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## CLEAN OUR AIR!

by Ian Eddy

**DANGEROUS** levels of air pollution around UK schools have forced schoolchildren to start a campaign to get political parties to do something about it.

The Prime Minister and leaders of the other parties were invited to the Kennington Carnival 4 Clean Air and asked to sign the children's Clean Air Pledge. The pupils, aged between 6-13, are asking the next Government to publish a new clean air act within 100 days of next month's General Election.

As we went to press, Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Green Party had all committed to sign the pledge.

Kennington is on the edge of London's Congestion Charge zone and has some of the worst quality air in Britain. Schools in

the area have been giving advice to pupils and parents about face masks that can be used to filter polluted air.

Around 40,000 people die in the UK every year because of outdoor air pollution, say the Royal College of Physicians. That's 109 deaths every day.

Last week, the Government published its air quality plans. These were called "weak" and lacking in "ambition and detail" by ClientEarth, the campaign group that took the Government to court to force publication of the plans.



## 1 EUROVISION

The Eurovision Song Contest takes place tomorrow (13 May). This year, it's being held in Kiev, Ukraine. Lucie Jones is representing the UK, with her song *Never Give Up On You*.



## 2 MTV AWARDS

Emma Watson won the first gender-neutral prize at the MTV TV and Movie Awards. The actress scooped the gong for best actor in a movie, thanks to her role in *Beauty And The Beast*. The category featured both male and female nominees. Emma said the award was "very meaningful."



## 3 WORLD WAR TWO

Around 50,000 people had to be evacuated in Hanover in Germany, after three British bombs from World War Two were found. Experts were called in to defuse them. Authorities made sure those affected were kept busy, by organising a range of sporting, cultural and leisure activities.

## 4 TRUDEAU INSPO

A couple from Syria have named their new baby after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Muhammad and Afraa Bilan are refugees who were welcomed into Canada last year. They have given their son the name Justin Trudeau Adam Bilan.

## 5 MENTAL HEALTH

Charity Shaw Mind Foundation has collected 100,000 signatures in support of mental health lessons in schools. When a campaign gathers this much support, it is usually brought to Parliament for debate. However, campaigners are worried the Government may overlook their petition and use the dissolution [break-up] of Parliament as cover not to debate the issue.

## 6 BABY BEAR

Cheryl and 1D star Liam Payne have named their new baby son Bear. Bear Grylls tweeted the couple, saying: "Great choice."

## 7 SUN AWARENESS

New research reveals that one in five children get sunburnt while at school, with a third of you being sunburnt at least once a week during the summer months. A new campaign – Wrap, Splat, Hat – supported by Garnier Ambre Solaire and the British Skin Foundation aims to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe in the sun.



## 9 DESCENDANTS 2

Disney has launched the official trailer for *Descendants 2* and released the first music video from the film! You can check out both videos at [live.firstnews.co.uk](http://live.firstnews.co.uk).



## 10 RACING HERO

Billy Monger, the teenage Formula 4 driver who lost his legs in a racing accident, says he wants to drive again. The 18-year-old said: "I'll be back racing again as soon as I can." Fans, including Formula 1 star Lewis Hamilton, have supported the young driver, helping to raise more than £800,000.

## 11 RICH LIST

There are more billionaires in the UK than ever before, according to the *Sunday Times* Rich List. The richest people are brothers Sri and Gopi Hinduja, who top the list with a whopping £16.2 billion!

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## THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

QUICK NEWS TO READ YOURSELF  
AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS...

## 8 BAKE IT BETTER

Get your bake on to help Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity! Bakers are encouraged to cook up some cash by hosting a bake sale between 22-28 May. Every penny made will help seriously ill children from across the UK. Look out for more on this in next week's *First News*!

## QUOTE

Florrie said  
about exams:

"I don't do well under pressure so I get kind of freaked out about them sometimes!"

## 12 BIRDS KILLED

Hundreds of birds have died after flying into a skyscraper. 395 birds were found next to the American National building in Texas, USA.

## 13 BEACH MYSTERY

A beach near the Irish village of Dooagh has reappeared, after vanishing back in 1984! The beach was destroyed by huge storms and has just started coming back, after a freak tide washed the sand back up.

## 14 POLL RESULTS

With exam season here, we wanted to know: Do you find tests stressful? Lots of you voted, with 67% of you saying YES.

## 15 MARATHON MISSION

Eliud Kipchoge said: "This is history," as he narrowly missed out on running a marathon in under two hours. He was taking part in a Nike event, alongside fellow athletes Zersenay Tadese and Lelisa Desisa, to see if they could complete a sub-two-hour marathon. The athlete recorded a time of 2hrs and 25secs! Even though it's the fastest time a marathon distance has been run, it will not be recognised as an official world record.

## 16 STAR FUNERAL

Undertakers are being asked to swap their traditional dark uniforms for movie or TV character costumes, says Co-op Funeralcare. One funeral director was asked to dress as Darth Vader from *Star Wars*, to accompany other mourners who dressed as characters like Taz, the Tasmanian devil.

## 17 ROYAL REPLY

A schoolboy has received a letter from the Queen after inviting her to his fifth birthday party. The special letter wished Shaan Dulay a very happy birthday, but said that, sadly, the Queen wouldn't be able to make it because she's so busy!

## 18 PITCH BATTLE

Great *British Bake Off* star Mel Giedroyc is to host a new BBC singing show called *Pitch Battle*. The show will look for the next big music group and has already lined up appearances from Joe Jonas and Will Young.

## 19 CAMERA CONTEST

Calling all young photographers! The RSPCA is looking for pictures of your favourite animals, in return for cool prizes. The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards are open for entries now and will be judged by the likes of Chris Packham. Find out more at [www.rspca.org.uk/ypa/17](http://www.rspca.org.uk/ypa/17).



## 20 EARTHQUAKES

Alaska was hit by four earthquakes last weekend. As *First News* went to press, no injuries or damage had been reported.



# MENTAL HEALTH MANIFESTO

**AS part of Mental Health Awareness Week (Monday 8 – Sunday 14 May), the charity YoungMinds has published five recommendations for the next Government about your mental health.**

YoungMinds is the UK's leading children's mental health charity. This week, they let every political party know that when it comes to your mental health, they mean business!

The charity says there is a "mental health crisis" among young people. They claim that, on average, three children in every class have a diagnosable mental health condition, such as anxiety or depression.

This week, YoungMinds has called upon the next Government to commit to five points to help improve services and promote good mental health. They are:

**1. Invest in more funding for child and adolescent mental health services**

**2. Rebalance the education system to prioritise emotional wellbeing and mental health**

**3. Strengthen and enforce rights for children in mental health hospitals**

**4. Increase understanding of the impact of childhood trauma on young people's mental health among professionals**

**5. Give young people an equal say on the services they receive**

Sarah Brennan, Chief Executive of YoungMinds, said: "Mental Health Awareness Week is the perfect time for all parties to commit to children's mental health, and guarantee that, if elected, they will take action in their first 100 days."

## Editor's comment



**Nicky Cox MBE**

**RIGHT now is your chance to get your voice heard about the issues that matter most to you.**

Whether it's air pollution (front page), mental health (this page) or anything else, you can have your say.

That's because all the political parties are campaigning about the things that they think are important. On pages 14 and 15, you can read about what they are all saying.

And, when you vote in our Junior General Election at [first.news/GeneralElection](http://first.news/GeneralElection), leave a comment and we will make sure it is passed on to the party who forms the next government after the election.

## BREEDING BAN

**FRANCE has banned the breeding of dolphins and killer whales in captivity.**

The government has also banned the keeping of all whales, dolphins and porpoises in captivity, except for orcas and bottlenose dolphins that are already being kept in aquariums.

Under the new rules, direct contact between the animals and the public is now banned (such as swimming with dolphins) and pools need to be made much larger.

Parks and aquariums have six months to make some of the changes and three years to expand their pools.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

**Should the breeding of dolphins and killer whales be banned globally?**

**Vote at [live.firstnews.co.uk/polls](http://live.firstnews.co.uk/polls)**



## NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT

**VOTERS in France elected Emmanuel Macron as their new president on Sunday (right).**

The former French Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry is the youngest French president since Napoleon Bonaparte in 1799.

Emmanuel Macron took two thirds of the vote (66.06%), beating his opponent, Marine Le Pen, who took around a third of the votes (33.94%). Both candidates have spent the last few weeks campaigning across France. To the voters, Macron was known for wanting to reform education and boost business; he was also well known for his pro-EU views. Marine Le Pen has spent weeks being compared to US President Donald Trump, due to her anti-immigration policies and other ideas.

Thousands of Mr Macron's supporters gathered outside the Louvre museum in Paris on Sunday (7 May) night as the final result was announced.

Mr Macron said to the crowd and the world: "Tonight you won, France won. Everyone told us it was impossible, but they don't know France."



## GOOD WEEK FOR Tom Daley and Dustin Lance Black



THE loved-up couple got married at Bovey Castle in Dartmoor National Park last weekend, sharing the day with 120 of their closest friends and family. Congratulations, guys!

## BAD WEEK FOR

### Fake news

SOCIAL media giant Facebook has decided to fight fake news by publishing ads in UK newspapers. The ads will carry a list of ten things to look out for if you suspect a story is fake.



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# HELP THESE POOR PUPS



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**OWNERS of dog breeds like pugs and French bulldogs are being warned that their pets will be more likely to suffer from heatstroke this summer.**

These brachycephalic (flat-faced) breeds have shorter faces than other dogs, so they often have breathing problems. Since dogs can't sweat and have to pant to lose heat, these breeds can't cool down very efficiently.

Gudrun Ravetz, the president of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), told *The Sunday Telegraph* that flat-faced breeds are more likely to overheat, putting them "at greater risk of conditions like heatstroke". She said that owners of

these breeds should talk to their vet to get advice about caring for their pet during summer.

The BVA strongly recommends that people avoid buying flat-faced dogs. "Our members see brachycephalic breeds' health problems – from breathing difficulties to eye ulcers and painful spine abnormalities – in veterinary practices across the UK on a daily basis, and flag it as one of their top animal welfare concerns," said Ravetz in a letter to *The Times* in March.

## 82 Chibok girls come home



Buses transporting some of the released girls

**MORE than 80 schoolgirls who were kidnapped by the terrorist group Boko Haram have been released.**

In April 2014, 276 schoolgirls were taken from their school in a town called Chibok in Nigeria.

The girls were kidnapped by members of an Islamist terrorist group called Boko Haram, who forced them into trucks and cars at gunpoint.

The girls were taken because Boko Haram doesn't approve of non-Islamic education and doesn't think girls should be in school. Kidnapping the girls from their school was a statement to the world.

Over the last few years, some of these girls had either managed to escape or were released by the group, following negotiations with the Nigerian government.

Last weekend, the story continued as 82 schoolgirls were released in exchange for some terrorists who were being held in prison.

Soon after they were released, the girls met with Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari.

"I cannot express in a few words how happy I am to welcome our dear girls back to freedom," he said.

Watch an interview with a girl who escaped at [first.news/ChibokEscape](http://first.news/ChibokEscape)



## ROYAL RETIREE



**THE Queen's husband, Prince Philip, won't be doing royal visits from this autumn. In other words, Prince Philip is retiring. At 95 years old, we don't blame him!**

The Prince's official title is the Duke of Edinburgh – the awards you might do at school are named after him.

A statement from Buckingham Palace said: "Prince Philip will attend previously scheduled engagements between now and August, both individually and accompanying the Queen.

"Thereafter, the Duke will not be accepting new invitations for visits and engagements, although he may still choose to attend certain public events from time to time."

According to Buckingham Palace, the Queen is in "full support" of her husband's decision.

Prince Philip has lived quite a life! Head on over to First News Live! ([live.firstnews.co.uk](http://live.firstnews.co.uk)) to watch a video about him.



## Are swans really that stropky?

**A LARGE study of bird behaviour has shown that swans don't deserve their aggressive reputation.**

"Careful now – that swan could break your arm," has been a common bit of advice to children from parents, but bird experts say that swans are no more aggressive than any other waterbird species.

Researchers from the UK and Russia gathered together lots of studies of waterbird behaviour. They found that there was no real difference between species, and that older males of all species were the most aggressive.

Kevin Wood, from the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, says that because swans are big and white, people just notice them more.

Swans used to be common targets for poachers, so it's thought that stories of swan aggression were spread deliberately to try and stop people hunting them.





**UNGERSHEIM, FRANCE:** A competitor poses at the start of a beard and moustache competition.



**FISHCROSS, SCOTLAND:** Scotland's animal welfare charity, the SPCA, is caring for three tawny owl chicks at their National Wildlife Rescue Centre. The owls have been named Harry, Ron and Hermione, after the *Harry Potter* characters.



**LONDON, ENGLAND:** Conservator Cathy Littlejohn touches up the paintwork on the astronomical clock from a cherry picker during conservation work at Hampton Court Palace. The astronomical clock, which still works today, was designed for Henry VIII and built in 1540.



**ISTANBUL, TURKEY:** Fatih Mosque is seen as lightning strikes over the Istanbul skyline during a thunderstorm.



**TOKYO, JAPAN:** People stroll in a nemophila field in full bloom in a park during the spring holiday. The flowers are more commonly known as Baby Blue Eyes.



**LONDON, ENGLAND:** Morris dancers perform in Trafalgar Square, as Westminster Morris Men and morris dance teams from across England take part in the annual Day Of Dance.



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## UK Shorter school days

Head teachers have backed a proposal for schools to look at different ways to protect education from budget cuts. These include changing to a four-and-a-half-day week. One teacher, speaking at the National Association of Head Teachers conference, said dropping hours could be necessary if a school did not have enough staff to run classes safely. However, the Government insists school funding has never been higher.



## UK Drones hunt beach litter

Scientists are using drones to create a map of plastic rubbish on UK beaches. It's thought by 2050 there could be more plastic in the sea than fish, and the *Plastic Tide* project is hoping to show the scale of the problem. The information gathered by drones will be used to help appeal for money to clean up the coastline.



## UK Calling all poets!

The Foyle Young Poets Of The Year Award 2017 is now open for entries. Winners will be announced at a special ceremony at the Southbank Centre, London. Their work will also be published in a book and they'll be invited to attend a week's residential creative course or receive a poet residency in their school. If you're aged between 11-17 years old, you can enter at [www.foyleyoungpoets.org](http://www.foyleyoungpoets.org).

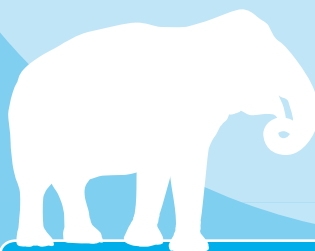
## UK Coin controversy

People are reporting faulty new 12-sided £1 coins which are losing their middle part or are misshapen. The Royal Mint revealed that a few dodgy coins were always likely to slip past its quality control, due to the huge number being made.



## WALES High flyer

It's been claimed that a polystyrene plane travelled 150 miles after it was launched from the Menai Suspension Bridge. Abbie Lee and her two daughters launched the plane, with their address written on both sides, in late March and were shocked when they received a postcard saying it was found in Bradgate Park, Leicestershire. The family couldn't believe that the 55cm model flew so far.



## BLACKPOOL Mammoth task

Blackpool Zoo has joined forces with Educational Printing Services Ltd to ask schoolchildren to help with a mammoth task. Pupils are being asked to help decorate the indoor areas of the zoo's new elephant home, set to open this summer. There are tons of prizes up for grabs, too! Find out more at [www.eprint.co.uk/mammoth-task](http://www.eprint.co.uk/mammoth-task).



## RUTLAND Birdfair fun

Wildlife TV stars including Steve Backshall and Chris Packham will be entertaining visitors at the annual Birdfair from 18-20



August at Rutland Water Nature Reserve. The event has raised more than £4 million so far for conservation work around the world and features talks, stalls, food and the chance to see Rutland's ospreys.

## BARNES Children's festival

London's largest dedicated children's literature festival is taking place in Barnes from 13-14 May. The Barnes Children's Literature Festival will feature 60 events around Barnes Pond, starring authors like Michael Rosen and TV presenter Clare Balding.



## NEWS IN NUMBERS



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**1** rare rockhopper penguin has been born at RZSS Edinburgh Zoo. It's the first northern rockhopper chick to be born at the zoo in eight years.

**32** hours is how long a surfer survived for at sea. Matthew Bryce drifted off the Scottish coast but was eventually rescued by the coastguard.

**10** days after he went missing, Max the dog found his own way home. The border collie ran off when he got scared of a hot air balloon passing over his house in Stroud. Although he was spotted several times, police were unable to catch him. However, the clever dog eventually made his own way home.

**5** kg is the weight of a sheep that had to be rescued after it fell and got stuck down a five-metre-deep crevice in moorland north of Todmorden. It took around ten firefighters to free the animal.

**350** children were involved in 'yarn-bombing' Whitchurch Bridge in Berkshire. As part of an art project, the bridge was covered in amazing knitted artwork. Proceeds from the exhibition will go to charity.



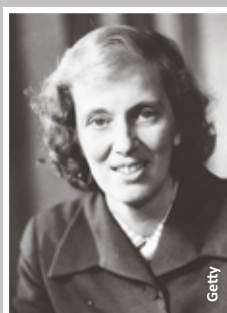
This report is from our friends at the Science Museum, part of the Science Museum Group.



## DOROTHY'S LEGACY

**THIS** week we are celebrating Dorothy Hodgkin, who was born on 12 May 1910.

Hodgkin (right) was fascinated by crystals, and for her 16th birthday she received a book about using X-rays to study crystals, which really inspired her.



She went on to discover the structure of penicillin, vitamin B-12 and insulin using X-ray crystallography, a technique used by scientists to understand the structure of molecules.

After many years of hard work, she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1964. Hodgkin was only the third woman ever to win this award.

Her achievements had a huge impact on science, allowing other scientists to understand more about the molecules that keep us alive.



Molecular model of penicillin by Dorothy Hodgkin, from 1945



## NEW DINO SPECIES

An artist's impression of a Vouivria herd by a lagoon

by Eddie de Oliveira

**A NEW species of dinosaur has been identified after analysis of a fossil that had been kept in a museum for more than 80 years.**

The new herbivore (plant-eating) species has been given the scientific name *Vouivria damparisensis*, and is a relative of the *Brachiosaurus*. It lived in the Late Jurassic period, around 160 million years ago. Scientists at Imperial College London and a university in France reckon it was longer than a double-decker bus and weighed a whopping 15,000kg (15 tonnes).

The fossil was discovered in France in the 1930s. It has spent most of the past 80 years in storage at the National Museum of Natural History in the French capital, Paris. A team from Imperial College recently re-tested the fossil and found that it was a brand-new species.

The discovery is helping scientists understand the evolution of the sauropod (long-necked) dinosaurs and the group they belonged to, called titanosauriforms. These were some of the biggest creatures ever to have lived on land, and include the *Brachiosaurus*, *Diplodocus* and *Brontosaurus*.

The fossil find is important because it is older than the previously oldest-known member of this group by about five million years. Dr Philip Mannion from Imperial College said: "It's the earliest member of a group that includes *Brachiosaurus* – one of the most famous dinosaurs we know and one of the prominent animals in *Jurassic Park*. This pushes back a lot of origin times for a range of sauropod dinosaurs."

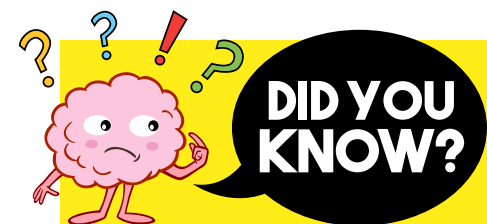
## Insects on the menu?

**INSECTS and meat substitutes like Quorn will have to form a major part of our diet if we are to protect the environment.**

That's the verdict of a new study by the University of Edinburgh. The global meat industry currently contributes 12% of total greenhouse gas emissions, which are directly causing global warming and therefore climate change. The increase in demand for meat is also leading to more of the world's natural areas being converted to farmland to house animals such as cows and pigs. Twice as much land is used to raise cattle, pigs and other animals than is used to grow crops.

The study found that if half of animal products were replaced by imitation meat or insects such as crickets and grasshoppers, the land required to produce the world's food would be reduced by a third. This would lower the carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming.

It may sound a bit barney to some of us, but more than 2,000 species of insects are eaten by people across 119 countries today. In addition to the environmental cost, studies have also shown that eating too much meat can affect human health.



**SCIENTISTS** have made a breakthrough by inventing a tablet that creates the benefits of doing exercise. A drug known as GW501516 was tested on mice and found to improve their fitness, reduce weight gain and control their blood sugar levels.

## CODING COMP



NASA's F-15B test plane

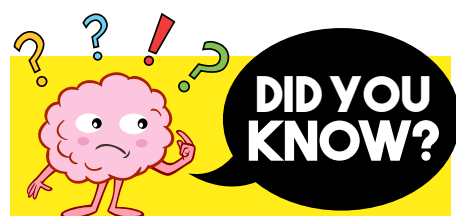
**NASA has launched a competition to find American coders who can speed up the software that is used to design experimental aircraft.**

The competition is called the High Performance Fast Computing Challenge (HPFCC). Two winners who can make NASA's FUN3D software run up to 10,000 times faster will share a prize of \$55,000 (£42,000). FUN3D was developed in the 1980s using an old computer language called Fortran.

The software is used on NASA's Pleiades supercomputer to test early designs of futuristic aircraft. The competition is looking for Americans who can improve the supercomputer's ability to analyse and solve problems.

NASA is hoping to find qualified people who can download the FUN3D code, analyse the performance problems, and identify possible changes that could make it faster and more effective.

Doug Rohn of NASA described it as "the ultimate 'geek' dream assignment."



**A PESTICIDE** called thiamethoxam could be damaging the bumblebee population by reducing egg development in queen bees. Pesticides are substances used to destroy insects that are harmful to plants.



**USA****Secret space plane**

The US military's experimental X-37B space plane landed at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, completing a classified mission that lasted nearly two years, the US Air Force has said. The miniature space shuttle was in orbit for more than 700 days before landing last week. The landing caused a sonic boom that could be heard 125 miles (200km) away!

**ITALY****Live in our village!**

Fancy the quiet life? The mayor of an Italian village is offering just that to anyone who moves to his village, along with €2,000 (£1,700) and cheap rent! The mayor says that his village's population has been steadily dropping as young people leave to find work, and this is his way of encouraging people to come back. Today, just 394 people live there. Could you see yourself living in a village like this?

**NEPAL****Age limit on Everest?**

Unlike with rollercoasters, there's no upper age limit when it comes to climbing Mount Everest. You've got to be at least 16, but anyone over that is allowed to have a crack at it, no matter how dangerous it may be. Now officials are demanding that be changed, as an 85-year-old Nepali man has died attempting the climb. Min Bahadur Sherchan first scaled Everest at the ripe old age of 76, becoming the world's oldest man to climb Everest. His record was then broken in 2013 by 80-year-old Japanese man Yuichiro Miura, which is why, at 85, he attempted the climb again.

**INDIA****Paramoodics**

In a country where poorer people often have to carry their injured relatives to hospital, the launch of a new private ambulance service just for cows has met with mixed reactions. India is a mostly Hindu country, and Hindus have huge respect for cows. The new service will be funded by a trust dedicated to looking after India's cow population. However, some people are asking why there aren't more ambulances to serve India's human population.

**OUR WORLD**

■ **Name:** Emeldah

■ **Age:** 12

■ **Lives:** Zambia

EMELDAH now feels more comfortable at school, thanks to new toilets and a changing room.

More than 25% of schools in Zambia don't have access to a safe water supply and sanitation, like Emeldah's school.

The toilets at Emeldah's school were in a very poor condition and had partially collapsed, making the walls and floor unsafe, and they didn't have any roofs.

Just A Drop has built three toilet blocks at her school, which were adapted for girls and boys.

Emeldah said: "Now that toilets and changing rooms for girls have been built, we are feeling very grateful."

Learn how Just A Drop supports children like Emeldah, and how you can get involved, by visiting [www.justadrop.org](http://www.justadrop.org).

**COLOMBIA****Money hungry**

A woman in Colombia made the strange decision to eat her entire life savings, after breaking up with her husband. Sandra Milena Almeida munched down a whopping £7,000 (\$9,000) in order to stop her ex-husband from getting any of her money in the divorce. It's not exactly a good idea to eat money, and poor Sandra ended up in hospital. Fortunately, surgeons were able to remove the cash from her, and she's now expected to make a full recovery. Sandra said she'll use the money for a luxury holiday, after washing the cash!

**AFGHANISTAN****IS head killed**

The head of Islamic State's Afghanistan branch, Abdul Hasib, has been killed in a joint raid by US and Afghan forces. Two US army rangers also died in the raid. It was thought that Abdul Hasib was responsible for the attack on a military hospital in Kabul back in March, when at least 50 people died. A spokesman for Afghan President Sediq Sediqqi congratulated the soldiers who took part in the raid, tweeting: "AFG Special Forces hunted down the leader of ISIS in Afghanistan; big success for our heroes."

**AUSTRALIA****Daisy destruction**

A box of rare daisies from the 1850s was sent to Brisbane from the National Museum of Natural History in Paris but, unfortunately, they never made it past border controls. A paperwork mix-up meant that the daisies ended up being burnt to a crisp. Australia has very strict border controls, as its native ecosystems are unique and very easily disrupted, but it's unlikely that these very rare pressed daisies would have caused a problem.





# LEARNING ABOUT DEMENTIA



**THIS week (15-21 May) is Dementia Awareness Week, and the Alzheimer's Society is asking us all to unite to not only raise awareness of the condition, but to better help and understand those living with it. We went to Herefordshire to visit a project that aims to do just that.**

## DISCOVERING MEMORIES

In a classroom in Herefordshire, a group of children is carefully unwrapping a treasure trove of objects from years gone by. Along with a group of older people from the same town, they're exploring these items to see if they can discover the story behind them. Vases, trinkets, kitchen implements – each is passed round and discussed. Then, with the help of a visiting poet, the groups share their ideas in a personal poem.

This lesson is about history, art and literacy and – the most important ingredient of the day – a search for understanding. It's one of a series of super-important and super-fun inter-generational projects going on in this area to bring the young and old together to share their ideas and experience of life.

"It is lovely to see some of the older generation remembering back to days when memory wasn't so hard for them," says Josh, who is in year 6 at Eastnor Primary School. "We had nearly some of the same ideas about the items as some of the older people, which was amazing because, even though we are generations apart, we still had a lot in common!"

## OLD AND YOUNG TOGETHER

It's this bridge building which is at the heart of this project, organised by a Creative Ageing team based at Hereford's arts centre, The Courtyard. It was named the first ever dementia-friendly theatre in the UK in 2012 and, since then, they've been on a mission to bring old and young together to celebrate their lives and relationships, and to help promote a better understanding of dementia. Dementia is a condition that affects millions of older people across the world.

People who have dementia can seem very confused, and that can put people off talking to them or spending time with them, which means they stop doing things they love. This project aims to change that. "Each time, we see the benefits are not just for people with dementia, but for all the children and young people who come to understand this



generation better," says Katrin Cross from the Creative Ageing team.

"The Cabinet of Curiosities is just one of many projects," says Katrin. "We've had a Yellow Camera Club activity, which saw students working with residents in a local care home to explore their world through cameras. Another activity – the Red Suitcase Project – was a shared quilt-making project which aimed to capture the stories of the older people taking part."

Quilts, photos, and poems are all put on display in the arts centre at a special Remember Me event held each year, when families can come together and tell their story or capture a memory on a giant artwork in the main foyer (below).



## WHAT IS DEMENTIA?

The brain is an amazing thing that stores memories and controls what we think, say and do. Dementia is a way of labelling the diseases that stop the brain doing those jobs properly. Dementia describes a set of symptoms that can include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, and can also affect a person's mood and behaviour. It's caused when the brain is damaged by diseases like Alzheimer's disease (the most common form of dementia). The important thing to remember is that people with dementia still love your company and love doing the things that make them happy. That's what the children in Herefordshire learned when they shared the poetry project with people in the local care home.



# GUINEA PIG ON PATROL

Facebook/New Zealand Police

**SAY hi to New Zealand Police's latest recruit, Elliot the guinea pig!**

Constable Elliot's not just a cutie in a uniform, though: he pops up on New Zealand Police's Facebook page to remind people about the importance of safe driving. In one post, Elliot, who belongs to a member of the force, warns people of the dangers of driving too fast and reminds them to slow down around schools. In another post, Elliot tells New Zealanders to always lock up their cars to help prevent thefts. What a great guinea pig!



Special Agent Elliot reporting for duty

Facebook/New Zealand Police



Elliot checks his email

## Sad news for seals

**NEW** research has revealed that underwater noise from ships temporarily deafens seals.

Busy shipping lanes in the UK are so noisy that Dr Esther Jones from the University of St Andrews discovered that it was loud enough to cause temporary hearing loss in grey and harbour seals. Dr Jones and her team now plan to tag seals with sound and movement recording devices, to see how their behaviour is affected by the noise.



## Coral stays cool

**THERE'S** some good news for coral. According to new research by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), some coral is adapting to the warming climate.

Eleven out of 21 species of coral have become less sensitive to temperature change, according to WCS Senior Conservation Zoologist Tim McClanahan, who studied coral in two marine parks off the coast of Kenya.

In 2016 an estimated 60% of corals worldwide experienced bleaching, which happens as a result of the ocean water becoming unusually warm and can cause the coral to starve. However, this new research found less coral bleaching, meaning that some species are learning to adapt.



## PERFECT PUP

**A SEA** lion pup was unexpectedly born at SeaWorld San Diego a day after her ill mother was rescued.

The female sea lion pup, called Little Gem, is being cared for around the clock by SeaWorld's animal care team. Her mum is too poorly to look after her, but it's hoped that the pair will be reunited as soon as her mother has recovered.

So far in 2017, SeaWorld San Diego has helped nearly 250 ill, injured or stranded marine mammals and birds.



Mike Aguilera/SeaWorld San Diego



Mike Aguilera/SeaWorld San Diego



# DIARY OF A MANATEE KEEPER

**LORRI Braso reveals details of her rewarding job caring for rescued manatees at SeaWorld Orlando.**

■ **3am** – Arrived at work early for a manatee that needs extra care. A big part of my job is observing the animals and updating the vets on their progress. Manatees often require rescuing because they are hit by boats, tangled in fishing lines, become orphaned or experience cold stress in winter waters.

■ **6am** – Medication and feeding time. Manatees consume 10% of their bodyweight daily in vegetation. That's 60 lettuces each!

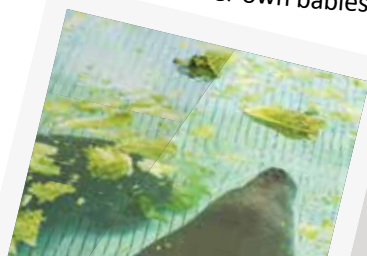
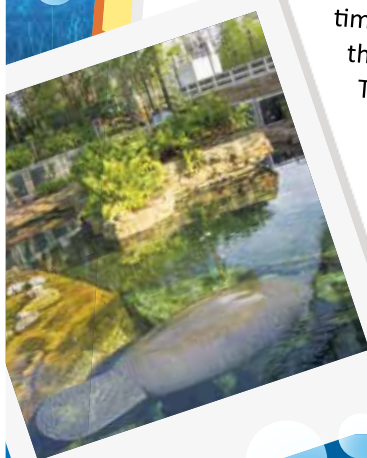
■ **9am** – The manatees have been snoozing. They lie on the bottom of the pool and hold their breath for 20 minutes. Half of their brain will sleep while the other half wakes them up so they can surface for air.

■ **11am** – Pool clean. I put on scuba gear and dive in. As a manatee keeper, you need a scuba qualification, experience with animals and a degree. I have a zoological degree.

■ **12pm** – Lunch. The older gals are smart and know we feed the spinach (their favourite!) last. They pretend not to be hungry, then pounce!

■ **2pm** – An orphaned manatee is now old enough to be released into the wild. I feel so proud! We'll track her progress and hope she has her own babies. Due to education and conservation, manatee numbers are growing. In 2016 they were downgraded from an endangered to threatened species.

■ **3pm** – Home time!



TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT [WWW.SEAWORLDPARKS.CO.UK](http://WWW.SEAWORLDPARKS.CO.UK)

## COMPETITIONS

### WIN! FAMILY TICKET TO DINOSAURS IN THE WILD

TO celebrate *Dinosaurs in the Wild*'s UK launch at the NEC Birmingham on 24 June, we're offering you the chance to win a family ticket for four (two adults, two children) to this unique, live-action adventure.

As part of the prize, there's also a night's stay, with breakfast included, in a *Dinosaurs in the Wild*-themed room at the family-friendly Hilton Birmingham Metropole, right next door.

*Dinosaurs in the Wild* will transport you and your family back an astonishing 67 million years by time machine. It's a thrilling blend of theatre, theme park fun and the very latest palaeontological knowledge, all combined to take you on the ultimate voyage of discovery.

You'll join time-travelling scientists at our extraordinary dinosaur research station – TimeBase 67 – built in the Late Cretaceous Period, some 67 million years ago. This brand-new experience will be open to the public from Saturday 24 June 2017 at Birmingham's NEC.

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

Which period in time will *Dinosaurs in the Wild* visitors travel back to?

- a) The Jurassic Period
- b) The Late Cretaceous Period
- c) The Triassic Period

For more information, visit [dinosaursinthewild.com](http://dinosaursinthewild.com)

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### WIN! LEGO® CITY GREAT VEHICLES BUNDLES

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Three winners will each win the complete range of LEGO® City Great Vehicles, which includes an ATV race team, buggy, dragster transporter, fishing boat, pizza van, race plane, stunt truck and a sweeper and excavator.

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

What is a group of fish called?  
a) Lesson b) School c) Study

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# COOL COOKS!

PROVING that anything grown-ups can do, kids can do just as well, is new series *First Class Chefs: Family Style*, which showcases some pretty amazing young cooks! We caught up with the show's presenter, Gia Ré, to find out more...

## What's *First Class Chefs: Family Style* all about?

It's a new spin on the first series of *First Class Chefs*, with British chef and TV presenter Matt Tebbutt and myself. We've invited the contestants from the first series back again, but this time with a family member as their team mate.

## Do you get to eat all of the food the contestants make?

Yes! I got to eat all of it and I was so glad. I wanted to eat more. I wanted to set them more tasks, like: "Yes, can you make a cake for me, too?" It was so good!

## Were there any dishes that stick out in your mind as being particularly good?

Yes, there was a spinach and ricotta lasagne-type thing. It was gluten-free and completely healthy. I remember being so surprised when I took a bite of it and it just melted in my mouth – it was the greatest thing I've ever tasted. I was so impressed but had to have a stony face and be like: "We'll see if you've made it through this round..."

## Was there anything that you weren't too keen on eating?

There were a couple of blunders, sometimes with seafood. I remember there was a prawn that hadn't been fully cooked, but the flavours in the rest of the dish were incredible so that it was forgivable.

## What are you like at cooking?

I would say I'm a pretty good chef and my friends would say so, too, because I paid them! I have been cooking for a long time and it's down to my dad. He's a good chef in his own right. It's not his profession but it's his passion and he passed that on to me. I like to cook freely. I don't like to use many recipes. I like to make it up as I go along. That way it's really fun and it's like an experiment.

## Have you ever had any disasters in the kitchen?

Well, like I said, I like to experiment in the kitchen and experiments make room for quite a few errors. The other day I made a cauliflower pizza but, as I got it out of the oven, I dropped it. But you know what? That bit of extra flavour from the floor didn't hurt!



*First Class Chefs: Family Style* is on Disney Channel on 15 May at 5.30pm

## PICS OF THE WEEK

CHECK out these funny pics from hilarious new film *Captain Underpants*. The funny flick is about two boys who hypnotise their principal into becoming a dim-witted superhero known as Captain Underpants.

*Captain Underpants* is released in cinemas on 28 July.





# BRILLIANT BADDIE

MEET Balthazar Bratt, the newest baddie in the *Despicable Me* universe. Here's everything you need to know about Gru's latest enemy...

1

*Despicable Me 3*'s bad guy is a former child actor and TV star.

2

Balthazar used to be on his own TV show, *Evil Bratt*, where he played a child prodigy and criminal mastermind bent on world domination. But, as he got older, the series was pulled off air and no-one saw him for years... until now.

3

As Gru's fiercest foe, Balthazar is back. He's obsessed with the character he played in the '80s and set on world domination in real life!

DESPICABLE ME 3 IS IN CINEMAS FROM 30 JUNE



## THIS WEEK...

**1** Niall Horan has released a new single called *Slow Hands*. Niall, who co-wrote the song, said: "I've been listening to a lot of early '80s stuff lately and been inspired by that heavy bass and the funky guitar sound." Niall's first single, *This Town*, reached number one in 60 countries.

**2** Emma Watson surprised a fan by FaceTiming her with some study advice in Manila. The actress bumped into Kiara's mum in the street, who persuaded her to say hi to the student over FaceTime. Apparently the *Beauty And The Beast* star told Kiara to "study hard" for her upcoming biology exam.



**3** To celebrate the launch of her new book, *Tom Gates: Family, Friends And Furry Creatures*, author Liz Pichon has launched a big book giveaway for schools. Liz and her publisher, Scholastic, will be giving away more than 10,000 books to schools nationwide in the 100 Books for 100 Schools campaign. To win books for your school, go to [www.scholastic.co.uk/bigbookgiveaway](http://www.scholastic.co.uk/bigbookgiveaway) and explain how you value reading.

**4** Ed Sheeran made a young fan's dreams come true when he played a private concert just for her. Ten-year-old Ed fan Melody has spent 80% of her life in hospital with multiple illnesses. Ed visited her in hospital last year and invited her to one of his gigs, but she is unable to attend her favourite singer's shows, as she runs the risk of picking up an infection. So, instead, Ed invited Melody down to The O<sub>2</sub> in London and performed four of her favourite songs just for her during his sound check.

## EMMERDALE'S SWIMMING STAR

**NINE-year-old Emmerdale actor Alfie Clarke has raised an amazing £5,000 for charity by taking part in a sponsored swim.**

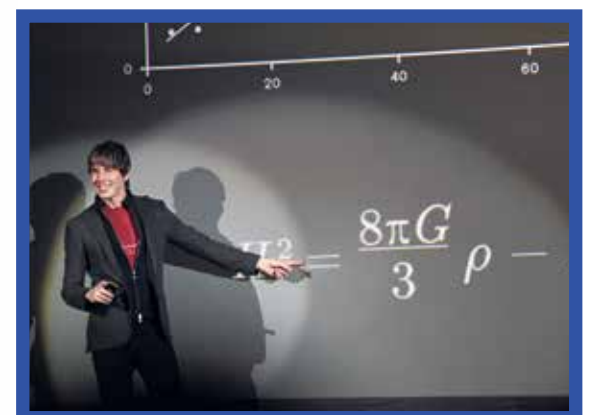
The actor decided he wanted to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, following a storyline on *Emmerdale* that saw his on-screen father battle dementia. Alfie swam 46 lengths (1,150 metres), which was six more than his target.



## RECORD-BREAKING PROF!

**PROFESSOR Brian Cox has broken his own Guinness World Record.**

The science-loving star broke his existing Guinness World Record for 'most tickets sold for a science tour'. In total, a whopping 150,000 tickets have been sold for the Professor Brian Cox Live UK and Ireland tour.





## 14. JUNIOR GENERAL ELECTION

# IT'S PARTY TIME!

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES

THE General Election vote. But, although

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### CONSERVATIVES

■ **Leader: Theresa May (Prime Minister and MP for Maidenhead)**

■ **How many MPs: 330**

The Conservative Party is the party of the centre-right – which means most of its MPs believe in upholding ‘traditional values’, like the monarchy and the House of Lords.

They believe that if you have more money, you should get to keep it and buy better education and health services for yourself. They believe that businesses should be less regulated (more free to do what they want) and that the more money they earn, the more they'll bring benefits to the country.

When it comes to crime, Conservatives believe that strict discipline and respect will cut crime rates and that criminals should be treated harshly.

While David Cameron was in power, the Conservatives took a much harder stance on combatting climate change. However, we'll have to wait for the party's 2017 manifesto to be released before we can say for certain where Theresa May stands on it.

Conservatives are for the creation of jobs, a clampdown on benefits and welfare (money given to those who can't work, or can't find work), strong control of immigration, and an investment in new grammar schools.

The Conservatives want to leave the single market, which is an agreement that guarantees the free movement of goods, capital (money), services, and people – the “four freedoms” – within the European Union.



### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

■ **Leader: Tim Farron (Leader of the Liberal Democrats and MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale)**

■ **How many MPs: 9**

The Liberal Democrats or ‘Lib Dems’ are known as ‘centrists’, which means that unlike the Conservatives or Labour, the party doesn't have mainly left-wing or right-wing policies – instead taking ideas from both sides.

When it comes to the economy, the Lib Dems are aligned with the Conservatives, believing strongly in free trade and less regulation for business. Unlike the Conservatives, however, the Lib Dems believe that a stronger economy is created by working towards a more global society and a continued commitment to the single market. The Lib Dems also believe in a clampdown on tax-dodgers.

The Lib Dems are the most vocal party voicing their opposition to Brexit, arguing that the UK should have a second referendum on the final deal that is reached with the European Union.

The Lib Dems believe that climate change is one of the biggest issues facing the UK, and would invest in renewable energy.

The Lib Dems champion LGBT+ rights and also believe that 16 and 17-year-olds should be allowed to vote.



### LABOUR

■ **Leader: Jeremy Corbyn (Leader of the Opposition and MP for Islington North)**

■ **How many MPs: 229**

The Labour Party describes itself as ‘centre-left’, meaning most of its MPs believe in left-wing ideas. This means increased support for the National Health Service (NHS), a higher minimum wage, and an increased investment in social services and state school education.

Labour believes that to fund these things, you should pay more taxes. This means that a chunk of a worker's income and a chunk of the money a business makes should go directly back to the Government. The more money you make, the larger chunk of money you would pay as tax.

Labour is known as a ‘big tent’ – meaning that MPs who believe all sorts of vastly different things are all part of the same party. While some of the party is anti-war and anti-nuclear weapons, others believe in helping our allies out in any situation.

Labour believes in tolerance of and respect for all and by all. Everyone should enjoy their individual rights but they must also understand that they have responsibilities to those around them.

They are strongly in favour of reforming how energy companies in the UK work, and giving a helping hand to energy companies who actively promote green energy.

Labour is the party that created the National Health Service – and has pledged to raise the wages of NHS workers and stop the cuts to the service that have been made under the Conservative Government.



### SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY

■ **Leader: Nicola Sturgeon (First Minister of Scotland and MSP for Glasgow Southside)**

■ **How many MPs: 54**

The SNP is, like Labour, centre-left in its political position – it too believing in many left-wing ideas and policies. Since SNP MPs are only running in Scottish constituencies, only voters in Scotland are able to vote for the SNP.

The SNP is strongly against the Trident nuclear defence system and would like to see the UK scrap nuclear weapons altogether.

The SNP's main aim as a party is for Scotland to be independent and re-join the European Union, or at least to have a ‘devolved parliament’ – which is one where there would be no House of Lords and where Scotland would have far more control over its own laws.

They're fighting for a second independence referendum, and say that since Scotland voted remain, the country is being taken out of the EU against its will.

When it comes to climate, the SNP want there to be tougher action against businesses that pollute and for oil companies to be more accountable for environmental damage that they cause. They want to invest in renewable energies, and make Scotland a leader in sustainable energy.





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e. Who gets your vote?



## GREEN PARTY

- **Leader:** Jonathan Bartley and Caroline Lucas
- **How many MPs:** 1

The Green Party is a left-wing party and shares many policies with Labour. The Green Party wants to protect the planet from the threat of climate change now and for future generations. They want to invest in renewable energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels. They also want everyone to have access to a secure job that pays at least the National Living Wage, and safe and affordable places to live for everyone. They'd aim to do this by building more social rented homes (council houses) and bringing abandoned buildings back into use.



## ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY

- **Leader:** Robin Swann
- **How many MPs:** 2

The second 'unionist' party in Ireland, the Ulster Unionist Party is more centre-right in its policies than the DUP (above right). The UUP is determined to make sure that there's no hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, or between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. They're also big believers in Brexit, and want to make sure that the whole of the UK leaves the EU.



## SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY

- **Leader:** Colum Eastwood
- **How many MPs:** 3

Ireland's second 'nationalist' party, the SDLP believes in a united Ireland. Along with this, they want to ensure Ireland is future-facing and plan on investing more money in apprenticeships, along with further education. They also believe in heavily investing in social care, ensuring that Northern Ireland's ageing population is cared for.



## SINN FÉIN

- **Leader:** Gerry Adams (President of the Sinn Féin political party and a Teachta Dála [TD; a member of the Irish parliament] for Louth)
- **How many MPs:** 4

Sinn Féin are the opposite to the DUP. They're left-wing in their policies and 'nationalist' – meaning they believe that Northern Ireland should be reunited with the rest of Ireland, and separate from the United Kingdom. Along with this, the party wants to see same-sex marriage legalised in Northern Ireland, further the teaching of the Irish language and place a limit on the wages of those who work in government. They also believe in instating a Minister for Children, who would be dedicated to supporting the young people of Northern Ireland.



# The FirstNews

## JUNIOR GENERAL ELECTION

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## DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY

- **Leader:** Arlene Foster
- **How many MPs:** 8

The largest party in Northern Ireland, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) is right-wing in its policies. The party is 'unionist' – meaning it thinks that Northern Ireland should continue to be a part of the United Kingdom. The party wants to see Northern Ireland's roads be rebuilt, and public transport in the country hugely improved. The party also wants a digital revolution of Northern Ireland's government, as well as an overhaul of how Northern Ireland's government is run – including continued reduction in the size of Northern Ireland's government.



## PLAID CYMRU

- **Leader:** Leanne Wood
- **How many MPs:** 3

A centre-left to left-wing party, Plaid Cymru wants to invest in education, offering more pay for high-skilled teachers. Any Welsh students who work in Wales after their graduation would receive £6,000 a year, up to a maximum of £18,000. The party wants to close the 30% income gap between Wales and the UK. The party is big on the environment and wants to ban Styrofoam in all shops. The party doesn't plan on holding a Welsh independence referendum any time soon, but thinks that the Welsh government needs a new system in place.



## UKIP

- **Leader:** Paul Nuttall (MEP for North West of England)
- **How many MPs:** 1

The UK Independence Party is more right-wing than the Conservative Party, but believe many of the same things. They want tougher rules on immigration, believing the current Government lets in too many people from other countries and that it affects our health services, education and housing. They want green spaces to be protected and oppose too much housing development. They also want money to be used for local services, rather than given to the EU or used to fund foreign aid and foreign wars. They believe communities should have more power when making decisions.





# AN INDOOR CITY RUN BY KIDS!



AT KidZania London, school groups can take part in more than 60 real-life activities. From boarding a real plane and learning how to be a pilot, to becoming a firefighter or imagining yourself as an award-winning singer!

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You and your school can enjoy a fun and realistic glimpse into the adult world at KidZania. Take part in a choice of 'jobs' to earn KidZos (our currency) and then take part in other activities where you will need to spend your KidZos. Once you've earned 75 KidZos, you can open a bank account and receive your very own bank card!



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**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BOOKING A TRIP, ASK YOUR TEACHER TO VISIT:**

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Hannah and her dad tucking into the Tale As Old As Time tea at The Kensington Hotel

## Fun pic of the week!

FIRST News' Hannah enjoyed a 'magical' afternoon tea last weekend... but can you spot why?!

Look closer and you'll see we were joined by some well known Beauty And The Beast characters! Lumière, Mrs Potts and Chip helped to serve up some fairy-tale treats inspired by the movie, including a chocolate clock tart (just like Cogsworth) and vanilla and gold jelly with a rose petal inside! Magical!

## DOGGIE DINNER

IT'S not just humans who enjoy afternoon tea. So do dogs, apparently!



The Egerton House Hotel in London is offering a special afternoon tea menu for pampered pooches.

The menu comes complete with "a bowl-licking chicken and beef meatloaf, a homemade doggy biscuit and doggylicious ice cream".

The cute canines even get a special chew toy to take home, proving that tea really does cater for all!

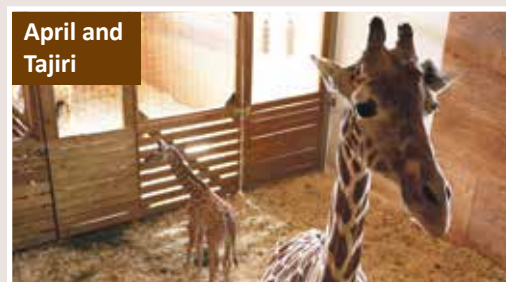
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## GIRAFFE NAMED

THIS little calf took the world by storm when he made his grand entrance last month – and now he's been named!

Say hello to the lovely Tajiri! His unusual name was chosen by his zookeeper Alyssa and is a Swahili word meaning hope and confidence.

Tajiri's mum April became an internet phenomenon after Animal Adventure Park in New York set up a live video stream in her enclosure. Millions of



April and Tajiri

people from across the globe followed the stream to keep up to date with April's pregnancy and the birth of her new baby.

April and her cute calf are now so popular they've even got their own website, official merchandise and emojis!

## QUICK CHUCKLES



Q: Which dinosaur knew the most words?  
A: The thesaurus!

Q: What is green and sings?  
A: Elvis Parsley!

HA!



HA! HA!

Thanks to First News reader, Leah.  
Share your jokes with us at [newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk)

## RECORD OF THE WEEK

### FASTEST TIME TO MODEL FIVE BALLOON SCULPTURES BLINDFOLDED



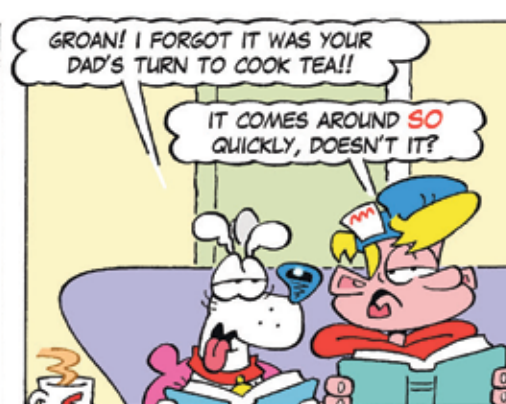
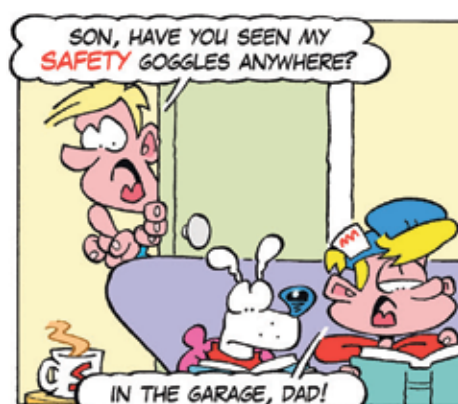
OFFICIALLY AMAZING

The fastest time to model five balloon sculptures blindfolded is 1min 1.3secs, and was achieved by Ryan Tracey (UK) on the set of the Britain's Got Talent (ITV) auditions, in Birmingham, UK, on 4 February 2017.

For info on this record and hundreds more, go to [guinnessworldrecords.com](http://guinnessworldrecords.com)



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer







# GIVE IT YOUR ALL!

**JAMES Taylor** was forced to retire from professional cricket last year after he was diagnosed with a serious health problem. Now, he's touring the UK's schools, working with national children's charity **Chance to Shine** to teach primary school pupils grit, resilience and cricket!

■ **First off, for our readers who might not follow the world of cricket – could you tell us a bit about yourself?**

Where do I start? I played for England, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire – captained England. I scored a lot of runs! You can Google just how many, if you want! And then, last year, I was diagnosed with a heart condition, and I should have died from it. Luckily enough, I was able to battle through.

■ **You retired a year ago. What do you miss most about cricket?**

Playing, being able to exercise, fulfilling my dream that I always had, and everything that comes with it. I was doing something that I loved to do, made a living from. I'd worked so hard to achieve that dream, so it's obviously tough to take when you have that taken away from you, and not allowed to do it again.

■ **How accessible do you think cricket is to youngsters in the UK, and can the sport do more to broaden its appeal?**

Extremely accessible, thanks to the organisations and charities like **Chance To Shine**, that take cricket into state schools and local communities. I think it's certainly improving young people's chances of getting involved with cricket at a younger age. Hopefully, it'll improve the participation levels as time goes on.



Rachael Wong & Vivienne Husband

■ **In what way do you think sport, and cricket in particular, can help kids with their overall education and development?**

There are lots of things that people can learn from cricket, the lessons it can teach you. Coming back from setbacks, resilience, teamwork, respect, self-esteem, confidence – all these things you can learn from playing in a team, and playing with your friends. And it's a skilful game as well! I think it's brilliant. I certainly learned a lot from cricket and it's helped me at each stage in my life.

■ **What do you think of the work that **Chance To Shine** do?**

They've already taken cricket to over 3,000,000 children in different schools around the country. They're introducing the world of cricket and the power of cricket, to as many people as possible! It's a great charity, and they're doing great things.

■ **What message do you have for girls who may want to give cricket a try?**

It's brilliant to see how many more women and girls are getting involved in sport full stop, let alone cricket. To see where women's cricket has gone is amazing. In schools I've gone to, often the girls are technically more advanced than the boys.

■ **Do you have any advice for **First News** readers who dream of pursuing a career in cricket?**

It's definitely worth giving your all! You might have to sacrifice some things along the way, but it's worth it, as it's just a great life, a great living, and there's a ton of fun to be had along the way.



## CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY FIRST NEWS



**Chance To Shine** and **Yorkshire Tea** are looking for the nation's top junior journalists!

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# WILL YOUR SCHOOL CHANGE LIVES ON FRI 22 SEPTEMBER?



Half a million children in the UK live with a serious medical condition called a genetic disorder. By getting your classmates and your teachers in their jeans on Jeans for Genes Day, you will help make a real difference to these children's lives.

## WHAT ARE GENES?

Genes are the instruction manuals for our bodies. They tell our hair to be straight or curly, they tell our legs to be long or short and they tell our skin to heal when it gets cut. Sometimes there is a problem in a child's genes. As a result they cannot walk, or talk, their bones don't grow properly, their lungs have difficulty breathing or their heart is weak.

## HOW DOES WEARING JEANS HELP?

On Jeans for Genes Day, we would love everyone in your school – teachers and pupils – to wear their jeans and donate £1. The money raised will have the power to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.

## HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



£250 raised by your school would allow an affected child to attend a weekend camp with other children who have the same disorder, under the care of doctors and nurses.

Children who have serious medical conditions can often feel very lonely. They spend lots of time in hospital and it can be difficult to make and keep friends. Often, these children cannot go on regular holidays because they require medical support to be nearby.



£500 raised by your school would enable a child who can't walk very well to have a frame that would help them stay independent for longer.

Children who are affected by a genetic disorder often need extra help to do the things we take for granted. They need equipment to help them get out of bed, to walk or to sit in the car safely. Sometimes they need small computers to help them communicate with others.



This specialist nurse helps children whose bodies cannot fight off infection

£1,000 raised by your school would help pay for the salary of a specialist nurse.

When a child has a rare genetic disorder it can be difficult for doctors and nurses to understand how best to help. Specialist nurses develop a deep understanding about a condition so they can help a child prepare for hospital procedures and make sure they live the best life they possibly can.

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# IT'S DEN DAY!



IT'S Save The Children's Den Day! Bring out the blankets and set out those sofa cushions, because it's time to build a den – for a good cause!

## HOW DEN DAY HELPS CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

**LAST year, 600,000 children across the UK signed up to take part, helping to raise funds to support the charity's work helping vulnerable children.**

11-year-old Saja (right) and her family are among the 528,000 displaced families in Iraq – families that have been forced to leave their homes because of war and conflict. The family of eight has been living in a camp in Khanaqeen, Iraq, for families in a similar position, since 2014.

The family lived for six months under shelling in their home town and their school was targeted in the conflict. Now in the camp, Saja attends Save The Children's Child Friendly Space, where she can play and learn with other children away from the fear of being hurt, and receive the support she needs.

Saja says: "We left our village because armed groups were attacking houses, also there was shelling. My uncle, aunt and cousins have been killed from shelling. It hit their car. They were behind us on our way here."

"In the camp, I like coming to the Child Friendly Space (CFS) because it is like my house and everyone plays together. I like my friends and the CFS because there are a lot of toys and the teachers take care of us."

"I want to be a vet. Birds don't have doctors to give them treatment or anyone to take care of them. I want to heal them and I want to be a vet, to take care of them. I'd also like to be a bird so I can return back to my home."

Right now, millions of children like Saja around the world do not have a safe place to sleep or play. Many have been forced to flee their homes by natural disasters or war. Others end up living rough on the streets because of poverty, abuse or neglect. The money raised through Den Day will help Save The Children do whatever it takes to reach children caught up in conflict, fleeing war or persecution, or living rough on the street.



## WHAT IS DEN DAY?

Save The Children's Den Day is a fun, interactive and creative fundraising event that any child can take part in, either at school, at their youth group or at home with parents.

On Friday 16 June, Save The Children invites everyone to build dens together out of everyday materials like card boxes and sheets, and either get sponsored for making their den, make a small donation or do some fundraising activities on the day. The money raised will help make sure more children around the world have a safe place to sleep and play.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

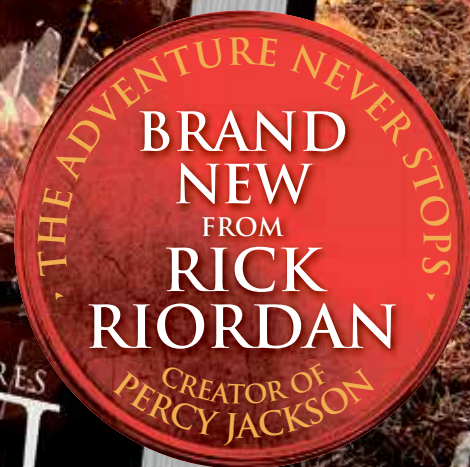
Teachers, youth group leaders and parents can sign up now at [DenDay.org](http://DenDay.org) to receive a free fundraising kit with everything they need to hold a fun-filled day. The kit includes posters, stickers, simple den ideas and great teaching resources to easily link Den Day into the curriculum and schools' plans.

Teachers, youth group leaders and parents can sign up now at [DenDay.org](http://DenDay.org)





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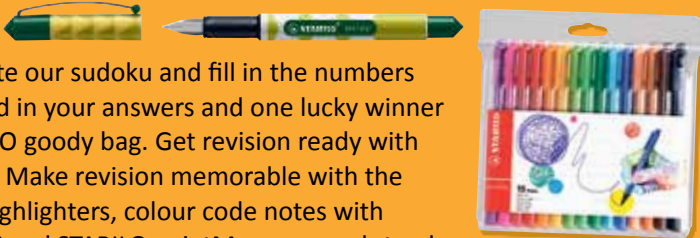
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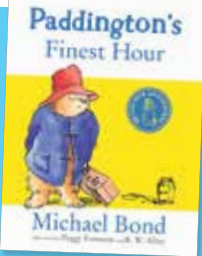


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WIN!

PADDINGTON'S FINEST HOUR BOOK



CAN you complete our crossword? Paddington, the beloved classic bear from darkest Peru and now a major movie star, needs your help to complete it! Send in your answers and one lucky winner will win a copy of *Paddington's Finest Hour*.

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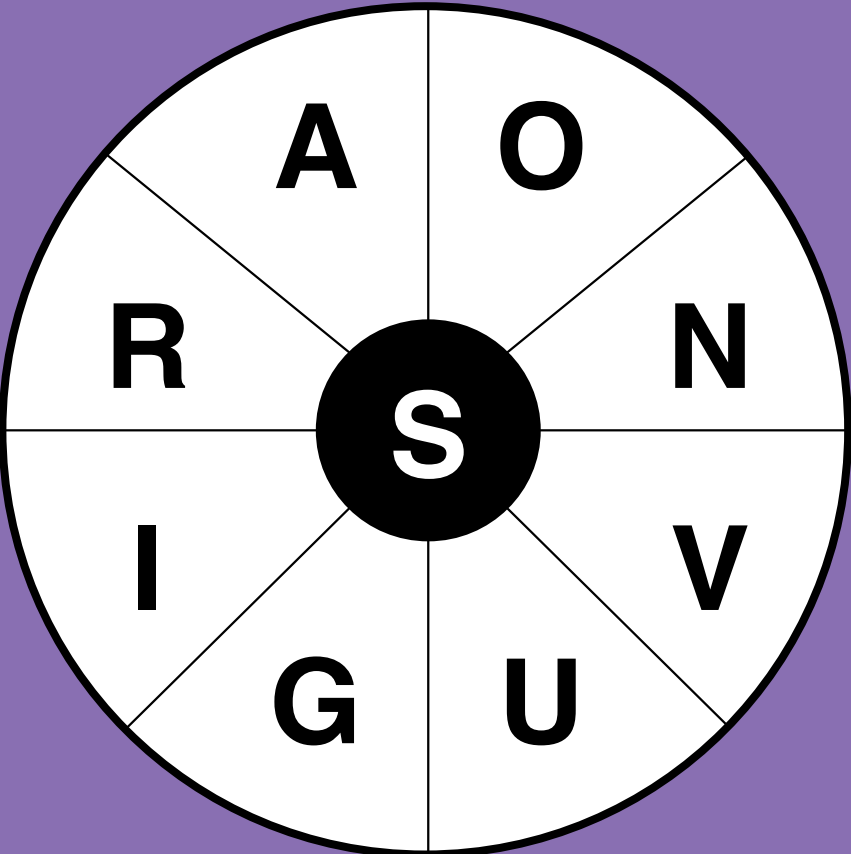
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7 Party or festival in Spain (6)  
8 Sad because one has no company (6)  
9 Regular movement of the sea (4)  
11 Summit of a hill (4)  
13 Capital of Ireland (6)  
15 Act in a polite way (6)  
17 How big something is (4)  
18 Not anticipated (10)

DOWN

2 Seaport (7)  
3 Herb (5)  
4 Taped (anag) (5)  
5 Slap (3)  
7 Small winged insect (3)  
10 Light rain (7)  
12 A huge mammal that lives in the sea (5)  
13 Female deer (3)  
14 Very simple (5)  
16 A large flightless bird resembling an ostrich (3)

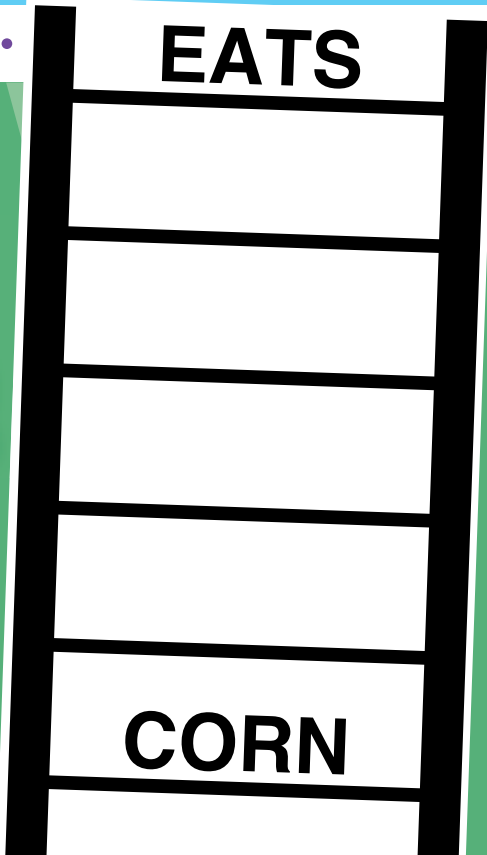
WORD WHEEL

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



WORD LADDER

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

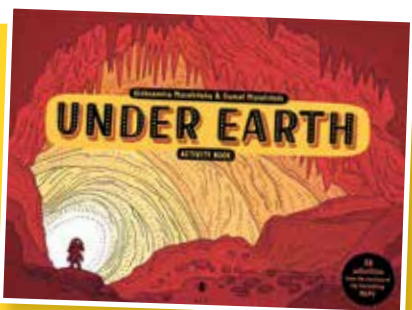






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CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from the film *A Dog's Purpose*? Send in your answers and three lucky winners will each win a copy of the *Under Earth Activity Book*. It's the latest activity book from the Mizielskis, creators of the bestselling *Maps* and *Under Earth, Under Water*, and is packed with fascinating facts, distinctive artwork and a huge variety of activities. This gorgeous activity book will keep you entertained for hours.



WORDSEARCH

CAN you find the words below in our food-themed wordsearch? Remember that the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

**Spot the Difference:** sock is a different colour, bow-tie has been added, teeth are missing, hand is larger, tie is missing. **Word Ladder:** bang, band, bond, fond, font, foot.

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# SCHOOL STAMP CLUB



by members of the Stamp Collectors Club, St Clement's Primary School

**WE are so pleased, this term, to be celebrating our third birthday and to have shown that from little acorns, great trees can grow.**

In 2014, several of us from Year 5 started the Stamp Collectors Club.

The club encourages other students to collect stamps, help others gain knowledge about what stamps are and why they are produced, and have a lot of fun.

We have access to a wide range of resources including stamps and information sheets/books.

Great Britain Stamps recently got in touch with us and they now provide the monthly magazine.

At each meeting we look at a different topic.

Each of us collects different things, so it is interesting to chat and see the stamps.

We also enter competitions, like designing

stamps based on Red Nose Day. We were so pleased when Natalia won the Anne Dummer Award for Young Collector Of The Year 2016 and travelled with her family to London to collect her cup and prize.

We have provided stamps to classes linked to their specific topics, such as dinosaurs, the Great Fire of London and castles.

We have a display in the reception area related to special days or events, like World Book Day, William Shakespeare Week, science and engineering etc.

Regular attendance is recognised at school celebration assemblies with termly certificates.



Stamp Club

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## BEACH FIASCO

by Elizabeth Thornton



**AFTER** being inspired by the balloon ban article in *First News*, I went on a walk to the beach with my mum and found an astonishing amount of balloons that had been washed up by the tide.



A balloon that looked like a fish

Before my mum and I went on Holme beach, she asked me how many balloons I thought that I would find. I guessed two and my mum guessed eight. In just 40 minutes we found the overwhelming number of 15!

These balloons are bad because sea creatures are mistaking them for fish.

I fully support the campaign to ban balloon releases and hope that others do, too.

It is polluting our planet, and why do we do it? For fun!

I hope that the new Government supports the ban, as I do, too.

## DAY OUT IN LONDON

by the pupils from Ravenscourt Park School



**ON 21 and 22 March, our school was going on a ski trip.**

Those who didn't go on the school ski trip got to go on some fun school days out in London!

On the first day, Year 6 came into school with a buzz of excitement, as we were going into London! All of us went on the tube to Embankment station and split up into groups. Some went to Embankment Gardens first, where they saw Cleopatra's Needle and the 'farting lamp', followed by Covent Garden, where we saw some acts and went to the London Transport Museum. Lastly we went to the Southbank, where we saw more acts and had a delicious picnic lunch. We all enjoyed it very much!

The next day we went to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum. So we had one fun day and a reasonable learning day, but all of it was great. The teachers were SO nice, and they even took us out for lunch the following day. What a blast we had!



Having fun



# HAVING SIBLINGS

**IT can be hard being part of a family. Arguments can start over almost nothing. You might argue with your mum over that chocolate bar you really wanted, or disagree with your dad over something, but you can also argue with siblings!**

Whether you have an older sibling or a younger one, it often doesn't matter when it comes to sibling rivalry. You can find yourselves disagreeing on what game to play or arguing over who gets to sit in the front of the car. When you get into a squabble with your siblings it can make you feel upset or frustrated, and your parents may be experiencing the same effects, too.

So what should you do if you find yourself in this sort of situation?

Making an effort to try and get along with your siblings is a good starting point, although this may be quite difficult at first. A good guide to follow is: if you don't have anything nice to say, sometimes it might be better not to say anything at all.

After the first hurdle it might help to try spending more time with them – you may discover that you have more in common than you initially thought. If you do find that you have similar interests (this may be gaming, reading books or playing football), embrace it! This is a fantastic way to bond with your sibling.

If you have more than one sibling it can be quite tough, but it can help to try and find a group activity that everyone likes. This could be playing a board game or sitting down to watch your favourite film. It's always a good idea to include everyone and make sure everything is fair, to avoid any rivalry that may occur.

It can be difficult getting along with siblings all the time, but try to remember that they are still family, and if you do get along they can be supportive and there for you.

*Written by NSPCC Ambassador, Tiegan.*



I'm **Esther Rantzen**, President of Childline, which helps 2,500 children every week. If you ever need to talk, you can visit [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) or call them on **0800 11 11**.



## TERRI LIBENSON CARTOONIST

**IN First News' Just The Job, you will meet lots of different people with lots of different jobs!**

### ■ What I do

I'm a cartoonist. I love it because it allows me to do all types of fun projects. For instance, I write a syndicated comic strip called *The Pajama Diaries*, which runs in newspapers throughout the world. I also wrote and illustrated funny greeting cards for many years. Now I'm an author; I just released an illustrated book for 8 to 12-year-olds called *Invisible Emmie*. I'm really proud of it and hope you all will read it!



### ■ How I got my job

I always drew, ever since I can remember. I especially liked drawing comics. In college, I majored in illustration and did all my assignments in a cartoony fashion. In addition, I loved storytelling and humour, and eventually decided to combine everything and become a comic strip creator. I'm so glad it worked out.

### ■ What I love about my job

Almost everything! I feel like I have my dream job. There are days I'm sitting at my desk and writing goofy things or colouring strips while listening to music and thinking: "I can't believe I get to do this for a living."

### ■ What is difficult about my job

I sometimes go through periods of writer's block. That's frustrating. But it usually passes. Also, I often get feedback from readers. Most of it is good, but some can be critical, and that can be disheartening. But I try to take well-intended criticism to heart and keep improving.

### ■ What skills I need

It helps to be able to draw, but I truly think writing and editing skills are most important. You can draw badly and still write a great cartoon, but it's rarely the opposite.

### ■ Where to start

You should develop writing and editing skills. It helps to have a good sense of timing when it comes to gag writing. I really honed those skills writing cards. Writing (and drawing) classes are helpful. Also, young people should seek out professional cartoonists who can answer any questions they have. Most cartoonists are very busy, but will take time to help budding creators. I think that's another reason why I love this field!



***Invisible Emmie* by Terri Libenson is out now, published by Puffin, £7.99.**

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# FirstNews QUIZ

HAVE a go at our First News Challenge! Why not set yourself and your friends or family a time challenge and see who can get the highest score in the quickest time? Good luck! See how well you did by using the answers at the bottom.

WHAT HAVE WE  
LEARNED THIS WEEK?

**1** Which type of penguin has recently been born at Edinburgh Zoo?

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**2** Which author wrote *Tom Gates: Family, Friends And Furry Creatures*?

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**3** What does Tajiri mean?

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**4** Who recently won the first gender-free Best Actor In A Movie award?

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**5** According to research by WCS, how many species of coral have become less sensitive to temperature change?

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**6** Who is the leader of the Liberal Democrats?

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**7** When is Save The Children's Den Day?

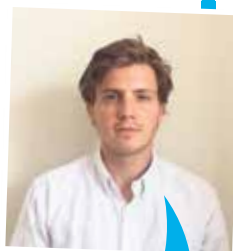
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**8** What's the name of the new baddie in *Despicable Me 3*?

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1) northern rockhopper penguin 2) Liz Pichon  
3) hope and confidence 4) Emma Watson  
5) 11 6) Tim Farron 7) 16 June 8) Balhazar Bratt

## WORDS FOR LIFE



JOE Todd-Stanton's second book, *The Secret Of Black Rock*, is out now. Here Joe tells us what his favourite book is.

*"That's a hard question. One I have found myself returning to over the years is *The Daydreamer* by Ian McEwan. It really transports me to the way I looked at the world as a kid and I find it very comforting."*

To read Joe's full interview, visit [wordsforlife.org.uk/author-interviews](http://wordsforlife.org.uk/author-interviews).  
For book recommendations, activities and games, go to [wordsforlife.org.uk](http://wordsforlife.org.uk).

## Book review

**SARAH DRIVER – *The Huntress: Sea*, reviewed by Lily Shotter, aged ten.**



I think this book is a great book if you want and like a story that is intriguing and makes you nervous of what's coming next. I felt very excited by all the twists and turns in the story and couldn't wait for each new chapter! When you read it, you think about what it would be like to feel all the emotions in this book. The characters are brilliant and I especially like the young girl, who is very brave. I would definitely recommend this book to all of my friends.

## WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS?



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**NINTENDO just won't stop releasing consoles! Following last week's leak of a Super Nintendo Entertainment System Mini, they've shown off the new addition to the DS family.**

Catchily named the New Nintendo 2DS XL, the 2DS XL seeks to bridge the gap between the powerful and more expensive New 3DS XL and the square, cheaper 2DS.

It'll be just as powerful as the other New Nintendo DS systems that are available, and feature the analog nub (C-stick) above the buttons on the right, too.

3DS games work seamlessly on the 2DS, so you don't have to worry about that. And with around 1,100 games out for the console now, that's quite a lot of games to get through!



## SPACEPLAN (ANDROID, iOS)



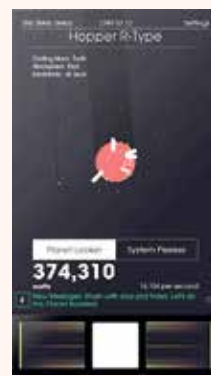
**THERE'S** something quite relaxing about playing a 'clicker game' – one where all you do is hit the same button again and again, until you've unlocked enough stuff to let the game play itself.

Unfortunately, there's not much more to most clicker games, and they can get pretty boring, pretty quickly. Spaceplan is not most clicker games!

You start off on a satellite which is orbiting a mysterious red planet. There's been some sort of malfunction on your ship, and you'll need to harvest electricity to get various systems up and running again once the game begins.

However, the only bit of your spaceship that's still working is the potato module! As you invest in various potato-themed spaceship upgrades, you'll uncover more of the silly (and genuinely funny) story. While a lot of the game is quite the conventional clicker, Spaceplan has some very clever bits to it, and unlike most clickers it actually has an ending!

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**BACK** in January we helped to launch a writing competition to celebrate the publication of *Waiting for Callback: Take Two* – the second title in the fantastically fun series from mother and daughter duo, Perdita and Honor Cargill.

The competition was to write a monologue or duologue. The quality of the entries received was really impressive, making picking winners extremely difficult, but we are thrilled to be able to exclusively announce the winners here...

Huge congratulations to **FREYA HANNAN-HILLS**, whose brilliant monologue has won the 10-13 category and to **OLAKITAN DELANO**, who has been selected as the winner of the 14-16 category!



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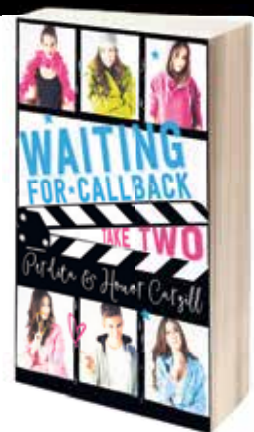
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**SPORT IN NUMBERS**

**5** World Team Cups have been won by Great Britain's quad wheelchair tennis team after their latest triumph. Andy Lapthorne and Antony Cotterill (below) won the deciding third match 6-3, 6-0 to beat Israel 2-1.



**85** runs was the winning margin for England against Ireland in their second one-day international. England won the series 2-0. The Irish were all out for 243 while England finished 328 for 6, with Joe Root (below) scoring 73 in a partnership of 140 with captain Eoin Morgan, who managed 76.



**-12** was the goal difference that led to Blackburn Rovers being relegated from the Championship. The Lancashire side finished the season with 51 points, which was the same as Nottingham Forest, but had a -12 goal difference. Forest's was just -10.



**34,500** tickets had been sold for the 2017 Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley, as First News went to press. This makes it the biggest ever crowd for the final. Birmingham City (below) and Manchester City will face each other tomorrow (Saturday).

**TOON GOOD!**

Benítez with the trophy

Newcastle United are back in the big time

**NEWCASTLE United have been crowned champions of the Championship, confirming their return to the Premier League.**

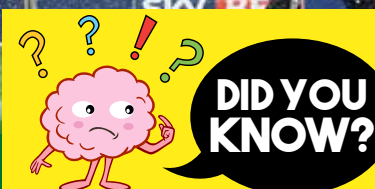
Rafael Benítez's team, nicknamed the Magpies or the Toon, bounced straight back to the top division after just one season in the Championship.

Newcastle beat Barnsley 3-0 in the final game of the Championship season. But it was Aston Villa that helped Newcastle to the trophy: their last-minute goal against Brighton and Hove Albion prevented the Seagulls from winning the title. Brighton's draw with Villa left them one point behind Newcastle in the table. Their

promotion to the Premier League had already been confirmed on 17 April.

But it was an especially gutting result for Brighton, as they lost their two previous matches, against Norwich and Bristol City – games which could have helped them win the Championship title.

Three straight wins for Newcastle and three matches without a win for Brighton sealed the title for the Toon, who spent £50 million on new signings last summer, buying 12 players.



**RAFAEL Benítez** joined Newcastle last March but couldn't save them from relegation two months later. This season was the first time the former Liverpool, Chelsea, Real Madrid and Inter Milan boss had managed outside England's top division.

**TRIUMPHANT**

The Chapecoense team

**YOU may remember the tragic story of Brazilian football club Chapecoense, who lost all but three of their players in a plane crash last year.**

The accident occurred in Colombia when the team were on their way to play a South American cup final. A total of 71 out of 77 people on board the plane died, including 19 players and club staff.

Now, less than six months later, the new Chapecoense have won their first title. The club won the Santa Catarina state championship for the second year in a row.

Clubs from all over Brazil have loaned players to Chapecoense for free so they could form a new squad. The club dedicated their state championship win to those who were killed in the plane crash.

