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HERO HOUND

SEARCH DOG SAVES LIVES IN MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE

by editor in chief Nicky Cox

FRIDA, a Mexican rescue dog, has been praised for saving lots of people trapped in rubble after the country's recent earthquakes.

Mexico's president thanked Frida personally for her rescue efforts after a 7.1 magnitude quake shook the country. The hero hound is employed by the Mexican navy to carry out search and rescue missions in natural disasters. Frida wears protective goggles, a khaki harness and two pairs of protective booties as she detects signs of life under the rubble.

One of the earthquakes, last Tuesday (19 September), left at least 326 people dead. But Frida and her doggy pals have kept that number from being higher by finding lots of survivors. Frida has saved at least 52 lives in her career so far.

Frida has had so much praise, there have even been calls for her to replace a famous Mexican painter on the country's 500-peso note!

We're in awe of this hero hound here at First News HQ. Head to first.news/frida to see more pictures of her saving lives.



How Frida would look on the 500-peso note



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1 PADDINGTON

Paddington is to become a champion for children! The popular character will help UNICEF to promote the rights of children all around the world. One of the first campaigns is UNICEF UK's OutRight campaign. This will focus on refugee children, using Paddington's own story to educate others.



2 FUN RUN

Presenter Gabby Logan joined patients from Great Ormond Street Hospital and their families to officially launch this year's RBC Race For The Kids. The 5k family fun run is returning on Saturday 7 October and will raise loads of money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. You can find out more at gosh.org/raceforthekids.



3 CLIMATE CHANGE

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has pledged \$20m (£15m) from his foundation to help tackle climate change. The money will be shared between 100 organisations that support wildlife protection, marine conservation and climate change programmes.

4 LOST CITY

A city thought to have been built by Alexander the Great has been found by a team of archaeologists from the British Museum. The settlement, called Qal'atga Darband, is in northern Iraq and was discovered when archaeologists studied declassified spy satellite photographs. Pretty cool, eh?!

5 MENTAL HEALTH STUDY

One in four 14-year-old girls is depressed, says a huge new study. It also found that today's teenagers are more likely to experience emotional problems. Campaigners are now calling for better mental health support for young people.

6 WHEELIE GOOD

Thirteen-year-old Lily Rice, from Pembrokeshire, has done a backflip in her wheelchair, and is thought to be the first European female to do it!

7 THEATRE FOR ALL

Chickenshed, an inclusive theatre company that brings together people from all backgrounds and abilities, is on tour with its interactive show for children, *Tales From The Shed*. This week also saw the first night of their version of *Doctor Faustus*, the tale of a man who makes a deal with the devil. The play is on at their North London base and is suitable for ten-year-olds and up. See chickenshed.org.uk for details.



9 FLYING HIGH

The number of red admiral butterflies in Britain increased over the summer, according to results from the Big Butterfly Count. It's thought that, despite the wet weather, the butterflies thrived after a mild winter and warm spring. They were spotted 73,000 times in this year's survey!



10 SICK BULLDOGS

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home says that it is having to care for more and more sick French bulldogs. The breed is increasing in popularity, but owners often don't research all the special needs the dogs have. French bulldogs often suffer from breathing problems.

11 POPULAR NAMES

A list of the most popular names in England and Wales has been released. Topping the list of girls' names is Olivia, followed by Amelia and Emily. Oliver is top of the boys' list, followed by Harry and George.

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THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

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

8 POLL RESULTS

Up to 33,500 badgers will be culled across the UK this autumn, to tackle a virus called bovine tuberculosis. We asked you: Is the badger cull a good idea or not? Lots of you voted, with 53% of you saying it was not a good idea!

Yes!

Zane said: "I think they should cull them because if the vaccine doesn't work you would have to shoot them anyway and risk the cattle's lives."

No!

Class 3TB from Merrydale Junior School said that they were against the cull because it is cruel. They said we could maybe move the badgers, build a wall or fence around the cattle or, best of all, we could vaccinate the cows or the badgers.

12 JAMES BOND

Hundreds of James Bond items have sold at auction, fetching an impressive £112,000! Among the items were film props and a director's chair.

13 RICHEST WOMAN

The world's richest woman has died, aged 94. Liliane Bettencourt was the heiress to makeup company L'Oréal.

14 UBER AND OUT

The popular taxi company Uber has lost its licence to operate in London. Transport for London (TfL) explained that it did not give the company another licence because of "public safety and security" worries. Uber is expected to appeal the decision.

15 SPOTTING FAKE NEWS

First News has joined forces with the National Literacy Trust (NLT) for an inquiry into fake news and how you are taught about it. As part of the inquiry, the NLT would like to find out how much you know about fake news and what support your teachers might need to teach the subject. There are surveys for primary and secondary school pupils at www.literacytrust.org.uk/fakenews. Watch our 'I Don't Get It' video on fake news by heading to first.news/idontget

16 AWESOME ANIMATION

Blue Peter has launched an Awesome Animation competition, offering fans the chance to create their own creature alongside the makers of Wallace and Gromit! To enter, all you need to do is design your own prehistoric creature inspired by the world of new film *Early Man*. Find out more at first.news/earlymancomp. Check out the trailer for *Early Man* at first.news/earlyman for inspiration!

17 CAR-FREE DAY

More than 44,000 pupils in London took part in World Carfree Day on 22 September. The day encouraged people to walk or cycle instead of drive, to help make the capital greener.

18 BATH FESTIVAL

Look out for *First News* at the Bath Children's Literature Festival this weekend (30 Sept - 1 Oct). There are loads of awesome things going on! To find out more and book tickets, visit bathfestivals.org.uk/childrens-literature.

19 BOOK LAUNCH

Dermot O'Leary launched his new children's book at ZSL London Zoo last weekend. The *X Factor* presenter celebrated his book, *Toto The Ninja Cat And The Great Snake Escape*, while also announcing his new role as an ambassador for the international conservation charity, ZSL.



20 NEW BABY

Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill has welcomed her second child, a girl named Olivia!

TO KNEEL OR NOT TO KNEEL?

by Ian Eddy

PROTESTS against Donald Trump by sports players came to the UK this week, as American footballers refused to stand for the US national anthem at Wembley Stadium.

The president has accused American footballers and basketball players of disrespecting America, and it's the latest issue to show just how divided the US is right now.

In the US, most of the top American football and basketball stars are black, and many have been protesting at police brutality and other social issues. The national anthem is played before every match, but players have been linking arms or kneeling in protest. Last weekend, whole teams of players stayed in the dressing room or knelt during the anthem. At Wembley, the Baltimore Ravens

and Jacksonville Jaguars both knelt for the US anthem, but stood for God Save The Queen.

Protests started in 2016, but Donald Trump has made it an issue again by saying that fans should boycott matches or that teams should sack protesting players.

Steph Curry, US basketball's hottest star, turned down an invitation to the White House in protest against the president.

LeBron James, one of the greatest basketball stars of all time, backed Curry. "Going to the White House was an honour until you [Trump] showed up," he said.



Robert Kraft (right) owns the New England Patriots team and donated \$1m to Donald Trump's presidential campaign. But, even he said: "I am deeply disappointed by the tone of the comments made by the President"

POLL OF THE WEEK

Should sports stars be allowed to kneel in protest against their national anthem?

Vote at first.news/polls



Baltimore Ravens players kneel during the anthem at Wembley

Editor's comment



Nicky Cox MBE

IT'S devastating when a natural disaster takes the lives of so many people, like in Mexico's earthquake (front page).

So, when something good comes out of it, like the news that rescue dog Frida has saved at least 52 people, including children, it helps to lift our spirits.

It gives us all that little bit of hope that we need in sad times.

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TOILET TIME



"Don't look at me – I go for walkies twice a day"

A POLL of 2,000 British adults has found that most people spend more time on the loo each week than they do exercising!

Results showed that adults sit on the toilet for 3hrs 9mins each week (!), compared to just 1hr 30mins of moderate exercise, such as riding a bike or walking quickly.

The statistic was revealed in time for National Fitness Day on 27 September. Although it made people laugh and got them talking, the serious message behind the poll is that modern lifestyles are having a very bad effect on people's health.

According to the NHS, sitting for too long slows the body's metabolism and is linked to the risk of obesity, type 2 diabetes and cancer. Health experts recommend limiting screen time and taking regular breaks to stand or walk.

OCTOPUS VILLAGE DISCOVERED



One of the gloomy octopuses that scientists studied for the report in *Marine And Freshwater Behaviour And Physiology* (gloomy is the species' name, not its mood!)

A SECOND octopus village has been found off the coast of Australia, making scientists question our knowledge of these intelligent animals.

Octopuses are generally thought to be loners, only getting together to mate. However, the new octopus settlement had 13 occupied dens in an area just 18m long by 4m wide. Many of the dens had been made in piles of shells from the octopuses' prey, leading one researcher to say the creatures are "true environmental engineers".

A similar settlement was discovered in 2009, just a few hundred metres away. This new discovery adds to theories that octopuses' lives are more complicated than we thought, but we still don't know much about their behaviour, so much more work is needed.

Good week for...

Sea turtles

RESEARCHERS studying estimates of sea turtle populations say that the trend now is for numbers to be increasing. A report in *Science Advances* calls the result a "global conservation success story".



Bad week for...

Crystal Palace

THE Premier League team's record-breaking start to the season continued at the weekend, with a 5-0 drubbing at Man City. However, it's the sort of record they won't want, as they are the first team in English Football League history to lose their first six league games without scoring a single goal. Their next two opponents? Man U and Chelsea! Good luck, lads...





POSSIBLE PANDA PROBLEM

THE future of the panda species might not be quite as rosy as we thought, if new research is to be believed.

Last year, pandas were lowered from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable' on the Red List of threatened species, but a new report says this may give the wrong impression.

Writing in *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, researchers say that, although panda numbers have gone up, their habitat is being broken up so much that individual populations are

getting smaller.

The scientists say that new roads are a "major factor driving habitat loss" because "pandas avoid using habitat areas close to roads".

There are 30 isolated groups of pandas in China, but 18 of these have fewer than ten individuals, so these small populations are at risk. The authors of the study also say

there is a danger that climate change will reduce the amount of bamboo available to pandas, which is their main food.

Although China has done a lot to protect pandas and the environment in recent years, the report says that increasing tourism is a danger to the bears, as it will require more roads and building work.

WHAT IS A PARTY CONFERENCE?

POLITICIANS and journalists have all been at the seaside.

But they're not making sandcastles! You've probably seen on the TV news that it's party conference season.

But what are party conferences?

They take place every year at this time, when MPs, MEPs, local councillors, policy advisors and ordinary party members get together to debate and vote on policies, hear their leaders speak, swap gossip, and a little bit of partying goes on in the evenings!

The main events for the media and party members tend to be the big speeches by the party leaders. Sometimes famous guest speakers come along, too.

This week, the Labour Party has been holding its conference in Brighton. The Lib Dems had theirs earlier this month in Bournemouth.

Next up is the Conservative Party Conference, which will be in Manchester next week. People will be listening hard to the speeches, especially the Prime Minister's. As the Conservative Party are in government right now, any new ideas they announce are more likely to be put into action.

Learn more about party conferences in this week's 'I Don't Get it' video on First News Live! at first.news/idontgetit



You can buy merchandise at party conferences, like at a pop concert – such as an 'Oh Jeremy Corbyn' scarf or T-shirt!

FIRST FEMALE IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE

PLANNING permission has been granted for the first statue of a woman in Parliament Square.

The 2.5m bronze statue of Millicent Fawcett will stand alongside statues of Sir Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela. Fawcett was a famous feminist who campaigned for women to have the vote. The statue will feature her holding a sign saying: "Courage calls to courage everywhere", which is a quote from a famous speech she made in 1913.

It is hoped the statue will be ready in time for February, to mark 100 years since the Representation Of The People Act 1918, which allowed women over the age of 30 to vote.



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FINGERTIP PAYMENTS

CAN you imagine paying for your shopping with just your fingertips? Well, it could be a reality sooner than you think!

A supermarket in London has become the first in the world to allow people to pay for their shopping using the veins in the fingertips. The Fingopay technology has been installed in the Costcutter store at Brunel University. It uses infrared light to map the veins in your finger, creating your very own ID, which you can use to pay.

Customers must register their finger alongside a credit card before they can use the service but, once they have, payment takes just three seconds!

Cash machines in Poland, Japan and Turkey already use the technology, but this is the first time it has been set up for permanent use in a store.



WESLEY, DOMINICA: A destroyed home after Hurricane Maria rampaged across the Caribbean island, killing dozens of people.



GUWAHATI, INDIA: Indian Hindu devotees offer prayers to the head of a 30m bamboo idol of the Hindu goddess Durga. The idol has been built to break the Guinness World Record for the tallest bamboo sculpture.



SHENYANG, CHINA: A performer gets acrobatic on a water-propelled Flyboard at Shenyang Olympic Park.



CALIFORNIA, USA: Abbie, an Australian kelpie, rides a wave during the Surf City Surf Dog competition. More than 40 dogs from the USA, Brazil and Canada competed in the annual competition, in which dogs surf on their own or in tandem with their humans.



WILTSHIRE, UK: Druids and pagans gather at Stonehenge, hoping to see the sun rise during autumn equinox celebrations. The equinox is a moment in time that occurs twice a year, when the day and night are of equal length.



ONTARIO, CANADA: Prince Harry poses with silver medal winner Sabrina Daulaus of Team France, gold medal winner Sarah Rudder of Team USA and bronze medal winner Christy Wise of Team USA at the Invictus Games.



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GLASGOW

Fur-gotten friends

Glasgow Airport is hoping to reunite 21 lost teddy bears with their owners. And, to make sure no more furry friends are separated from their owners while they're travelling, they've introduced a 'Take care of my bear' tag, which will be given out to any child travelling from the airport with a soft toy. The tags will be marked with the owner's details in case they get separated.



EDINBURGH

Endangered arrival

RZSS Edinburgh Zoo has welcomed an endangered Malayan tapir calf. The female has been called Maya and is staying very close to her mum, Sayang. Maya is covered in the brown fur and white markings that all baby tapirs are born with, which helps to provide camouflage in the forest.



SOUTH SHIELDS

Never forgotten

A memorial bench for two teenagers killed in the Manchester terror attack has been unveiled outside South Shields Town Hall. Chloe Rutherford, 17, and Liam Curry, 19, were among 22 victims killed in the explosion at Manchester Arena on 22 May.

GLAMORGAN

Top tree

The National Trust is working to save the bloodline of one of its greatest trees. The paperbark maple at Dyffryn Gardens came from the original seedling brought to Britain from China in the 1900s. Because of its age it will stop producing seeds soon, but the trust is gathering them for future generations.

WIRRAL

Marvellous museum

A new interactive children's museum could be coming to Wirral. Eureka!, the children's museum in Halifax, has revealed plans to launch another site in Wirral. Aimed at 7 to 14-year-olds, the £11m building could be open as early as 2021.

NEWS IN NUMBERS



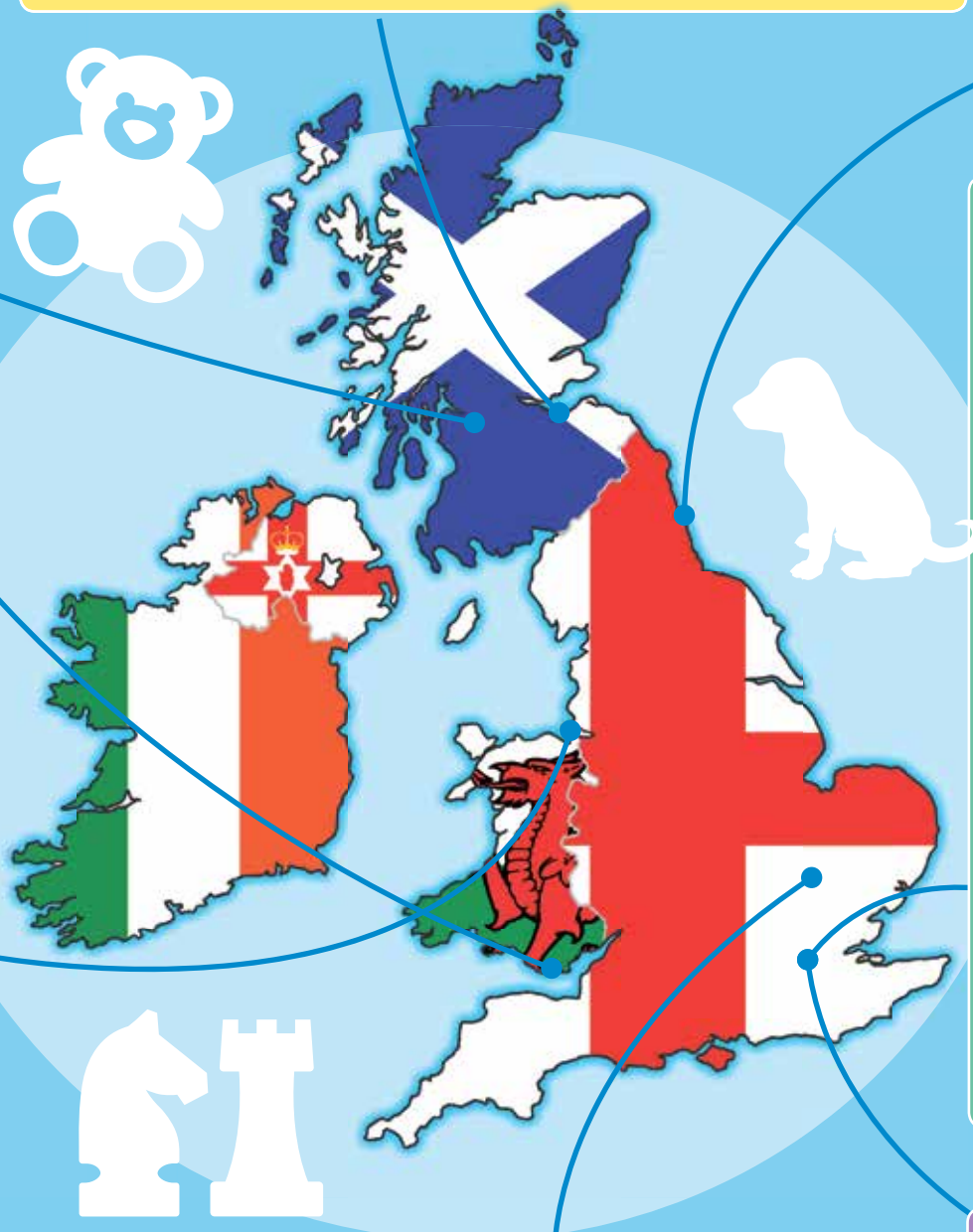
49,683 students in the UK put their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills to the test with the Smallpeice Trust in the last year. The charity partners with unis and companies to offer courses, in-school days and kits to inspire young people to consider a career in STEM.

3.2 million pounds is how much a buyer from the Middle East has paid for five Liverpool murals by street artist Banksy.

7 sets of twins have joined the same year at the same school. Ormiston Horizon Academy in Stoke-on-Trent has welcomed the multiples into year seven.

6 puppies were abandoned in woods near High Halden in Kent. The spaniels had bad skin conditions but have been nursed back to health by the RSPCA.

10 antelopes had to be put down at Paignton Zoo after one of them tested positive for bovine tuberculosis.



LONDON

Lucky pups

A new study by the RSPCA has revealed that dogs in London have the best walkies in the country. According to the results, pet pooches in the capital are most likely to be walked at least once a day, with almost half having two strolls a day. Plus, they're more likely to be allowed off the lead, to play with other dogs and have a ball or toy to play with. The animal charity is running their My Big Walkies challenge this October, which invites people to walk 10,000 steps a day, with or without a dog, to raise money for animals in need.



CAMBRIDGE From board to whiteboard

Cherry Hinton Primary School has introduced chess to their timetable, as they think it helps with pupils' development and gives them skills they can use in other subjects. The scheme is supported by the charity Chess In Schools And Communities. Ten-year-old Kian Dharmasena from the school recently came third in his category at the British Chess Championships.



LONDON

Terror arrest

Eighteen-year-old Ahmed Hassan has been charged in connection with the Parsons Green tube attack. The teenager from Surrey is charged with attempted murder and causing an explosion with intent to endanger life.

PLANET HUNTER

DR Jeffrey Coughlin works on NASA's K2 mission. It's his job to study data from the Kepler space telescope to detect planets, then find out which are like Earth and might be able to host life. He also works for the SETI Institute, which seeks evidence of life in the universe (SETI stands for Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence). He told us about the hunt for life out there...



When scientists talk about a 'habitable planet', what exactly do you mean?

With our current technology, we can only detect the basic properties of a planet: if it is rocky, and if it is about the temperature where liquid water could exist on its surface. If the planet is like Jupiter or Neptune, it is not rocky and any human would be crushed by the atmosphere, so we want a planet like Earth or Mars that has a solid surface we could stand and survive on. If a planet is too hot, all water would boil away, like Mercury. If it is too cold, all the water would be frozen, like Pluto. So a 'habitable' planet is one that, with current measurements, we think is likely to be rocky and able to have liquid water on its surface.

Could it not be possible that life might exist where there isn't liquid water?

It may be possible there are forms of life out there that are very different from life on Earth, and do not

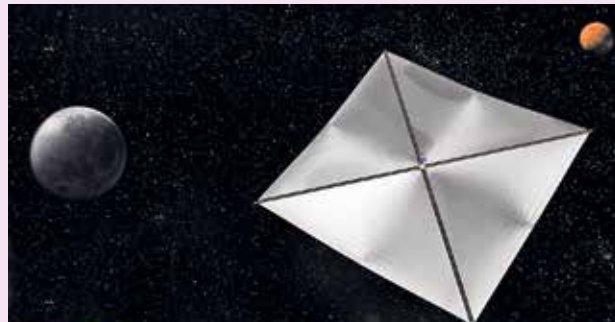


A selfie taken by NASA's Curiosity rover on Mars. Dr Coughlin thinks there's a good chance we'll find life there

need liquid water to live and reproduce. However, all life on Earth as we know it requires liquid water to thrive, and everywhere we look on Earth that has liquid water, we find life.

What does SETI do?

SETI's goal is to explore, understand, and explain the origin and nature of life in the universe. We research how life on Earth first arose, how life has evolved over the several billion years since, and think about how this process might be similar or different on other planets. We look at extreme environments on



Tiny unmanned probes could be sent to visit distant planets, using large but light sails that allow them to be 'pushed' with a laser beam and reach incredibly high speeds

Earth, like hot springs and deep frozen lakes, to find out what the limits are that life can exist in. We study places in our solar system where life could exist, like Mars, Europa [Jupiter's moon], or Enceladus [Saturn's moon]. We look for other planets to see how common planets like Earth are in the universe, so we can know how likely it is for life to exist elsewhere. We study how intelligence developed, and if there are other intelligent species out there in the universe, how similar their thoughts may be to our own, and how we would possibly communicate with them if we were to meet them. And, of course, we actively listen with radio telescopes to see if we ever hear a signal that might be from another intelligent civilization.

What scientific advancements would really help the search? Will NASA's upcoming James Webb Space Telescope change things?

What we really need is a very large telescope in space that can directly image a planet like Earth around nearby stars. Kepler has told us that planets like Earth are common, so now we should go and find all the planets around the stars closest to us. We would be able to study their size, mass, temperature, and even what their atmosphere is made of. James Webb will allow us to study many different types of planets with very new detail and learn a lot about their atmospheres. However, it will not be able to do that for planets as small as Earth. We need a new mission to do that. Luckily, we have all the

technology and know basically how to do it – we just have to fund it. I have no doubt those reading this will be part of the generation that will!

Professor Stephen Hawking says that humans will be moving to Proxima Centauri b in 100 years.

I think 100 years is an extremely ambitious goal for humans, but not necessarily for an unmanned probe. It is just quite expensive. For getting humans to Proxima Centauri, I think the biggest hurdle is not on the spacecraft side, but on how to keep humans alive in space for 50+ years [the journey time to Proxima Centauri b]. One option is a medical breakthrough that allows us to safely put people to sleep for 50+ years. Another option is to learn how to create a completely self-sufficient spacecraft or colony that humans can live in for 50+ years. Even then, with a journey so long, you need people willing to go who



Experts think that the surface of Proxima Centauri b will look something like this

are not likely to make it themselves, but whose children will arrive. I think it is possible we could solve these problems and launch such a starship within 100 years, but maybe by that point robots will be so advanced we'll prefer to send them first. Either way, it will be exciting!

See next week's issue for a look at some of the planets that scientists like Jeffrey are focusing on in the search for life, the plans for manned missions to Mars, and to find out how long Jeffrey thinks it'll be before we find life elsewhere!



TIM'S SHIP ON TOUR

BRITISH ESA astronaut Tim Peake's spacecraft, Soyuz TMA-19M, has been thrilling visitors to the Science Museum since it went on display in January.

The spacecraft recently travelled to the International Space Station and back through the Earth's atmosphere, and seeing it has been a source of inspiration for thousands of people.

But what about those who live too far away from London? The Science Museum Group and Samsung have joined forces to take Tim's spacecraft on a tour across the UK. From Bradford (where the spacecraft has just landed) to Cardiff and from Edinburgh to Belfast, people all around the British Isles will be able to visit this remarkable spacecraft and find out more about Tim's mission. What's more, one stop on the tour will be decided by a competition.

To find out more, visit group.sciencemuseum.org.uk/soyuz or check out #SoyuzTour on social media.



Tim with his Soyuz spacecraft



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

SPAIN



Catalonia campaign

The President of Spain's Catalonia region, Carles Puigdemont, was threatened with arrest after saying there would be a vote on Catalonia's independence. Spain reacted by arresting Catalan officials and refusing to allow the referendum to go ahead. Thousands of Spanish police have been sent to the region to block any attempt at holding a vote. Catalonia used to be a separate country, and the area has many traditions and its own language.

GERMANY



Election shock

Results from Germany's election mean that the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) will stay in control of Parliament. The CDU is Angela Merkel's party and has been in government for the past 12 years. But, much like the last UK election, things haven't gone as expected. Alternative For Germany (AFD), who some have compared to the Nazis, have won seats in parliament for the first time. The CDU will also have to form a coalition, which many fear will be unstable, giving more power to extreme parties like AFD.

AUSTRIA



Quick thinking

The 76-year-old driver of a bus travelling through the Alps collapsed behind the wheel, sending the vehicle speeding towards a 100m drop. Fortunately, a quick-thinking passenger managed to slam the brakes on, saving the lives of the 21 other passengers on board!



INDONESIA



Soon to erupt?

More than 42,000 people on Bali have been evacuated from their homes in the area around the active volcano, Mount Agung, following warnings that it may erupt. Thousands of people are living in temporary shelters in town halls and schools, with authorities trucking in tonnes of aid supplies. More than 1,000 people died when Mount Agung last erupted, in 1963.



CHILE



Coastal bag ban

Chile has announced a ban on plastic bags being sold or used in its coastal cities. Businesses found using and distributing the bags could face a \$300 (£221) fine. Chile is a very long, narrow country, so most of its cities are near the coast.



SAUDI ARABIA



Accidental Yoda

Saudi Arabia's Education Minister has apologised after a history textbook showed King Faisal, Saudi Arabia's King from 1964 to 1975, signing the UN Charter next to a tiny Jedi Master. The minister says he's not sure how the Star Wars character ended up in the textbook, but insisted that no offence was intended.



AUSTRALIA



From down under to up over

Australia's government has announced that they will be establishing their own national space agency. Until now, the country has relied on overseas nations like the US for its satellite and Earth observation data, and it is one of the last developed countries to start a space agency.



OUR WORLD



- **Name:** Bipendu
- **Age:** Eight
- **Lives:** Democratic Republic of Congo

BIPENDU is just eight years old. Her smiling face tells the story of a child who is going back to school.

She missed a whole year of her education due to the outbreak of violence in the Kasai region where she is from. Ongoing clashes between armed groups have caused thousands of families to flee their homes and has left 850,000 children without access to things like toilets, showers, safe drinking water and education.

UNICEF is working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, helping children like Bipendu get back into school and smile again.

To find out more about our work, visit unicef.uk.





SOMETHING **WHIFFY** THIS **WAY** COMES...
CAN YOU WRITE A POEM THAT **PONGS**,
DESCRIBING **SMELLS** BOTH STRANGE AND **STRONG**?
IF YOU'RE A CHILD AGED 7-11
AND THE **SENSE** OF **SMELL** TO **YOU** IS HEAVEN,
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LONG WALKIES



A WORCESTERSHIRE boy has trekked an epic 212 miles (341km) across Scotland to raise money for animals.

Ben Atkin, 14, has been volunteering at his local Blue Cross charity shop for the last year, but decided that he wanted to do something at the end of the summer holidays to raise cash.

Along with his dad Ian, Ben braved the wind and rain to walk all the way from Portpatrick on the west coast to Cockburnspath on the east coast.

"It was hard going but enjoyable too," said Ben. "We hit some bad weather during the week, with the rain turning some of the land into a bog."

Ben's JustGiving page shows that people donated a huge £1,900.

"We are all just so proud of Ben," said Mark Corbett from the Blue Cross. "The money raised will do so much to help the cats, dogs, small animals and horses in our care."



Ben takes a breather

#FNLoveWins

SPIDEY SAW!



Cheryl Hanbury/FaceBook

In Florida, Cheryl Hanbury spotted a random good samaritan using a chainsaw to break up a fallen tree after Hurricane Irma... while dressed as Spider-Man!

Why we launched Love Wins...

Instead of focusing on the negative things that are going on, we want to give as much attention to the good things that people are doing, like in these stories and others throughout the issue.

SHARE YOUR STORIES

If you've been involved in, or seen, something that's shown you the nicer side of people and life, we'd like to hear about it! Send us a pic and tell us your Love Wins story by emailing newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk. Make sure you get a parent or guardian's permission first.

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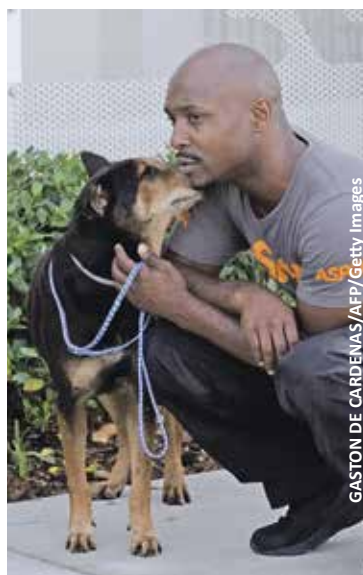
LEFT BEHIND



IT'S not just people who were affected by Hurricane Irma. Many animals were displaced by the devastating storm and some pets were even left behind when their owners were forced to evacuate. But help is at hand.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has been on the ground in Florida and South Carolina helping local authorities rescue, relocate, and offer emergency shelter for more than 1,200 animals affected by the hurricane. They also created an emergency shelter in South Carolina where more than 600 shelter animals can be taken.

The state prosecutor for Palm Beach County in Florida has said that any owners who abandoned their pets during the hurricane will face criminal charges.



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BACK TO THE WILD

THREE critically-endangered orangutans have been returned to their home in the Bornean rainforest by a team of conservationists.

The three orangutans, one male and two females, were all being cared for at International Animal Rescue's orangutan centre in Ketapang. The male, Abun, had been driven out of his home in Sungai Putri forest by land clearance operations. Pinoh (one of the females) had been kept as a pet in Nanga but was handed over to local authorities. The other female, Laksmi, was rescued after being abandoned in a cage by a man fleeing from the police.

Pinoh and Laksmi had to go through a period of rehabilitation in 'forest school' at the centre, where they learnt to climb, forage for food and other behaviours they need to survive in the wild.

All three were released in Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park, where they are being monitored by conservationists to ensure they are healthy and safe.

DOG FOR MAYOR

DOES the mayoral race in a Canadian city have a dog for a candidate?

Locals in the city of St John's got a surprise when it seemed that Finn the Australian cattle dog was running for mayor. His owner, Glenn Redmond, said it's something the dog had been thinking about for a long time and he was even seen on the campaign trail, meeting locals. However, Finn's name won't appear on ballot papers when the election takes place, as it was just a stunt by his owner to draw attention to local issues.



@OnTheGoCBC via Twitter

WHITE GIRAFFE

AN extremely rare all-white giraffe and her calf have been spotted in Kenya.

The animals were seen at the Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy. The white colour is caused by a genetic condition called leucism, which affects the levels of pigment (substances that give something colour) in the body.



@Mongabay via Twitter

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

Primary school
maths competition

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HAVE TO

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TO MAKE

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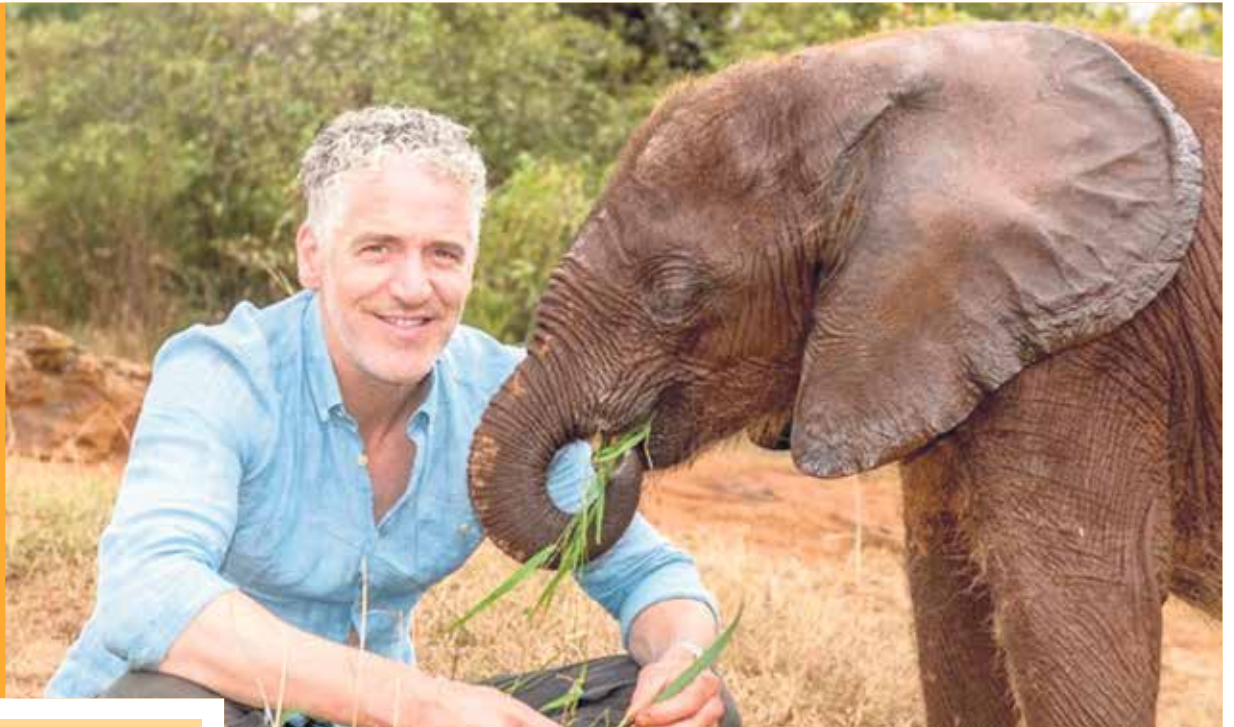
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“THERE’VE BEEN SOME HAIRY MOMENTS”

WILDLIFE documentary maker Gordon Buchanan has the coolest job in the world! He travels to far-off places and spends time filming animals in their own environment for his *Family And Me* TV series. Now he’s touring the UK and talking about his shows, so we had a chat with him before the tour started.



You’re just back from filming in the Azores. What was that like?

It sounds glamorous but I was on a boat in the middle of the Atlantic, and it was impossible to do anything but look at the horizon for most of it. Even looking down at your food (if you could keep your food down!) was a challenge. The places I get to visit are incredible but the actual process of getting to them is often pretty gruelling!

You’re closer to home this autumn, touring the UK. What can people expect if they come to see you?

Well the talk I do is based around the *Family And Me* programmes that we’ve made. There have been five of them: black bears, polar bears, wolves, gorillas and then the elephant series last year. The idea of the series is to look at the animals and allow them to tell their stories. It’s about treating them as equals and letting their lives unfold. There’ll be lots of stories about how we did things – the highlights and lowlights of making those series. They’ve really been the best things that I’ve worked on across my career. I love those films because people really do love them; each one seems to go down better than the last one. We’re all unique as human beings and the same goes for animals.

Is it hard not to get attached to the animals you film?

It can be. I don’t think it is good for anyone to be too sentimental about a wild animal. Bad things happen in the wild all the time and that is just the natural process. I try not to get attached but you can’t help it sometimes. With every animal that I’ve spent time with, I still wonder where they are and how they’re getting on. You spend any amount of time with an animal and you can’t help but develop a fondness!

Is there one animal family that particularly stands out for you?

I think the wolves. That was the one that I enjoyed the most because the Arctic is such an extraordinary place. What those wolves have to go through to live up there really defies belief. It is unimaginably tough. In the winter, the sun doesn’t rise at all; it’s pitch-black but those wolves are still able to thrive. I think the proximity [nearness] that we had with the wolves was incredible. They’re just such curious animals and it is very, very strange to be surrounded by a pack of wolves. I even had one come over and sniff me; it actually touched me with its nose. You can’t get much closer than that! For a wild animal to actually choose to come over and engage with you, it’s magical.

Have you ever had any hairy moments while filming?

Lots of hairy moments! Being chased by bears, surprised by tigers and confronted by leopards. I’ve had to run away from elephants more than a few times. It happens less now because I’m more sensible these days. The scariest moments have really been in vehicles or in a boat being driven by someone I don’t trust. That whole cliché about human beings being the most dangerous creatures is true. Getting into a vehicle with a human who you don’t know can be really scary and there have been some moments where I’ve been truly frightened. At least with an animal you can almost predict their behaviour; with a human it’s impossible.



What skills do you need to be a wildlife photographer?

I think you have got to be completely committed to it. There are a lot of sacrifices you have to make and it can be incredibly difficult and incredibly uncomfortable at times. You have to throw yourself into it. I think positivity is key; you have to be optimistic. At the end of the day, you have no control over what a wild animal will do. I

listen to my gut feeling more than my head when it comes to animals. I think that is an instinct that kicks in when you’ve been around them a lot. You have to be resourceful, too, because you often find yourself in a tricky situation and you have to get yourself out of lots of difficulties in unusual places. Being independent is quite good, you often find yourself on your own or without anyone to back you up. If you aren’t happy with your own company, it’s not a job that you should consider!

Is facing a room full of people on tour scarier than facing wild animals?

No. I don’t know why, but it doesn’t phase me. I enjoy doing them. I like people and get a bit of a warm fuzzy feeling when I do the talks. When kids come along, I really love that. It’s nice to see children engaging with wildlife, as we all should.



CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY FIRST NEWS



Animal Families And Me with Gordon Buchanan is touring the UK until 15 October, where the final show will be at the Royal Geographical Society in London. For all tour dates and details, visit first.news/gordontour.

6 GOOD REASONS NORMANDY ON YOUR NEXT

1 World War 2 – here's where history comes alive!

This is where D-Day and the Battle of Normandy were fought in 1944. Normandy is a great open-air museum. Modern history will make so much more sense once the beginning of the end of WW2 in Normandy is put in context.



2 William the Conqueror: explore the French Duke and King of England's home!

Visit Falaise Castle where William was born, wander around Caen – the medieval city he made his own – and then visit the great embroidered comic strip at the Bayeux Tapestry, which tells the tale of the Norman Conquest.

3 Fill up on fantastic French food

Normandy is world-famous for its seafood, cheese, charcuterie (meat), apples and toffee! There are great places to visit and sample the wealth of local food. And don't forget all the food markets every day of the week!



A BIENTÔT EN NORMANDIE !

5 TO COME TO NEXT SCHOOL TRIP!



4 Parlez français pour de vrai!

Out and about in Normandy, there will be lots of opportunities to practise your French and fine-tune your accent!



5 Normandy is just a stone's throw away

You can sail direct from the UK to the four ports of Cherbourg, Ouistreham, Le Havre and Dieppe. Plus there are regular flights from London, so getting to Normandy just couldn't be easier.

6 Normandy promises to be fun-filled and action-packed

There is so much to see and do in Normandy that there will never be a dull moment. Live it up in a château, go sand-yachting on a D-Day Landing Beach or soak up the view from the Mont-Saint-Michel...



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SUPER SLIDES



DID YOU KNOW?

Tropical Cyclone is the largest interactive family raft ride in Europe!

Tropical Cyclone may only last 45 seconds, but in that time you travel at 45km/h (28mph) along 142m of twists and turns.

THIS summer, two state-of-the-art waterslides opened at Center Parcs Longleat Forest. First News was invited to be one of the first to try the super new slides, Tropical Cyclone and Typhoon. Here's what happened...

Get ready to scream!

Even if you've never been on a Center Parcs break, you'll have heard of their amazing swimming paradises. Think water slides, splash pools, wave machines and lazy rivers, all under a tropically-heated dome. It's like being in the Caribbean!

Each location has its own slides and attractions, but the newest ones at Longleat Forest really stand out. First up is Tropical Cyclone: a two or four-person raft ride that dips and turns before spinning you around a 15m-wide cyclone. It's every bit as terrifying (but fun) as it sounds. Lighting effects projected onto the sides mean that no two rides are the same and each time you get to choose a different effect. Our favourite "experiences" were Coral Reef and Thunder, which were really dramatic. Just don't forget to breathe!

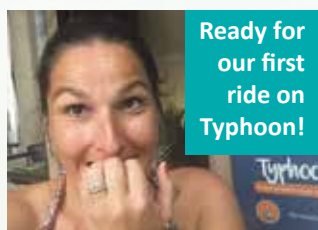


The exit from Tropical Cyclone. Whoosh!

Double trouble

The other new arrival is Typhoon, which is longer, slightly faster and definitely our favourite. You can ride this in pairs or on your own. You can experience eight different light themes, including treetops, rainbows and even the northern lights, which is pretty cool. It doesn't have the cyclone spin but there are twists, spins, drops and swings. On top of these two new slides there are three others to try!

If super-slides aren't your thing; there are plenty of other water-related activities to enjoy. The fun Wild Water Rapids take you whooshing outside (don't worry, the water is heated), over hills, bumps and around swerving corners. For the less brave, the lazy river has a gentle current that pulls you along



Ready for our first ride on Typhoon!

kids of all ages. Even the grown-up ones!

Activities for all

Center Parcs isn't all about the swimming. There are loads of things to do, making it the perfect place to spend time with family and friends.

There are activities for everyone, from teeny tots to brave grown-ups, who seem to love the zipwire and high wires course. We gave the Mini Trek a go, which is a great introduction to high wires, and also took part in a pony trek through the woods with Tino, our friendly steed. Neon-lit bowling is a lot of fun, too!

Life in the forest

One of the coolest things about Center Parcs is that they're all built in the middle of a forest, so it really feels like you're on a wild adventure (but with all the home comforts).



Home for the weekend



The cosy cabins have everything you need for a home away from home surrounded by natural forest. Longleat Forest is home to some seriously impressive giant redwood trees that are over 100 years old. Plus the huge lake is great for trying out some pedalos!

Longleat Forest is pretty big (400 acres), so cycles are a good way to get around. You can take your own or hire them when you're there. There are cycle routes all around the site, which is car-free, making it super-safe for everyone. There's also a very cool Land Train to help you get around.

Of course, a holiday wouldn't be a holiday without food! The cabins at Center Parcs are fully equipped, so you can cook at home and watch the wildlife on your patio (the squirrels are pretty cheeky!). You can also eat out at the on-site restaurants. A visit to the Pancake House should be top of everyone's list!



To find out more about family breaks at Center Parcs at five locations around the UK, go to centerparcs.co.uk

Check out a video of our visit to Center Parcs Longleat Forest on First News Live! at first.news/centerparcs



THIS WEEK

1 Aston Merrygold may be a contestant on *Strictly*, but he's going to be a judge for a new music competition. Aston is on the panel for the Music Gateway's NextGen competition, which inspires students in schools and colleges to express themselves musically. For more info, go to www.musicgateway.net/blog/929.

2 Nineties show *DuckTales* will get a TV movie special this November on Disney Channel, featuring ex-*Doctor Who* star David Tennant as the voice of Scrooge McDuck.

3 Zayn Malik has had to shave off all of his hair, after dyeing it too much. The singer told Radio 1's Scott Mills that his new bald look was down to his hair being "a bit destroyed" by bleach.



4 Lady Gaga has had to postpone her European tour dates due to a chronic pain condition called fibromyalgia. The dates include five UK shows, which will be rescheduled next year.

5 David Walliams' book *Grandpa's Great Escape* is being made into a TV show. The show, which will star David, will be on BBC One this Christmas.



PIC OF THE WEEK



JOJO Siwa takes part in Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day Of Play celebration in Prospect Park, New York. This annual event encourages young people to get outdoors and play.

FIVE MINUTES WITH

NICOLE SCHERZINGER



SHE'S Scher-mazing! It's time for a chat with our fave X Factor judge...

Did you have any second thoughts about coming back to X Factor again?

Whenever I commit to something, especially this show, I give 110% every time. It requires a lot of my time, so every year I do check that I am spending enough time on myself as an artist, on my music and my projects. Fortunately, X Factor is so much fun. It's important to me that we have the same panel because we all get on so well and have such an undeniable chemistry. The thing this year is that instead of having ten weekends of live shows, we've got six, so I'm not going to lie, that gives me a little bit more time to focus on my music and my projects.

The change in the number of live shows is just one of the ways Simon plans to freshen up the series this year. Are you excited by what he has planned?

I love all the changes he's making. You have to in this day and age; things are moving so fast over social media, you have to be changing with the times. You have to evolve. We're evolving as a show, we want to give the people what they want.

Why do you think the talent is so strong this year?

I think because of X Factor's reputation we're starting to get more people from all around the world coming here, because they know that we actually do make dreams come true, as cheesy as that sounds. Our proof is in the pudding. Former X Factor contestants are now artists and they're

dominating the charts.

Have you ever seen Simon dance?

Dude, I have seen Simon dance! I think I have made Simon dance. It might be just a finger, but it's dancing! He does the very slow, raise the roof pump. Hey, that counts! I should get a gold star for that! He feels the music. I sit next to him, so I can tell when he lights up and feels the music.

I think it's always just a finger or a roof pump; I can't see him doing something Scher-mazing across his kitchen floor at home. I can definitely feel it when Louis feels it, too. I'm like: "Feel it, Louis. Let it vibrate through your little Irish body!"

What's your ambition for the next five years?

I came into this industry as a musician, an artist, so that's the most important thing for me, to get back to that. I have a project that's my dream project that I have in my heart. I have a vision for it and I want to

create that. It's something I feel has not been done before, so I want to take some time to really create that and bring that project, that album and tour, into fruition. It always goes back to the music, touring and singing to the fans; that's my everything. After that I want to do more movies, more theatre, more charity work and then in five years time hopefully I'll have a family. Touring, singing, creating, movies and a family. I want to be like Sade, J.Lo, Bette Midler, all of them, still killing the game.

Bootcamp begins on X Factor at 8pm on Saturday 30 September, ITV.

TOGETHERNESS ACTIVATED!

A NEW version of Minecraft has been released that lets players on Xbox, mobile, VR and Windows 10 play together!

Called the Better Together update, the latest version of the game lets you join up with friends playing on all sorts of different devices and consoles.

A couple of games have already introduced cross-play functionality, but the Better Together update is the biggest by far.

Along with all the new connectivity, the Minecraft Marketplace is now open, too. There you'll find skins, texture packs and all sorts of community creations.

One of the more controversial things included in the update is the addition of Minecraft coins. The in-game currency can be spent on things in the Marketplace and supports those creating things for the community.

Eventually the update will come to the Switch, but we'll have to wait until winter for that.

Unfortunately, PS4 players won't be receiving the update.



MARIO + RABBIDS KINGDOM BATTLE (SWITCH)

WITHOUT a doubt, the team-up of Mario and the Raving Rabbids is one of the strangest in videogame history.

Then to have them feature in a turn-based shooter?! You'd have thought that the developers had gone crazy. But no, this game is entirely real, and it's actually pretty good.

In true Rabbids fashion, the story is extremely silly, but does explain how the Rabbids manage to infest Mario's Mushroom Kingdom. The fact that there even is a story was a bit of a surprise!

So the Rabbids take over and you've got to save the kingdom, but how? With laser guns. Dur.

You have to position your team, made up of the Mario crew and their Rabbid counterparts, around the map to strategically defeat the various Rabbid enemies.

Each character has their own speciality and deciding who to use in each battle can be pretty tricky.

All in all, Mario + Rabbids is a fun, interesting mix that really shouldn't work, but manages to. Definitely worth picking up if you're looking for something entirely new!



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Behind the scenes at BATTERSEA DOGS & CATS HOME

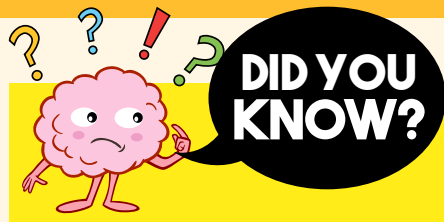
FIRST News was lucky enough to be invited to spend a day behind the scenes at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home (BDCH).

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home has three sites in London



What is BDCH?

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is one of the UK's oldest and most famous animal rescue centres. Every year around 7,000 animals find new homes and families after being cared for at one of three BDCH sites: London, Brands Hatch and Old Windsor. You may recognise it from the ITV series *For The Love Of Dogs* at Battersea with Paul O'Grady.



SINCE it opened in 1860, BDCH has taken in more than 3.1 million dogs and cats.

Why do animals come to BDCH?

Around nine dogs and ten cats arrive at Battersea every day. Some are strays who may have never had a family, or pets that have got lost. Many are "gifts" to BDCH. These are often much-loved pets whose owners can't look after them any more. It may be they are moving house, moving abroad or have a change of circumstances. However, if an animal comes to BDCH, it receives expert care. Battersea aims to never turn away an animal and will care for them until a new loving home is found.



Chatty Charlie meets one of the Battersea residents

A day at Battersea

The day starts early at BDCH. With around 270 dogs and 200 cats in the care of Battersea at any one time, there is always a dog to feed, an ear to scratch or a tummy to rub.

We're given a guided tour of the Battersea site, and shown the journey a dog goes through when they first arrive. With lots of new noises, sounds and smells, BDCH can be a pretty scary place for a nervous new arrival.

A special set of soundproofed, heated kennels, known as the Tealby Block (named after Mary Tealby, the founder of BDCH), are the first place a new arrival will go. These state-of-the-art kennels have heated floors, soft beds and are very quiet. No visitors are allowed and as the dog settles into life at Battersea,

a canine behaviour and assessment specialist will spend a lot of time with them. They'll be given a full health and dental check,

a bath and lots and lots of cuddles. It's important for the team to find out the things an animal likes and dislikes, as well as any health or behaviour issues. There's no time limit to how long a dog will spend in the Tealby Block; it depends on each animal and how long it takes them to adapt to life at the kennels.

During their stay, the animals work with a team of specialists and volunteers who help to feed, clean, walk and play with them. There are special play areas where dogs can chase balls, play fetch and run around.

We join Loki, a four-year-old Beagle who has been gifted to Battersea, along with his sister, Buffy, in the play area. Loki is a lovely, friendly boy with a huge waggy tail and kisses for everyone. We throw balls, rub tummies and enjoy playing in the sunshine. The duo are inseparable and Battersea will do their best to make sure the dogs are rehomed together.

Every animal who comes from Battersea will be carefully matched with a family that is suitable for them. The average stay for a dog is 32 days before they find their forever home, although some older dogs spend longer at one of the Battersea sites.

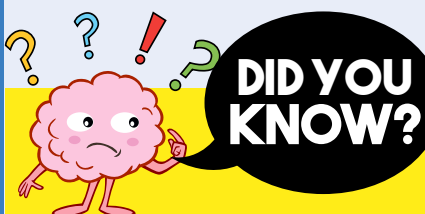
The day was organised by Hasbro to celebrate the launch of Chatty Charlie (which is joining their FurReal Friends family). Hasbro teamed up with Battersea to



Gorgeous Loki. We wanted to take him home with us!

highlight the importance of rehoming a dog. Ali Taylor, head of canine behaviour at BDCH, said: "There's nothing better than seeing our animals go to loving new homes; it's the most rewarding part of the job. We're delighted to be working with Hasbro and Chatty Charlie; this partnership is a great way to educate children and families alike on the importance of rehoming rescue dogs."

If your family is thinking of getting a new pet, why not look into rehoming? You could give a dog like Loki a forever home of their own.



DURING World War 2, Battersea fed and cared for more than 145,000 dogs.

FUN PIC OF THE WEEK!



Hehe!

WHAT are the chances of six guests all turning up to the same wedding in exactly the same dress?!

Apparently pretty high in Australia, as that's exactly what happened at one wedding recently. Debbie Speranza posted this funny picture on Facebook, alongside a caption that said: "No we are NOT the bridesmaids, just the guests."

The post proved such a hit that it's now gone viral!

EDIBLE GALLERY



A 3D exhibition made entirely from biscuits went on display in London last week.

The crumbly creations were inspired by Great British landmarks and organisations including The View from The Shard, the National Portrait Gallery and Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

Visitors got to admire the structures and enjoy some sweet smells at the same time!

The edible exhibition was created by Biscuiteers, the biscuit makers, to mark their tenth birthday.

DID YOU KNOW?

BISCUITEERS make more than **5,000 hand-iced biscuits a day.**

TEENY KITCHEN

CHECK out this miniature kitchen for miniature food!



Kate Murdoch has become an internet hit with her unusual cooking show, *Tiny Kitchen*, on Tastemade.

The show sees Kate make a variety of tiny dishes, from boneless buffalo wings to chocolate brownies, scrambled egg and pizza. Kate can even cook up a burger in mere seconds! She has to be careful, though, as her kitchen and utensils are super dainty, too. Her spoons are often only the size of needles!

The good thing is that everything is still edible, so once she's cooked up her creations they can still be eaten and enjoyed. Pretty original for a cooking show, eh?!

QUICK CHUCKLES



Q: How do you make an octopus laugh?
A: With ten tickles (tentacles)!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snake with a pie?
A: A pie-thon!



Share your jokes with us at newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk

RECORD OF THE WEEK

TALLEST HIGH-TOP FADE

THE tallest high-top fade is 52cm (20.5in) tall and belongs to Benny Harlem (USA) as measured in Los Angeles, California, USA, on 6 November 2016.



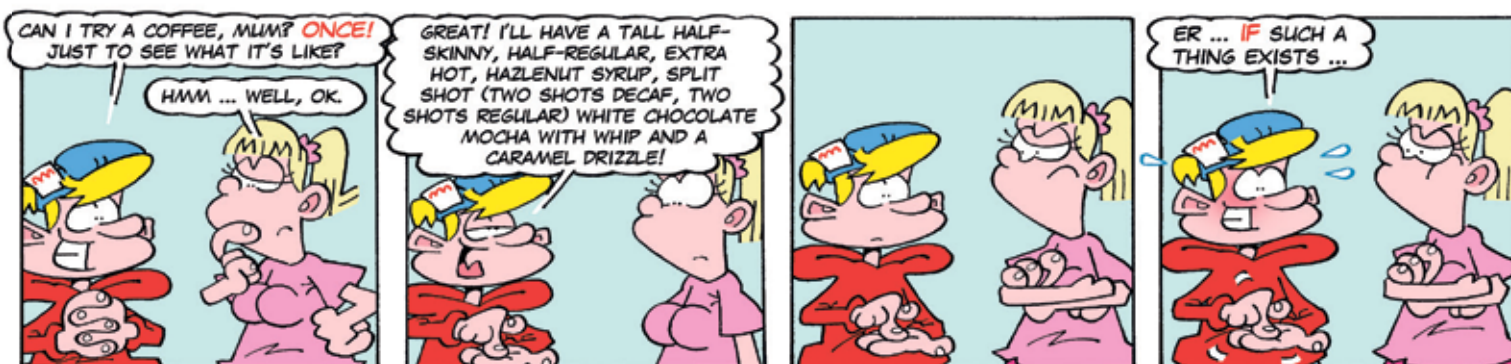
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PAPER BOY!

Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



FirstNews QUIZ

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THIS WEEK?

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.

1 In which country would you find Mount Agung?

2 A poll of British adults has found that the average person spends more time doing what each week than exercising?

3 What has Cherry Hinton Primary School introduced to its timetable?

4 In what year did Battersea Dogs & Cats Home open?

5 Which bear has become a champion for children?

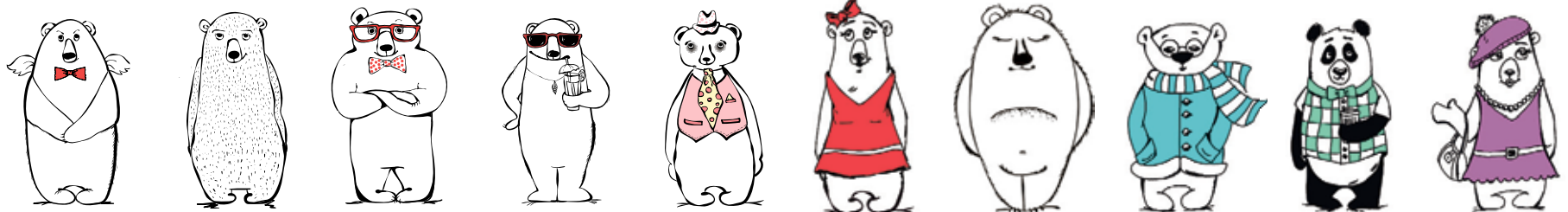
6 What job does Gordon Buchanan do?

7 How much was spent on the Premier League's transfer deadline day?

8 How can shoppers at a supermarket at Brunel University now pay for their items?

1) Ball 2) sitting on the toilet 3) chess 4) 1860
5) Paddington 6) wildlife documentary maker
7) £210 million 8) by scanning the vein pattern
in their fingertips

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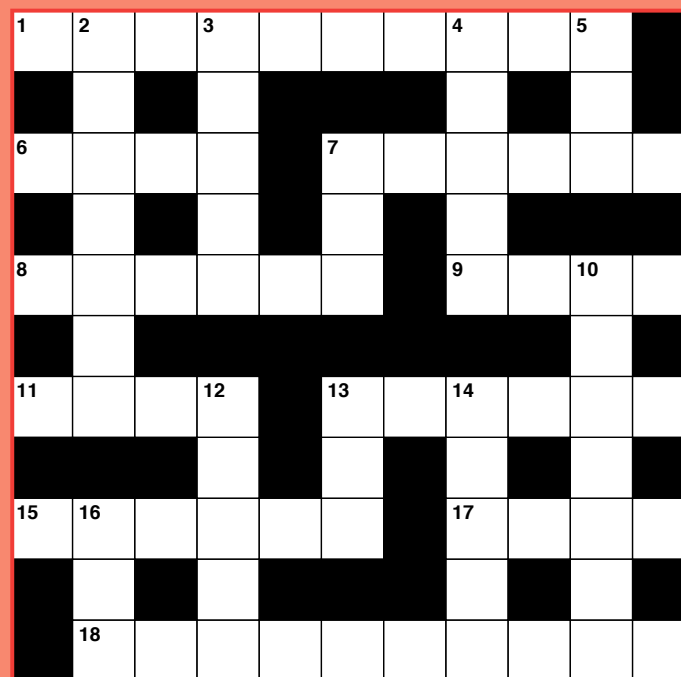
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CROSSWORD

JUST for fun this week. Can you complete our weekly crossword?

ACROSS

- 1 Exciting journeys (10)
- 6 Wicked (4)
- 7 Harsh bird sound (6)
- 8 Part of a shirt (6)
- 9 Roald ____: author of children's books (4)
- 11 Heroic; a type of long poem (4)
- 13 Container for keeping food cool (6)
- 15 Closer (6)
- 17 Untruths (4)
- 18 Where many students go after A Levels (10)



DOWN

- 2 Change and grow (7)
- 3 ____ Goulding: English singer-songwriter (5)
- 4 Circular (5)

- 5 Scatter seed on the ground (3)
- 7 Observe (3)
- 10 Opposite of lowest (7)
- 12 Welsh breed of short-legged dog (5)
- 13 Tree with needle-like leaves (3)
- 14 Sidle (anag) (5)
- 16 Ostrich-like bird (3)

WIN! TICKETS TO ALTON TOWERS RESORT

SCAREFEST, the UK's biggest and best Halloween event, with spooks, frights and thrills for everyone, is returning to Alton Towers Resort for 2017, promising to bring more scares than ever before, with the introduction of a brand-new scare maze – The Welcoming: Be Chosen.



The Welcoming: Be Chosen joins a line-up of award-winning scare mazes. Brave youngsters can venture inside The House Of Monsters and join an online vlogger as he discovers a host of 21st-century ghouls, with a few frights along the way!

Little ones don't miss out on the Halloween fun either, as the park's own cast of silly spooks – Franklyn, Phil, Patch and Skelvin – perform live shows all day, while the legendary Alton Ancestors have risen once more to perform an energetic flashmob throughout the day.

We have three family tickets (for four) up for grabs.



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

What would a witch use to brew her potion?
a) Colander b) Sieve c) Cauldron

Scarefest this year is taking place on 7, 8, 14, 15 and every day from 20 to 31 October at Alton Towers Resort. www.altontowers.com

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Which of these is a well-known football tournament?
a) LA Cup b) CD Cup c) FA Cup

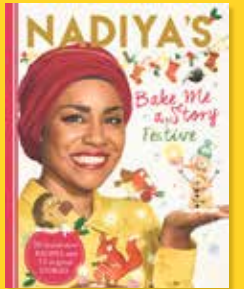
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WIN! NADIYA'S BAKE ME A FESTIVE STORY BOOK

CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *The Many Adventures of Winnie The Pooh*? Send in your answers and two lucky winners will win a copy of Nadiya's *Bake Me A Festive Story*. Join Great British Bake Off sensation Nadiya Hussain for scrumptious stories and delicious bakes that you can all enjoy together at Christmas. Go on an adventure to the Snow Queen's palace, then make her treacle ice cream. Make and decorate cheesy-feet biscuits, then read the story about where all the odd socks go at Christmas time! Meet some very confused elves in *The Elves And The Chouxmaker*, then bake your own lemon choux buns. Read Nadiya's version of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas, then cook her scrumptious nut roast.



WIN! A SHORT FAMILY BREAK TO SALFORD QUAYS



WE'RE giving one lucky reader the chance to win an overnight stay at Salford Quays during October half term!

Enjoy a jam-packed itinerary at the stunning waterfront destination with your family on Thursday 26 October.

Enjoy a fun dining experience influenced by the spirit of the game at Cafe Football to fuel the day's activities, including shopping at Lowry Outlet and a visit to Ordsall Hall, with a stunning landscaped garden to explore and their half term Magical Door Trail Scavenger Hunt, with a prize if you find everything!

Embark on a Family Festival Themed Cruise with The Lowry and City Centre Cruises.

Then settle into the evening with a family dinner at Lime and a show at The Lowry, the family-friendly production of Slava's Snow Show. After a busy day, lay your head at Hotel Football with a view of Manchester United's stadium!

What's more, you'll have the chance to become a junior

reporter for *First News* and have your review of the trip published in *First News* for everyone to read about!

For the thrill-seeker in you, take part in a kayaking and paddleboarding watersports session at the Helly Hansen Watersports Centre. The prize includes a two-day trip to Salford Quays with an overnight stay and a pre-planned itinerary to include the following activities: meal at Cafe Football, Family Festival Cruise, meal at Lime, theatre show at The Lowry, Lowry Outlet and Ordsall Hall, overnight stay at Hotel Football with breakfast included, plus £100 travel allowance (see terms below).

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

Which show will the lucky winner see at The Lowry?
 a) Slava's Snow Show b) Slava's Rain Show c) Slava's Sun Show



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Visit www.firstnews.co.uk/competitions or see below. The closing date is 12 October 2017.

Terms and conditions: Accommodation is booked for Thursday 26 October for two adults and two children. Winner will be provided with a pre-planned itinerary for the weekend. Any changes the winner wishes to make to the itinerary must be approved and confirmed by Mason Williams prior to visiting. Permits two adults and two children. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The winner must visit on Thursday 26 October with an overnight stay and write a review of their trip to be published in *First News*. Prize includes travel allowance of £20 per person, capped at £100 for a family. Subject to availability.

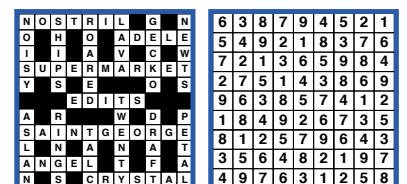
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the Difference: teapot design removed, book is a different colour, calendar is missing, fox's tongue is a different colour, chicken's chin is different. **What on Earth:** egg, whisk, cutters, wooden spoons, rolling pin, cupcake cases.

Word Ladder: book, boom, room, roam, road, read.



WIZARDING WORLD WINNER

**JUNIOR
JOURNALIST**

by Maya

LAST year I was lucky enough to win a trip to Florida (in a competition run by First News and WH Smith), including park tickets to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure.

I really enjoyed walking down Diagon Alley in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and taking the Hogwarts Express to Hogsmeade.

My favourite ride was probably the Escape from Gringotts ride because it was a tour of the vaults



Maya

beneath Gringotts with 3D glasses, meeting characters along the way and experiencing exciting special effects, and it was a ride that gave me a real adrenaline rush. It was such a fantastic ride that

I went on it at least eight times!

Another ride I found very exciting was the Minion Mayhem ride. It was a 4D experience tour through Gru's lab while Margo, Edith and Agnes trained us to become Minions.

I also loved the ET Adventure, the Flight of the Hippogriff and the Jurassic Park River Adventure.

After every packed day filled with fun, we took the water taxi back to our hotel and relaxed in the pool.

I also spent one amazing day at the Volcano Bay waterpark.

Overall, I had a fabulous time in Orlando and really hope to return soon.



Casting a spell in Diagon Alley

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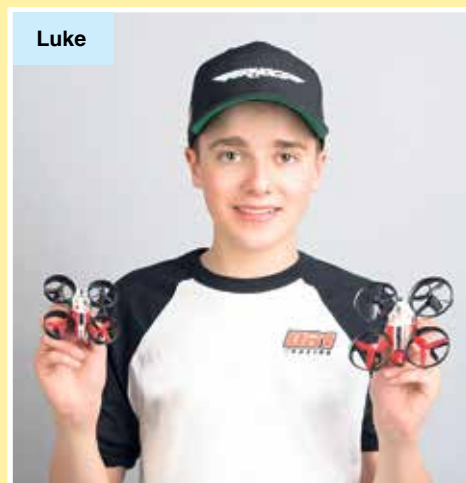
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WORLD DRONE RACING CHAMPION

by Luke Bannister

MY racing name is BanniUK and in 2016 (when I was only 15) I won the top prize at the million-dollar World Drone Prix.



Luke

Since then, as part of the NEXXBlades Racing Team I have travelled the world and collected a ton of silverware, including the European Championship, the DR1 and DCL.

This year I hope to build on this success, with races coming up in amazing locations like the Mojave Desert, the Bone Yard and even the Great Wall of China.

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pumping action, you should try FPV (first-person view) drone racing.

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Luke is an Ambassador for Air Hogs, makers of the new DR1 Micro and DR1 FPV racing drones that give you the chance to race like a pro!

**JUNIOR
JOURNALIST**

BEACH CLEAN

**JUNIOR
JOURNALIST**

by Anna Sagrillo

17 SEPTEMBER was National Beach Watch Day. I went to Rhossili Bay in Swansea with my mum and dad to help clean up the beach.

It was a beautiful sunny day. The tide was low and we looked through stones and seaweed for litter. If we don't clean the litter, fish will mistake it for food and eat it. They might die if they eat it.

We found plastic bottles, pieces of fishing net, food packaging, bags, and even a pair of sunglasses! All of these things are harmful to animals.

We kept records of litter found on the beach. Alan from the local National Trust said that the data about litter will be analysed and reported to the Marine Conservation Society.

I'll let you know once I hear from him again. I'm happy that I helped. My aunt said that fish would appreciate it.



Anna

Back-to-school worries

AFTER several weeks back at school, hopefully you'll be settling in with new friends and new teachers. The nerves of a new beginning might have started to fade as work sets in, but some of you might still be feeling worried about the change.

If you've just started secondary school, then perhaps the biggest change is the people. Being around new people from different schools may leave you feeling a bit lost or inadequate. Remember that it's okay to struggle and to ask for help. Try not to compare yourself to others in your class or year, or to get hung up on a reputation of always being the best. Just do your best, be yourself, and ask for help if you need it.

Maybe you're struggling in class, with harder work making school more difficult. Think of it as progress, to help you learn, although it may be hard to begin with. Try to embrace and learn from the challenge. How can you learn from mistakes you might make? Try not to let setbacks defeat you; stick with it and you'll get there in the end. Ask your peers or teachers for support, refresh yourself on notes, and just keep trying until it finally clicks. Learning new things takes time and resilience, and not everything will come to you immediately, so don't expect it to.

Perhaps your worries aren't caused by reputation or schoolwork; maybe your nerves are sourced from starting a big year – such as starting your GCSEs. A build-up of pressure from friends, teachers, parents, and even yourself can mean that you're feeling very stressed about this year. Instead of stressing about the bigger picture, try to focus on what you can do right now to help you. In class, this will mean doing your work, asking for help when you're stuck, and doing that dreaded homework, as well as plenty of revision when it comes to it. It is important to keep a balance. Try not to start revising too early, or do too much, as you'll risk burning out and mentally exhausting yourself. Your teachers will be able to support you with knowing how much the right amount is.

Whatever the source of your worries, be kind to yourself, relax, do your best, and never be ashamed to ask for help when you need it.

Written by NSPCC ambassador, Chloe.



I'm **Esther Rantzen**, President of Childline, which helps thousands of children every week. If you ever need to talk, you can visit www.childline.org.uk or call them on **0800 11 11**.



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Words for Life

ANNA Wilson has had more than 35 books published for children. Her latest book, *Vlad The World's Worst Vampire*, is out now. Here, Anna tells us what books she read as a child:



“Too many to mention! I devoured books – still do! My favourite authors were Roald Dahl, CS Lewis, Joan Aiken, Helen Cresswell and Alan Garner.”

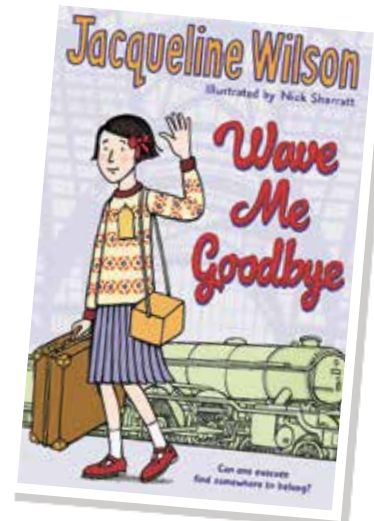


To read Anna's full interview, visit wordsforlife.org.uk/author-interviews. For book recommendations, activities and games, go to wordsforlife.org.uk.

BOOK REVIEWS

JACQUELINE WILSON
– *Wave Me Goodbye*

Reviewed by Alfie Reynolds,
aged nine



I believe that *Wave Me Goodbye* is a brilliant book. The book is about children who get evacuated in World War 2. It is very interesting and sets the scene really well. As you get further into the book, more things start to happen that draw you into reading it. I like the way that you do not get a clear idea of Mrs Waverley and Miss Chubb at first. They provide billets, which is the name for the places where the evacuees go to stay.



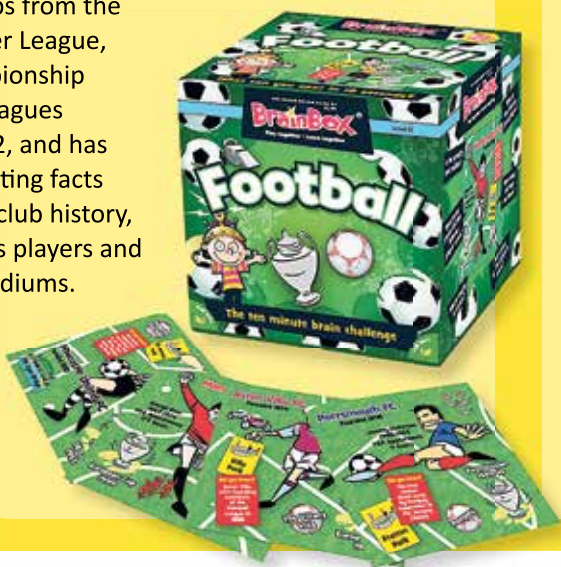
When Shirley, the main character of the book, breaks Mrs Waverley's doll, Kevin, who is Shirley's friend, has a terrible idea. Shirley knows it won't work, but it doesn't stop them going ahead with the plan. I am surprised that they made it back to Shirley's mum and dad, who are still in London. A book that I would recommend to anyone who likes a good adventure.

WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS?

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Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane (left) heads home against West Ham United



Chelsea's Maren Mjelde celebrates scoring in her team's 6-0 victory over Bristol City on the opening weekend of the new Women's Super League season

SPORT PICS OF THE WEEK



Golfer Justin Thomas is all smiles after winning the FedEx Cup in Atlanta, USA



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge crosses the finishing line at the Berlin Marathon

JUST THE JOB Advertisement feature

EMMA RAYWOOD Senior physiologist

IN First News' interviews and online films, you'll meet lots of different people with lots of different jobs! BT has been finding out how technology is changing jobs and what skills people need to make the most of it.

■ **What I do**

I am a senior respiratory physiologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). We measure lung function in children, as well as diagnose and monitor conditions like asthma or cystic fibrosis, by playing fun breathing games and using other tests.

■ **How I got my job**

I always wanted to work in healthcare. After completing my degree in physiology, I started my career by working in research, and with children with cystic fibrosis.

■ **What I love about my job**

I love working with children and meeting lots of different people every day! Working in the lung function team is fun because we play computer games as part of the testing, so the children usually



have a good time. I really like physiology as it explains how the body works, and we often teach courses or lectures and go to national and international conferences. This is a really good way to share what we know, and keep up to date.

■ **What is difficult about my job**

When children are very sick it can be difficult, but if you can play a part in helping them have a nice day, that can be quite rewarding.

■ **What skills I need**

Empathy, patience, numeracy and logical thinking.

■ **How do you use technology in your job?**

Technology is a key part of lung function testing, as we use computer games to encourage children to try their hardest. Our equipment, which is

called a spirometer, uses a laptop and an air-flow measurer (a pneumotachograph) to convert a patient's breathing into digital signals, which can then be read by the computer to work out the lung function results.

■ **How has that changed over your career?**

Before my time, the spirometers didn't have computers! A pen moved as you blew, and the physiologist had to measure how far the pen moved to get the results. The new systems are much better and keep improving all the time, with better calculations and new games.

■ **Where should young people start if they want to do the job, too?**

Physiology combines biology, chemistry, physics and maths. Picking science at A Level is important; I did biology and chemistry. An applied respiratory physiology degree where you do placements on the job, or a taught degree, such as biomedical or sports science, is a good choice, too. The NHS careers page has more information at first.news/nhscareers.

Find out more about Emma's work as we peek behind the scenes at GOSH for our latest Just The Job film at first.news/gosh.



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SPORT IN NUMBERS

18-year-old Deyna Castellanos (below) is in the final three for this year's Best FIFA Women's Player. The Venezuelan will hope to beat the USA's Carli Lloyd and the Netherlands' Lieke Martens to the prize. The men's award will be contested between Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Neymar. Both winners will be announced on 23 October at a ceremony in London.



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3 Road World Championship titles in a row have been won by Peter Sagan (below). The speedy Slovakian cyclist pipped Alexander Kristoff in a photo finish in Bergen, Norway. Only four other male riders have won the world title three times.

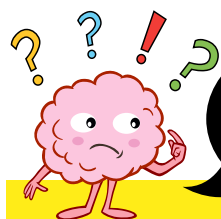


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301 goals have been scored by Barcelona's Lionel Messi (below) at the Camp Nou. The Argentinian magician slotted home his 298th, 299th, 300th and 301st goals in the 6-1 thrashing of Eibar last week.



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DID YOU KNOW?

ENGLAND'S Moeen Ali's century (100 runs) in his side's 124-run victory over the West Indies was the fastest in a one-day international in England. Ali reached 100 runs off just 53 balls.

Wozniacki celebrates winning in Tokyo



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GREAT DANE!

CAROLINE Wozniacki claimed her third Pan Pacific Open title, storming past Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-0, 7-5 in Tokyo, Japan.

The Danish star kept her cool against the Russian, after losing all six of her previous finals this year.

Wozniacki has now won at least one title every year since 2008.

Meanwhile, in other tennis news, there was also joy for Team Europe in the first ever Laver Cup.

The Europeans proved too much for Team World, winning the competition 15-9 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The tournament, named after

Australian tennis legend Rod Laver, saw icons Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal (right) play doubles together for the first time. With an astonishing 35 Grand Slam titles between them, the Fed Express and the King Of Clay were understandably just too good for the American pairing of Sam Querrey and Jack Sock.

It is now hoped that the competition will become a permanent fixture on the tennis calendar.



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POPPY BAN REVERSED

FIFA, the organisation in charge of world football, is set to allow the UK's national teams to wear poppies on their shirts this Armistice Day.

FIFA was criticised last year when they fined the England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland football associations for their use of the poppy during World Cup qualifying matches.

The poppy is worn to remember those who fought and died in war and conflict around the world, but FIFA considered it

to be a "political symbol".

However, FIFA will now allow the poppy if opposing teams and the competition organiser for the relevant match both agree its use.

The changes are expected to be passed in time for the international fixtures due to be played between 6-14 November.

Scotland and England wore poppy-printed armbands last year

