened." The match resumed two hours after it was suspended,

with Finland winning 1-0 – their first ever win in a major tournament. Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand later said he regretted playing the game so soon after the incident.

RARE SEAHORSE SPOT

A RARE long-snouted seahorse has been spotted off the coast of Plymouth in Devon.

The Ocean Conservation Trust posted a picture of the seahorse online with a note to G7 leaders. They said: "We saw a rare seahorse in local seagrasses this week. We hope it serves as a reminder to include marine habitat protection measures in your talks.

"This seahorse is a symbol of the fragility and beauty that exists in the UK, and how worthy it is of protection."



5. NEWS IN PICTURES



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A PARTIAL solar eclipse is seen over a pagoda on 10 June. The spectacular sight occurs when the moon moves in front of the sun and blocks out most of its light. People from across the world got to witness the event.



A 3D rice field painting showing the Eight Immortals in Chinese mythology is displayed to mark the Dragon Boat Festival. The festival is a traditional Chinese holiday that occurs on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese lunar calendar. It is marked with dragon boat racing, food and celebrations.



A LIFE-sized woolly mammoth model is on the hunt for a name! The furry female mammoth has been delighting visitors at The Box attraction – now she needs your help. Submit your name suggestions by 12pm on 25 June at **www.theboxplymouth.com**. The winning entry will be announced this summer.



THE RAF'S Red Arrows fly over Windsor Castle during the ceremony to mark the Queen's official birthday on 12 June. A small Trooping the Colour parade took place, featuring soldiers who have supported the NHS and communities throughout the pandemic.



MEMBERS and allies of the LGBT community participate in the Pride walk and rally through downtown Washington. Pride Month is celebrated in June every year, to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. These took place in America in 1969 and helped to establish rights for LGBT people.



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This week, I'd like to pay tribute to a very special member of the First News team, who sadly passed away last week. Victoria McRundle was part of our education team, working on the iHub and the resources you might get in your school. As well as being brilliant at her job, Victoria was kind, smart, funny and generous. She adored First News and we adored her. We dedicate this issue to her and her loved ones. We shall miss her very much.

6. BIG NEWS COVID RULES EXTENDED



PLANS to lift all remaining coronavirus restrictions in England on 21 June have been delayed by a month.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced that certain rules must stay in place until 19 July, after the country saw a big rise in cases of the Delta variant, which was first seen in India. Scientists had warned that more people would need to be vaccinated before restrictions could be lifted.

The change to the PM's roadmap means that limits on how many people can meet indoors (six or two households) and outdoors (30) will stay. Nightclubs will remain closed, but the

limit on wedding guest numbers will be removed on 21 June.

Some businesses are very worried about the news. They're calling on the Government to offer more financial support to help them.

Scotland has been planning to move to Level 0 restrictions on 28 June, although First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is expected to delay this, too. Northern Ireland will allow more people to meet indoors from 21 June, and Wales will review its rules on 25 June.

GOOD WEEK

JUDE BELLINGHAM

THE teenager has become the youngest ever player at a European Championship. Bellingham, aged 17 years and 345 days, was brought on as a substitute during England's opening game with Croatia at Euro 2020.



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KIM KARDASHIAN

The reality TV star has failed her first-year law exam for a second time. She revealed the news on the final ever episode of Keeping Up With The Kardashians. The show, featuring Kim and her family, has come to an end after 14 years. The star has pledged to take the exam again soon.

AKE MOVIES

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TAKEAWAY PLASTIC LITTERING OCEANS

PLASTIC makes up 80% of all ocean litter, shows a new study.



And takeaway food and drink packaging makes up most of the waste, alongside plastic bottles and single-use bags.

In fact, just ten types of plastic waste make up three-quarters of the litter found, showing how much certain items, like bags, are used and how slowly they break down.

Scientists from the University of Cádiz in Spain, who led the study, are now calling for a ban on throwaway plastic products and are urging producers to take more responsibility.

There might be some good news on the way, though. Scientists at the University of Cambridge have developed a new plant-based material that could replace singleuse plastics in a number of products. The material is similar to spider silk, which is naturally very strong, and can be composted. Single-use sachets and capsules will be launched later this year. Researchers have called the material 'vegan spider silk'.

BRITISH actor and rapper Riz Ahmed has launched a new initiative to help change the way Muslims are portrayed in films.

The star says Muslims aren't featured enough on the big screen, and when they are it is often in a negative way.

Ahmed made history earlier this year when he became the first Muslim to be nominated for best actor at the Oscars. He now hopes to use his fame to make a positive difference and has released the Blueprint for Muslim Inclusion. The initiative aims to change the way the film industry represents Muslim culture. It includes a fund to support and mentor young Muslim artists.



7. BIG NEWS FirstNews • Issue 78 **FAST FASHON'S FAST FASHON'S FINANCE OF CONTACT OF CONTACT**

ALMOST half the clothes for sale by 'fast fashion' online shops contain non-recycled plastic-based materials, a study has found.

The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) examined the make-up of 10,000 items added to the Asos, Boohoo, Missguided and PrettyLittleThing websites over a fortnight in May.

They found that an average of 49% of the clothes that were added were made of entirely new plastic materials, like polyester, acrylic and nylon.

On average, just 3% of clothes that contain plastic made use of recycled fabrics.

These man-made plastic materials are produced using a huge amount of energy, and are often nonrecyclable. In the UK, 300,000 tonnes of clothing is burned or buried every year, says the report.

Josie Warden, one of the authors of the RSA's report, said that shoppers should see these synthetic fabrics as part of the same problem as single-use plastic packaging.



FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

THE United Nations (UN) has said there is famine (dangerous shortage of food) in northern Ethiopia, and that 350,000 people were living in "severe crisis".

The UN's World Food Programme and UNICEF have both called for urgent action to address the crisis.

Fighting in Tigray between government forces and the Tigray People's Liberation Front, which began in November last year, has blocked help from reaching the people who desperately need it.

Ethiopia's government has denied that there is a famine in the country, and said that help was on the way to those who need it, as they "restore order" to the country.

EUROPE HEADS TO VENUS

HOT on the heels of NASA's announcement last week, the European Space Agency (ESA)

has said that they, too, will be sending a probe to Venus.

ESA's probe, called EnVision, will "determine how and why Venus and Earth evolved so differently". NASA's two probes, Veritas and Davinci+, will lift off at the end of the 2020s, while EnVision should launch in the early 2030s.

Günther Hasinger, director of science at the ESA, said: "Together with the newly announced NASA-led Venus missions, we will have an extremely comprehensive science programme at this enigmatic planet well into the next decade."



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DIARY DATES

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK 19-26 JUNE

A week dedicated to equipping everyone with water safety knowledge. Learn more at www.rlss.org.uk

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK 19-25 JUNE

The theme for this year's National School Sport Week is Together Again, and it celebrates the return of youth sport. Get involved at youthsporttrust.org

LIL READING AND SAVE THE PLANET!

THE Reading Agency charity has teamed up with WWF for their Summer Reading Challenge!

The theme for this year's challenge is Wild World Heroes, and those taking part in

the Summer Reading Challenge will join the Heroes in the town of Wilderville.

They're aiming to make their town a better place for the people and animals that live there, and you can discover how to make a difference to the environment, too!

Teenage naturalist Dara McAnulty and awardwinning explorer Steve Backshall have been announced as ambassadors for the challenge, and events and activities will be held online and in local libraries across the UK.

To learn more, and get involved yourself, head to www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.



SUMMER SOLSTICE 21 JUNE

Summer officially begins today, with the longest day of the year.



THANK A TEACHER DAY 23 JUNE

School has been very different this year, and lots of teachers across the country have pulled out all the stops to adjust. Today we say thank you for all their hard work!



8. HOME NEWS



Collecting children's stories for new project

UK

A new story-writing activity has been launched to celebrate this year's Migration Matters Festival and Refugee Week (from 14–20 June). The activity, run by the 'Lost Wor(I)ds' project at the University of Sheffield, is called 100 Feathers. The idea is that 100 feathers have been released into the world asking people to share their stories. There's a short film that explains more and a lesson plan for teachers, too. To join in, visit www. multilingualism-in-schools.net/100-feathers.



ENGLAND



Celebrations for Windrush Day

Did you know it's Windrush Day on 22 June? The day marks the anniversary of the MV Empire Windrush ship arriving at the Port of Tilbury, near London in 1948. The ship brought workers from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and other islands to live and work in the UK. A host of activities are taking place to celebrate the contributions made to Britain by the Windrush generation and their families. This year, the day will have a particular focus on schools and recording the stories of the Windrush generation for future years to come.



SHETLAND

Library book's cross country adventure

An overdue library book has travelled 1,200km across the UK, after it was handed into the wrong library – 38 years late! The book was due back at Shetland Library in Scotland on 12 July 1983. It was handed in last year, but at Bungay Community Library in Suffolk, England, instead! When staff discovered its origin, they set about returning it to its rightful home. The book has now been hand-delivered all the way from England to Scotland.

KENT

Calls for help with child migrant crisis

Kent County Council (KCC) has warned that it can't look after any more child migrants who arrive in the UK without their parents or an adult. The council says its services are becoming overwhelmed. They are already caring for more than 400 lone child migrants, which is more than the Government's recommended safe amount. KCC has threatened to take legal action over the situation. The Home Office will now have to take responsibility for the children arriving in the UK and find them other places to live. It's encouraging other local authorities to help out, too.



UK

World's longest golf hole challenge

David Sullivan from Surrey is taking part in an epic challenge to complete the world's longest golf hole. The 58-year-old aims to walk between 14 and 30 miles (22– 48km) every day, all while hitting a golf ball! His mammoth journey began in John O'Groats in Scotland and will finish at Land's End in Cornwall. At each stop, David will also be teaching people CPR. All the money raised from the challenge will go to the British Heart Foundation.



WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Lord or Lady wanted!

Fancy being the Lord or Lady of the Manor of Weston-super-Mare? The famous title has gone up for sale for £20,000. The new owner won't get any land, but they'll get some very old documents dating back to

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1482. The title is being sold by Manorial Services Ltd, which says it's very rare for a Lordship like this to come up. It hopes that the new owner will be someone with an interest in the area.

9. ANIMAL NEWS

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A spellbinding adventure of friendship, forgiveness and bravery, set on the shores of Papua New Guinea – where the author was born and raised.

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10. WORLD NEWS



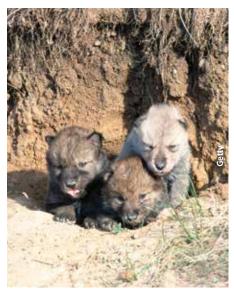
Road ban replaced

US President Joe Biden has announced plans to "repeal or replace" a rule introduced by former President Trump that allowed the construction of roads and development in most of Alaska's Tongass National Forest. The Tongass forest is one of the world's largest, intact temperate (meaning it doesn't see extreme temperatures) rainforests. Scrapping the rule and replacing it may take months, but environmental groups have also challenged the Trump-era rule in court, which might mean that it's removed sooner.

USA

Wolf pups spotted

For the first time in 80 years, a litter of grey wolf pups have been seen in Colorado. The species was wiped out by hunting and poisoning in the region back in the 1940s. Last year, citizens voted to reintroduce the species to the state. The wolf parents, named John and Jane, and their pups are being tracked by officials, who said that this was a "momentous occasion"



SWITZERLAND

Climate policies rejected

People in Switzerland have voted against plans for increased taxes on car fuel and air tickets in a new referendum. The Swiss government was hoping that voters would approve their plan and help the country cut greenhouse gases to half their 1990 levels by 2030, by using a combination of more renewables and taxes on fossil fuels. In a tight result, 51% of voters were against the policies, while 49% were in favour. Experts have suggested that voters were nervous about possible economic risks while the country recovers from the pandemic. Major decisions in Switzerland are decided by a country-wide vote, or referendum. This system is called 'direct democracy'. If campaigners can get 100,000 signatures, a nationwide vote can be held to change the law.





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Xinjiang report

Human rights organisation Amnesty International has released a report which says China is committing crimes against humanity in Xinjiang, northwest China. The report said that Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims in the region had been subjected to mass detention, surveillance and torture. The 160-page report was based on interviews with 55 people who had been detained by China in Xinjiang.

MYANMAR

Leader on trial

Four months after a military coup removed her from office, former leader Aung San Suu Kyi is to go on trial. She has been charged with owning unlicensed walkie-talkies, and corruption. The military took over the country back in February, claiming that the election wasn't fair, despite independent observers stating that it was 'largely free'. Since then, mass protests against the military have regularly taken place across the country. Security forces are believed to have killed more than 800 people, and arrested nearly 5,000 in the last four months.



INDIA

Death in 'world's largest family'

Ziona Chana, head of 'the world's largest family', has died at the age of 76. Chana was part of a religious group that allowed a man to have many wives. He leaves behind an estimated 39 wives, 94 children and 33 grandchildren. Over the years, Chana made a lot of headlines with his enormous family, who live together in a massive, four-storey house with 100 rooms. It has become a major tourist attraction in the area. There's no official record for 'largest family', since it's difficult to prove.



NCes to make programmes and videos

First News has teamed up with Sky Stores show FYI and the about the news, which you can watch on First News Education TV.

PRIDE MONTH

JUNE is Pride month, dedicated to celebrating LGBT communities all over the world. In this week's FYI, the team find out about Pride month, and what it means to be LGBT. Watch this episode at <u>first.news/fyi</u>.

THE HISTORY OF The pride flag

11. FYI

The flag was designed by Gilbert Baker, an activist in San Francisco's gay community. He had been asked by Harvey Milk, California's first openly gay elected politician, to design a flag that would be an 'image of pride'.

Mr Baker said he was inspired to create a flag that represented the diversity of the LGBT (which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community by the flags of the black civil rights movements of the 1960s, and by the song Over the Rainbow sung by Judy Garland in the film The Wizard of Oz.

In 1978, Harvey Milk was assassinated. Following his death, people and

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Watch our IDGI news explainer to find out what it means to be LGBT, and learn about the history of the Pride movement, which campaigns for people to have equal rights, whatever their background. first.news/IDGILGBT

organisations across the US, and later the world, began flying the rainbow striped flag to commemorate his work, and to celebrate LGBT people everywhere.

Since then, several new versions of the flag have been created. You might have seen the 'Progress Pride' flag, which includes the colours black and brown, to

represent the difficulties people of colour in the LGBT community face, and the

colours white, pink and blue, to better represent transgender people. For more on the LGBT movement, watch the latest episode of FYI at first.news/EducationTV.

> Join in the discussion and set up an FYI News Club in your school! Ask your teacher to go to first.news/FYInewsclub to find out more about the FYI News Clubs.

EURO 2020 began with a bang at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, Italy.

After the fireworks, Turkey took on Italy, with the hosts coming away with a 3-0 win. Turkey scored an own goal not long after half-time, before goals from Ciro Immobile and Lorenzo Insigne sealed the win.



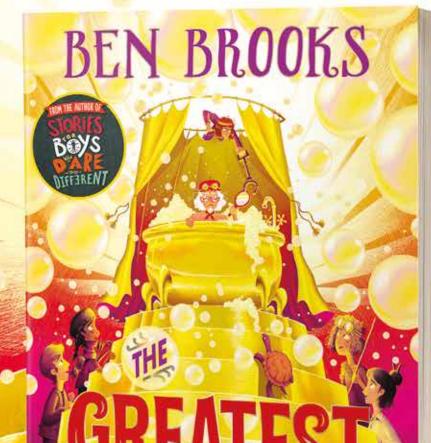


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13. SCIENCE NEWS by Jane Tarrant



SCIENTIST and mathematician Alan Turing, known as the father of modern computing, is the latest famous Briton to appear on the £50 note, after he was nominated by the public.

Featuring on a bank note is one of the country's highest honours, but sadly for Alan Turing it is a huge contrast to the way he was treated by the state during his life. Thought to be a genius by many who knew him, he not only cracked a code that changed the course of World War Two, but he also had the idea of a calculating machine that would lead to the development of an early type of computer. Despite his successes, his life wasn't always a happy one and sadly ended with his death at only 41, when he is believed to have deliberately taken a poison called cyanide.

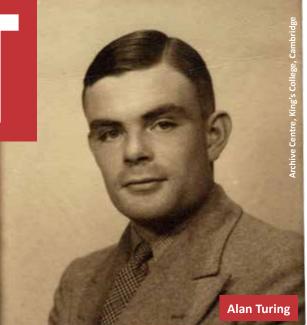
Turing was raised in southern England, although his parents were often away living in India. It was a hard life for a young boy, but it was clear even at junior school that he was exceptionally good at maths and science.

He was not encouraged to follow his passions at his boarding school, but he remained fascinated by science theories and numerical puzzles. He took up a place to study maths at Cambridge University and went on to earn a first class degree.

When war broke out in 1939, Turing went to work for the Government at Bletchley Park. The converted country house became the main centre for code breaking (later named GCHQ). Many exceptionally clever and talented men and women worked there but it was Turing whose determination and pioneering work resulted in a major breakthrough. Once the code for a German machine named Enigma was broken, the Nazis' secret plans could be read and the British forces and their allies were then always one step ahead. Turing's work played a major part in winning the war and bringing peace to Europe. He was awarded an OBE for services to the state.



The Enigma machine, which coded Nazi messages during the war, was cracked by Turing

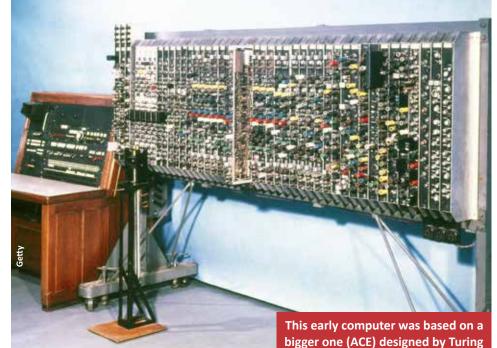


After the war, Turing worked in the UK and America, writing, lecturing and developing his ideas about the development of computers. Based at Manchester University in the early 1950s, he then turned to a completely new area of study: mathematical biology. That work still forms the basis of some strands of research today.

Turing began a relationship with another man in 1951. At the time, same-sex relations were against the law. Turing was arrested by the police and a trial was due to go ahead when he agreed to admit his 'guilt'. He was forced into taking hormone injections, a mistaken practice of the time which authorities wrongly thought would stop him being attracted to men. As a result of his sexuality being revealed, he was barred from carrying on his work for the Government and was no longer able to travel to the US.

It has been suggested that Turing was a lone genius who was unsociable and without close friends, but his family say he enjoyed company and was a witty man. He worked well with others and his friends and colleagues supported him through his troubles. No-one knows why he took his own life but the injections he was forced to take may have had a part to play.

Turing was finally pardoned for his 'crime' by the Queen in 2014, and now he is the face of a new bank note. What's more, his scientific legacy lives on in the freedom we enjoy in our country and the information that we can access every day through our computers.



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This report is from the Science Museum in London

THIS isn't any old rubber duck.

It was used by scientists at the Open University in 2014 to identify landing sites on a comet!

The comet in question was, oddly and extraordinarily, shaped like a rubber duck! This shape formed when two lumps of dust and ice fused together in space – scientists call this a 'contact binary'.

The European Space Agency used the results from their Rosetta mission to help land their space probe on the comet. If you look closely at the photo, you can still see the pen markings made by the team to show the different



possible landing sites!

This rubber duck has just moved to a new home at the Science Museum Group's National Collection Centre, where it will be safely stored and cared for along with 300,000 other historic objects.

14. NATIONAL GRID Advertisement feature

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16. ENTERTAINMENT

PIXAR heads to the Italian seaside for its latest animated adventure, Luca. Adam Tanswell talked to the film-makers for our exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the making of the mega movie...

STORY TIME

Luca is a magical tale about two best buddies and their monster secret. On dry land, Luca and Alberto are everyday human teenagers – but don't get them wet or you're in for a surprise. Why? Because the fun-loving friends transform into sea monsters whenever they're in water. Woah!

UNDER THE SEA

Pixar's latest animated adventure is a heartwarming story filled with fun, frolics and fishy friends. If you're worried the monsters might be scary, don't panic! As sea creatures, Luca and Alberto aren't creepy or terrifying. They are playful pals enjoying their enchanted summer in Italy. Bravo.

MONSTER MASH

The artists at Pixar studied fish and reptilian scales in order to come up with the look of the swimming sea creatures at the centre of the story. "We looked at lots of imagery from the natural world, including fur and fish," explains Luca character supervisor, Sajan Skaria. "We didn't want the sea monster transformation to be creepy!"

FINDING FRIENDS

It was a very tough task to find the young actors to provide the voices of the key characters in the film. "We auditioned over 1,200 kids to find the three kids who went on to play Luca, Alberto and Giulia," admits Luca producer, Andrea Warren. "Ultimately, we're so happy with where we landed."

SPEAK UP

• "We found actors who perfectly embody their characters," adds Luca director, Enrico Casarosa. "Jacob Tremblay voices Luca and he's very similar to his character because he's open, earnest and curious. Jack Dylan Grazer is a confident fast-talker and a little vulnerable, just like Alberto in the film. Actress Emma Berman is a newcomer who is passionate, genuine and full of energy – just like Giulia. They all won us over."

PLAY AWAY

• The movie's creative team took a number of trips to Italy to research the look of the movie. "We ate a lot of Italian food on the trips," recalls production designer, Daniela Strijleva. "We also went on fishing trips and we took lots of dips in the sea. We took thousands of photos and we did a lot of sketching on our travels. The trips were very informative."

SNEAKY SECRETS

The expert artists at Pixar love to hide sneaky Easter eggs within the animated action of their movies. There's usually a Pizza Planet truck from Toy Story to be found within each Pixar film, as well as lots of other Disney treats. "We had to fit the Pizza Planet truck in Luca somewhere for sure," chuckles Enrico Casarosa.

SEEING RED

Pixar movies also usually carry a sneaky reference to the next movie released by the animation legends. Producer Andrea Warren explains: "Turning Red is the name of the film that comes after us and there is definitely a reference to it in Luca. It's pretty tricky to spot, but it's a reference to a band in the film called Four Town. In Luca, it's in Italian, so you have to translate it and then find it!"



Catch Luca on Disney+ now

THIS WEEK

If you have a brilliant idea for a TV show, why not take part in the See Yourself On Screen Challenge with



the British Film Institute? Young people across the UK are invited to pitch their ideas for a TV show of the future – the year 2096, to be precise! The judging panel includes Konnie Huq (above), and winners will see their show made and broadcast on TV. The competition runs until 2pm on Monday 28 June. You can find out more and enter the competition at www.seeyourselfonscreen.co.uk

2 Diversity and John Newman are the first performers announced for Nickelodeon's Slimefest 2021. The six-show extravaganza will run from Saturday



16 October until Monday 18 October, with more acts being announced in the coming weeks. The shows will be hosted by Jordan Banjo and Perri Kiely, Max & Harvey and TikTok star Holly H.

17. COMPETITIONS



WE'VE teamed up with Blenheim Palace to offer you the chance to win a family ticket to visit this historic World Heritage Site this summer.

since 1704, Blenheim Palace was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987 and is the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.



Home to the Dukes of Marlborough

New for 2021, Blenheim Palace

welcomes two major new exhibitions, Churchill and The Stables. Both use interactive displays, never-seen-before artefacts and fascinating stories about the life of our most famous wartime leader and the history of the vital role horses have played across the estate.

Five lucky readers will win a family ticket for two adults and two children.

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

Which prime minister was born at Blenheim Palace? a) David Lloyd George b) Sir Winston Churchill c) Sir Anthony Eden

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firstnews.co.uk/competitions or see page 21. The closing date is 1 July 2021.

A SET OF FOOTBA UPERSTARS BOO

KICK off the Euros in style with Football Superstars by Simon Mugford & Dan Green!

Collect your favourite players and build your footie know-how with stats and expert tips about today's biggest global football heroes, including Rashford, Messi and Pogba.

Discover all there is to know about their rise to glory, top scoring moments and club transfers. Each book also includes a glossary of top football terms, be it the Ballon d'Or or the Copa del Rey!

Four winners will each win a complete set of all 13 Football Superstars books.



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

Which team does Marcus **Rashford play for?** a) Liverpool b) West Ham

Manchester United

titions or see page 21. The closing date is 1 July 2021

'Snort-out-loud charm' *Observer* Get ready to laugh at life with this heart-warming and hilarious look at family, friendship and what really matters from the brilliant ... BEN BAILEY SMITH The perfect pick for fans of David Baddiel, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and anyone who loves to laugh! BLOOMSBURY BLOOMSBURY 🔀

18. BIG INTERVIEW by Serena Lacey

What is the Reading Is Magic Festival 2021 all about?

Well, last year Bath Festival had to cancel their literature festival and so they teamed up with book festivals across the UK, and even in Canada and the USA, for a digital Reading is Magic Festival. It was all inspired by my Laureate Charter. My key message on the charter is that reading is magic, and magic is for everyone. It was so successful that

we are going to do it again. The lovely thing about it is that all the events are free for schools. You can sign up at readingismagicfestival.com

and you'll be able to access all the events and presentations on there. There has been decades of research that shows when a child reads for joy, not because they've been told to, it has huge benefits. That is what we want to get everyone doing. We don't

want to replace the magic of seeing an author live or coming into your school, but there are extra benefits to having something online because you can offer it for free.

• How has the last year been for you as an author, being unable to meet readers?

Oh, I have really missed it terribly. I love that feeling that I've touched somebody else's life. There will be children out there who will become readers for the joy of it because I've met them and then they think it is worth trying my books. Reading for joy is so important. And I love the questions that children come up with and I love their responses to my books, otherwise I'm just writing on my own in my shed! Of course, I know that children read my books because they write to me, but there is nothing like having a kid standing in front of you asking questions and saying how much the books have meant to them.

Do you ever get nervous when you're speaking to a whole school or at a festival?

No, not any more! That is a really good message for children too. At the beginning you are nervous, but then you work through it and you realise that nothing can happen that will really matter. That is very important, feeling the fear but then doing it anyway. I'm always putting my heroes into situations

that are terrifying and they are scared but they get on with it anyway. It's about bravery and putting yourself through things, and eventually you come to a situation where you realise you are no longer frightened – in fact, you

Author Rob Biddulph will be speaking at the Reading Is Magic festival



READING For Joy IS So MPORTANT

WE catch up with Children's Laureate and author Cressida Cowell to help launch the Reading Is Magic Festival 2021. Find out everything about the festival, Cressida's campaign for school libraries and when we can expect her new book!

• What can people expect from the speakers at the Reading is Magic Festival this year?

All the people who are going to be at the festival are just brilliant. There are going to be people like Michael Rosen, MG Leonard, Patrice Lawrence, Dean Atta, Rob Biddulph (left) and lots of others. There's going to be a daily theme and the first one is on being creative for at least 15 minutes a week. My particular event is called Change Your Library, Change Your Life, and this is about the Life Changing Libraries project that I have launched.

• Can you tell us a bit about the Life Changing Libraries project?

So far, no-one has been able to answer me the question: if a child's parents can't afford books and they don't have a library in their

> primary school, how on Earth can they become a reader for the joy of it? It's an impossibility. We just can't have a situation where one in eight schools don't have a school library, it's just not fair. Everybody has to have a chance right at the beginning or

else it's not fair – that is what the project is about. We've asked for more money to be put into school libraries and we are setting up six libraries in six very different primary schools around the UK and we're going to show how it changes and benefits children to have access to a school library. There is a mixture of things that have to go on in a library to make it work for children.

You have to have the books that appeal to kids and look like sweets, not Brussels sprouts. I try to make my books like sweets. Also, you have to have the space to have a library and you also need a person in the school who is in charge of that reading for pleasure culture. So there is the books, the space, the expert – you need all of those!

• What do you remember about visiting the library when you were younger?

I adored going to the library because all the books were free. This is what is so wonderful about the library – the books are free, it's like a free sweet shop! You can suck that lemon sherbet and see if you like it, and if you don't then you can try something new. That is the joy of libraries, that is how they made me feel and that is how I want them to feel for children now. It's even more important now because not every child can afford to buy books. When I was growing up primary schools did have libraries, it wasn't the same situation.

• As Children's Laureate you have lots of projects on the go, but have you had any time to do any writing of your own?

Yes, I am working on something! Oh my goodness, I am dying to tell you all about it but I can't at the moment! I'm only the Laureate for three years so I have got to do the best that I possibly can. I am speaking up for children whose voices aren't always heard, so at the moment, that is my primary role but I am still trying to write something that I am hoping to bring out next September. All I can say is that it is for a reader who enjoyed How to Train Your Dragon and The Wizards of Once!

The Reading is Magic Festival runs from 27 September to Friday 1 October. Find out more at readingismagicfestival.com #ReadingIsMagicFest

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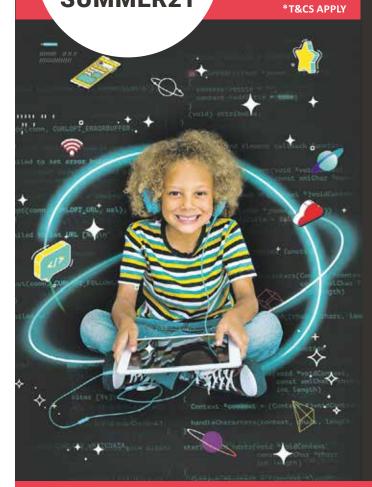
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If you've ever dreamed of creating the next Minecraft, Pokémon or Fortnite, here's how to make your dream a reality.

WHAT KIND OF JOBS ARE THERE?

If you love imagining creative ideas and stories you could make a fantastic Video Game Designer. You'll come up with ideas about how the world and characters look and behave.

If you love solving problems and puzzles you have the makings of a brilliant Video Game Developer. You'll use code to bring the designer's ideas to life!

HOW TO GET STARTED

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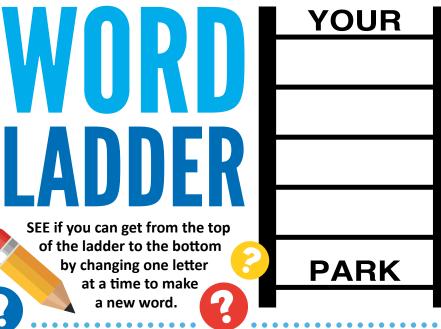


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20. PUZZLE FUN 😯 🕢 ?

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CAN you complete our crossword puzzle using the clues below?

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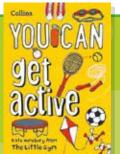
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- 10 A large boat (4)
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- 13 Sewing thread (6)
- 16 Crush into tiny bits (5)
- 17 Steer a car (5)
- **18** Temperature measure (10)

- **DOWN**
- **1** Senior person (5)
- 2 Not certain (6) 3 Creative thought (4)
- 4 Pasta made in long, thin strings (9)
- 6 Very costly (9)
- 8 One circuit of a race track (3)
- 11 Sausage in a bread roll (3,3)
- 12 Make a hole in the ground with
- a spade (3)
- 14 Female relative (5)
- 15 Alter or change (4)

HOW TO ENTER. Send your finished puzzles by email to **win@firstnews.co.uk**. Don't forget to put **Puzzles 783** in the subject box and include your control details. We're afraid we can't accept partial entries for each the details of the former of the subject box and include your finished puzzles of the subject box and include your finished puzzles of the subject box and include your finished puzzles by email to win@firstnews.co.uk. Don't forget to put **Puzzles 783** in the subject box and include your finished puzzles by email to win@firstnews.co.uk. Don't forget to put **Puzzles 783** in the subject box and include your finished puzzles are subject box are subj contact details. We're afraid we can't accept postal entries for now. The closing date for puzzle entries is Thursday 24 June 2021.

YOU CAN GET ACTIVE BOOKS

CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from Disney's live-action Cruella? Send in your answers and three winners will win a You Can Get Active book by Kate Henebury. Get up, get moving and get energised! The how-to book encourages you to get active. It's easy to understand and tells you exactly what you need to know step-by-step. There are easy-peasy activities to do at home, in the garden or at the park, from obstacle courses to bike rides and park runs.





21. PUZZLE FUN



WORDSEARCH CAN you find the words in our Wimbledon-themed wordsearch?

Remember that the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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IN MEMORIAM, HRH UKE OF EDINBURGH **ON SFTS**

ROYAL Mail has issued four new portrait stamps in memory of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

The four black and white images of the Duke are presented in a miniature sheet. The Duke of Edinburgh was born on 10 June 1921 and passed away on 9 April 2021, aged 99. During more than half a century in the public eye, Prince Philip accompanied HM The Queen on more than 250 overseas tours and completed well over 20,000 official engagements.

We have 15 In Memoriam, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Stamp Packs up for grabs.



just answer this question: What year was The Duke of Edinburgh born?

a) 1901 b) 1911 c) 1921



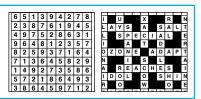
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the difference: horn is missing, T-shirt has changed colour, piece of wood has been added, toy has an extra eye, extra section of panel added. Word ladder: wear, sear, seat, slat, slit, suit. Word wheel: Commander.



22. GAME ZONE

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AVESONE UPDATES SOME of our favourite games had huge



SOME of our favourite games had huge updates this week!

First, Fortnite Season 7 (PEGI 12) has introduced an alien invasion for the many inhabitants of the Fortnite Island to fight off, along with loads of mad new weapons, and none other than Superman himself!

Next up, it's the first half of Minecraft's exciting Caves and Cliffs update, which is out now on all platforms! Part 1 introduces new mobs, like the adorable axolotl, and the goat, who is – according to developers Mojang – "incredibly fond of ramming". There are lots of new plant-based blocks too, as well as copper, which can be used to craft lightning rods!

Lastly, Innersloth, the team behind Among Us, unveiled all the cool things coming to the game over the next few months. New colours are on the way, along with two new roles: sheriff and scientists – although we don't know much about them yet. There's also a fifth map coming up, as well as a new hide'n'seek mode, and visor decorations! Which update are you most excited about?

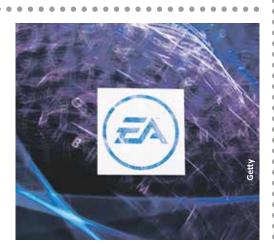
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EA HACKED!

THE company behind games FIFA and The Sims has been hacked, and a lot of data has been stolen.

The attackers said that they had downloaded the source code for some of the company's games. Someone in possession of that data could build cheats or exploits in EA's games.

Around 780GB of data was believed to have been taken. A spokesperson for EA said that the hackers "didn't have access to player data".





LEARN how to make games in Game Builder Garage!

More of a teaching tool than a game, Game Builder Garage introduces the foundations of coding, in an awesomely accessible way.

Rather than complicated coding languages, Game Builder Garage for Switch uses Nodons as programming tools – and they make game-creating actually quite easy!

For example, there's a button Nodon – connect this to a character Nodon's jump switch and test the game. You'll find that when you press the button, the character will jump!

Everything in Game Builder Garage works like this, although it's quite easy to get a bit confused if you're not careful.

Fortunately, the game eases you in very slowly. Your guides in the garage are two glowing fairy-like dots named Bob and Alice, and they do a fantastic job of showing you the ropes.

If you've ever wanted to make your own game, this might just be the perfect place to start.

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23. CRAZY BUT TRUE

EYE DON'T BELEVE IT



A WOMAN with the world's longest eyelashes has officially broken her own record.

COSTLY CASH

You Jianxia from China has held the unusual record since June 2016, when her left eyelash measured a staggering 12.4cm.

Now she's had it measured again and

it's grown to 20.5cm!

Doctors aren't sure why You Jianxia's eyelashes grow so long, but they don't cause her any concern or difficulty. You Jianxia told Guinness World

othebv's

Records: "I first realised that my eyelashes were growing in 2015. I would like to say to other people who have unique beauties – let us rejoice together and encourage happiness."

A SUPER rare gold coin has become the world's most expensive, after selling at auction for \$18.9 million (£13.4m).

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The American Double Eagle coin dates back to 1933 and features the goddess Liberty on one side, with an eagle on the other.

It is a special coin because it never ended up being introduced into American currency. President Franklin D Roosevelt decided against the idea and ordered that the money be destroyed. It became illegal to own the coin – except for this one!

The valuable item was sold by shoe designer Stuart Weitzman at Sotheby's in New York City.

RUNAWAY Tortoise

A GIANT runaway tortoise had to be rescued by police after managing to travel more than a mile (14km) from his home!

Titan, who weighs 57kg, was found in the town of Kesgrave, near Ipswich, after breaking out of his enclosure. It took three police officers to lift him off the street and into their van so that they could return him to safety. Titan's owner still isn't sure how he made his escape!



IT'S GNOME JOKE!



THE world's largest garden gnome collection has found a new home, after nearly ending up in the rubbish tip!

The collection, known as the Gnome Reserve, found itself homeless, until the Merry Harriers garden centre in Bideford, Devon, stepped in to help. The centre is now making the gnomes an exciting new area to bed down in.

The record-breaking collection features more than 2,000 gnomes!

The public can see the funny new residents from 19 June, just in time for International Garden Gnome Day on 21 June.



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



24. SHOPS

FOOTBALL

REFLEX FOOTBALL SWINGBALL AMAZON.CO.UK £18.95

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This reflex football swingball will have you falling further in love with the beautiful game! Practise your passing, shooting, volleying, heading and even your goalkeeping skills all with this one football training aid. This swingball set is totally portable, making it ideal to use on grass, sand or concrete. There is a sealed hole at the top of the unit which allows you to fill the base with water or sand to keep it from moving.

OPTI BALL Football goal set Argos £20.00

This summer, a game of football is never far away with this set of two pop-up goals! You also get a ball and a pump. The convenient pop-up design means you can simply twist the goals so they pop open, and then it's kick-off time! Designed with solid fibreglass poles and reinforced fabric for long-lasting strength.

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SMART BALL KICK UP COUNTING FOOTBALL THETOYSHOP.COM £20.00

Make keepie-uppies even more fun with this Kick Up Counting Football with Lights and Sounds. You'll love showing off your football skills with this interactive football. Use your feet, chest, legs or head to keep the ball from touching the ground, then watch as your tricks are counted by the ball. It also lights up and makes sound effects, too!

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BOOKS YOUR READS! YOUR READS! KAMALA HARRIS: THE TRUTHS WE HOLD KAMALA HARRIS

I really enjoyed reading this book and learning about the life and success of US vice president Kamala Harris. It is about her family, her childhood and the life that she built in and out of politics. I liked the personal part of her story about the people, books, places and songs that made her who she is.

I was inspired by her hard work and perseverance. It was obvious that she has a passion for making the world a better and more equal place for everyone. She talks about how we live in a world with a lot of injustice. Giving a voice to those unheard was a very important message.

Kamala acknowledges that she could not have accomplished any of it on her own, which I liked as she is not big headed or boasting. This is a good book for anyone who wants to learn more about American politics and how Kamala fought for success as the first female, African-American and Asian-American vice president. I think we need more people like her to fight for change for a better, fairer future.

IT'S INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP WEEK!

From 19–26 June, indie bookstores are being celebrated across the country with a bunch of awesome events.

Both virtual and real-life events from top authors, including Julia Donaldson and Rob Biddulph, are being held throughout the week. To find out where and when, head to www.facebook.com/booksaremybag/events/



National Literacy Trust's Virtual School Library





READ about Rashford with Dan Green and Simon Mugford!

Dan and Simon are our Virtual School Library authors of the week. Visit the Virtual School Library from the National Literacy Trust and the Oak National Academy to read Rashford Rules for free!

Dan and Simon recommend these three reads: The Beano

You Choose by Nick Sharratt and

Pippa Goodhart

 Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs

Step inside the library to watch an exclusive video with Dan and Simon and read a Q&A! Pogba Rules, the next title in the Football Superstars series, is available on 24 June.

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25. YOUR NEWS

PAULTON'S PARK FUN

by Amelie Henderson

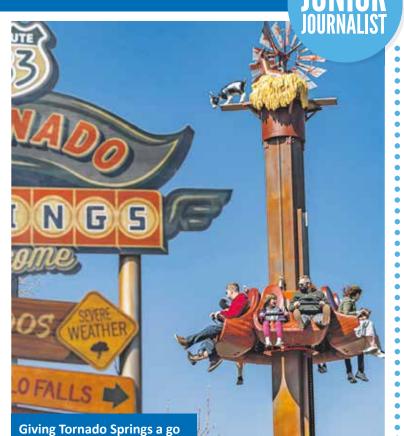
IN the school holidays, I had a fun day out with my family at Paulton's Park in the New Forest.

I've been there before, but I was really excited to go this time because now I'm tall enough for some of the bigger rollercoasters! Numbers inside the park were limited so queues weren't too long and I got to try out loads of rides, including Boulder Dash (which made me feel a bit dizzy), the super-fast Velociraptor and the Raging River Log Flume (my mum got soaked!). I really loved the Storm Chaser rollercoaster in the new area, Tornado Springs. It was a tiny bit scary but super exciting!



My little sister loved the rides in Peppa Pig World, and at the end of the day we both got to cool down in the splash park. I can't wait to try out even more rollercoasters next time!

For booking information, visit paultonspark.co.uk.





Write in to let us know what you've been up to lately! Have you been getting creative? Been for a great day out? How has the coronavirus affected your school, friends and family? Why not share your experiences with First News readers?

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Don't forget to include your name and age (and your school's name and address for school news reports). By writing in, you give consent to *First News* printing details and photographs of those involved in the report.

CHARITY RUN by Bella

I'M an ambassador for Partners for Change Ethiopia. The charity supports disadvantaged children and their parents in the hope of making their futures a little brighter.

When the pandemic started, all of the charity's fundraising came to a halt. This was really sad as we knew that there were two schools in Debre Birhan, a city in Ethiopia, which desperately needed our help.

There were quite a few vulnerable children there, who never had breakfast and couldn't afford pens, books or even school uniforms. We just had to do something.

So we put our heads together and came up with an idea which was fun, anyone could join in with and would hopefully bring in some sponsorship money. Our fundraiser is called "Clock up your Kilometres". We wanted to make a virtual journey from Cookham in England to Debre Birhan in Ethiopia.

We asked people of any age and from anywhere in the country to run, swim, cycle, walk or skate and keep track of their kilometres up until 4 April. We then added up all the distances to see how far we had all got!

The challenge was a huge success. We had more than 200 people take part and we raised over £8,000. This will all make a big difference to the children at the two schools. It really inspired me that so many people cared and made a difference.



RUBIK'S RELAY

by Riyaan Parmar

I READ an article in First News about Captain Tom Moore's family encouraging people to take on their own "100" challenge to raise money on his 101st birthday.

I decided to solve a Rubik's cube 100 times, each within 100 seconds.

To solve the cube in less than 100 seconds, I had to learn new algorithms and practise a lot. My brother, who is much faster than me at solving it, helped me to achieve this.

The challenge was spread across three days. My fastest solve time was 29 seconds, and my average time was 41 seconds.

With my parents' help, we streamed it live on social media. We decided to raise money for a local charity, Wishes 4 Kids, who grant wishes to children who have suffered from diseases, emotional traumas and who are seriously ill. I raised over £100 in total for the charity!

Have you taken part in the Captain Tom 100 challenge? Why not tell us all about it, send your report to yournews@firstnews.co.uk.



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BRITANNIA RULES THE ROADS!



EVER fancied designing a Formula 1 car? That's exactly what competitors do in the Aramco F1 in Schools Championships! Thousands of teams from around the world took part this year. One of the finalists, Britannia Red from Robert May's School in Hampshire, told First News about their impressive three-year story.

"Britannia Red first formed in 2018. There are six of us – Team Manager Amelia Dorward (16), Public Relations Officer Zach Taylor (17), Technical Director Ted Hodgson (17); Aerodynamicist Caoimhe Thomas (16), Testing Engineer Abi Bessant (16) and Manufacturing Engineer Callum Green (16). We first gained success in 2019 when we became F1 in Schools UK Champions and repeated this success in 2020.

"F1 in Schools is the largest Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) challenge on the planet. More than 2,500 teams from 55 countries participated in this year's event. Working in teams of three to six members, the primary aim is to design, analyse, make, test, and race a miniature gaspowered car, capable of accelerating from 0-60mph in under one second. As well as striving to produce the fastest car, teams are also judged on management and business skills."

STAYING POWER

"Only the most dedicated students earn a place to compete at the World Finals. In preparation, we designed, tested, and manufactured two identical miniature F1 cars to be raced on a 20-metre track. As part of the challenge, we produced portfolios, pit displays and video presentations that were judged prior to the competition. During the virtual event, we were interviewed by an international panel of judges, including F1 team engineers, university professors and industry professionals.



"To determine each car's position for the World Finals, the cars were repeatedly raced down the track. Only the most robust designs survived the races! Our car was one of only two fully legal cars, scoring us maximum points in 'scrutineering'. "Arguably the most exciting element to an F1 in Schools

event is the knockout competition, where teams compete in a sudden death contest to decide which team has the fastest car. After knocking out teams from China and England, we met up with the competition favourites, the Irish team Quintolux. Quintolux snatched the race by just 0.051 seconds and went on to become deserved knockout champions."

BUT THE WINNER IS...



"The awards ceremony took place on 8 June, with a total of 14 awards and three podium places up for grabs. We won the prestigious Best Engineered Car and Best Verbal Presentation awards, as well as work experience at the Williams F1 team. The final podium awards were presented by Formula 1 CEO Stefano Domenicali who crowned us the F1 in Schools World Champions. With this prize came valuable scholarships to UCL in their school of Mechanical Engineering and also VIP tickets to an F1 Grand Prix, where we will be in the garages and paddock with the teams and drivers.

"We've worked extremely hard over the three years we've been participating in the programme. Our dedication and motivation has ultimately paid off as we achieved all our goals and became only one of three schools in the world to have won the title twice." 2

years after Mary Pierce won both the women's singles and doubles titles at the French Open, this

amazing feat was achieved again by Barbora Krejčíková. The Czech star has now won seven major titles. In the men's singles final, Novak Djokovic fought back from two sets down to collect his 19th Grand Slam trophy.





draws and four defeats in European Championship opening games was England's tally before

this year's tournament. A 1-0 victory over Croatia last weekend was their first ever opening game win. The other home nations had less success, as Wales drew with Switzerland and Scotland lost to the Czech Republic.





metres ace Dina Asher-Smith triumphed again at a Diamond League meeting in Italy. Her

winning time of 22.06 seconds was only 0.03 seconds slower than the fastest time recorded this year. The world champion is set to shine for Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics.

