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**PRINCE GEORGE AND PRINCESS CHARLOTTE
JOIN THE NATION TO SAY A FINAL GOODBYE
TO THEIR GREAT-GRANNY, THE QUEEN**

A royal special edition including the Queen's funeral as it happened p1-9

THE QUEEN'S STATE FUNERAL



Ahead of the funeral, Buckingham Palace released this last official portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, taken for her Platinum Jubilee

by editor in chief Nicky Cox

HER family, her country and the world has said goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II.

She was laid to rest in a private burial ceremony in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on Monday evening. Only her family were there for the final goodbye. She was a mum, a granny and a great-granny. Prince George and Princess Charlotte called her Gan Gan.

To the rest of us, she was the Queen. And, earlier that day, the rest of the nation and leaders from around the world said their own goodbyes.

It was a day of ceremony, with a state funeral at Westminster Abbey attended by 2,000 people. The list of world leaders who were there is long, including US President Joe Biden. There were also former UK prime ministers, other royals, friends of the Queen and heads of charities and other organisations, such as chief scout Bear Grylls.

Huge crowds then lined the route as her coffin was taken on a gun carriage through London. The military lined the

streets and also joined the procession. Members of the royal family walked behind the coffin, as they did for the funeral of Prince Philip, the Queen's husband, last year.

Then the Queen's coffin was moved to the royal hearse for its final journey to Windsor Castle, which the Queen called "home".

There, the Crown Jewels were removed from the top of the Queen's coffin during a service of prayers and hymns in the castle's St George's Chapel. The chapel was founded in 1475 by King Edward III and has been at the centre of many royal ceremonies since. It became the chosen burial place for the royal family in the 19th century, and is the final resting place for many of its members.

At 7:30pm, in a private farewell for the royal family, the Queen was laid to rest with her late husband, Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, alongside her father, King George VI, her mother and sister.

Now, the crown has passed to Queen Elizabeth II's son, King Charles III. Turn to pages 6 and 7 to find out more about him.

What is a state funeral?

A state funeral is a rare honour which is usually only held for the sovereign – the king or queen. Occasionally, they are held for distinguished figures. The last state funeral in the UK was wartime prime minister Winston Churchill's in 1965. The last state funeral for a sovereign was for the Queen's father, George VI, in 1952.

Thousands lined the streets



Thousands of people lined the streets of London to see the procession and pay their respects including these children Mylie McArthur, 11, from Strood, Preston Mann, 11, from North Walsham, Ashton Johnson-Jeffreys, 5, from Peterborough (who slept in a red tent overnight on The Mall because he wanted to see King Charles III,) Thubaraka Kumanan, 9, and her sister Illakkia, 12, from Watford and Aharan Prabakaran, 11, from Purley. Before the procession began, he told *First News*: "I'm here to pay respect to the Queen who meant so much to this country. Also I want a glimpse of King Charles III! The Queen built modern Britain and led us to where we are now."

Illakkia told us: "I want to pay tribute to the Queen because she's the longest serving monarch and out of respect to her. She tried very hard to serve the country as best she could."



2,000 people attend the state funeral service for Her Majesty at Westminster Abbey



Prince Harry's wife, Meghan, the Queen Consort, Prince George, the Princess of Wales, Princess Charlotte and the Duchess of Wessex, who is married to the Queen's youngest son, Edward, say goodbye



The Queen's coffin is carried by soldiers from the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. On top sits the Imperial State Crown and the Sovereign's Orb and Sceptre



The Queen's funeral procession travels along The Mall towards Buckingham Palace



King Charles III stands with his son Prince William, the Prince of Wales, who is in line to be the next king



Huge crowds are seen down the Long Walk, as the procession heads towards Windsor Castle



The Queen's corgis Muick and Sandy are looked after at Windsor Castle



The royal family and the Grenadier Guards escort the Queen's coffin to Windsor Castle for a second special service

THE nation went into a period of mourning following the Queen's death, which ended after her funeral. Here are some of the things that happened during that time.



THOUSANDS of people queue throughout the night to see the Queen's coffin lying in state at Westminster Hall in London. At its peak, the queue reached 16km (ten miles) long, with a waiting time of more than 24 hours! The Government had to stop people from joining a couple of times because it was so busy. Among those waiting in line was former England captain David Beckham (pictured).



THE Queen's eight grandchildren – Prince William, Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Lady Louise, James Viscount Severn, Zara Tindall and Peter Phillips – arrive at Westminster Hall to hold a 15-minute vigil around her coffin.

BROTHERS Prince William and Prince Harry are reunited for the first time in months to see flowers and tributes left for their grandmother at Windsor Castle.



PRINCE William stands at the head of the Queen's coffin, while his brother Prince Harry stands at the foot as the Queen's grandchildren pay their respects.

Why are so many of us upset when we didn't even know her?

ANNA Williamson, a counsellor for FYI, the Sky Kids news programme, says:

"If it does feel a bit strange to you, and you're feeling sad about the Queen passing away – because you never really met her, and if anyone says to you: 'Well, that's strange, you shouldn't be feeling those feelings because you didn't know her' – that's false, it doesn't mean that you can't feel emotion. We can feel emotion as a country, we can also feed off other people's emotion around us. If someone else is feeling sad, if a whole country is feeling sad, then you

know what? We will probably be feeling a little bit sad as well. So, it is a sad time. It's important to remember, when someone dies, when someone passes away, it's important to process those feelings. Just sit with them, give yourself time, give yourself kindness, and do whatever makes you feel content in processing those feelings. So, if you want to talk about the Queen, if you want to ask questions about the Queen – do it. Ask it from people that you care about, that know you, and just be reassured that however you are feeling right now is perfectly, perfectly okay."



THE new monarch, King Charles III, toured the UK to receive people's messages of sympathy and support. The King visited all four nations of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Turn over to find out more about him.



England

A WOMAN gives the new monarch a quick kiss on the hand as he greets members of the public outside Buckingham Palace.



THE King is joined by his family as they walk behind the Queen's coffin in a procession from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.



Scotland

KING Charles III, Prince Edward, Princess Anne and Prince Andrew hold a vigil at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in honour of their mother. Princess Anne was the first woman ever to take part in the traditional Vigil of the Princes.



THE King wears a traditional kilt to visit the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, where MSPs expressed their sadness at Queen Elizabeth II's death.



Northern Ireland

CAMILLA, Queen Consort, joins her husband to look at flowers and tributes to the Queen as they arrive at Hillsborough Castle in Belfast.



THE King makes a speech at Hillsborough Castle after receiving a message of sympathy from Alex Maskey, the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly.



Wales

LANCE Corporal Shenkin IV, the mascot goat of the Third Battalion of the Royal Welsh regiment, is seen arriving at Cardiff Castle to greet the new King.



SCHOOLCHILDREN wave flags as King Charles III leaves a special service in memory of his mother at Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff. He still managed to flash them all a big smile!



OUR NEW KING

AFTER the death of Queen Elizabeth II, her eldest son Charles automatically took the throne and became King Charles III. Here's everything you need to know about our new King.



King Charles III in Westminster Hall, where he gave a speech to members of both Houses of Parliament



Charles and Camilla on their wedding day in 2005

NAME: Charles Philip Arthur George

AGE: 73

PARENTS: Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

WIFE: Camilla, the Queen Consort

CHILDREN: The King has two children from his first marriage to Lady Diana Spencer. The elder, Prince William, is the next in line for the throne. Prince Harry is fifth in line, after all three of William's children

BORN: The King was born on 14 November 1948 in Buckingham Palace. He was christened in the Music Room there a month later

EDUCATION: When he was eight, Charles went to Cheam School, a boarding school in Berkshire. In 1962 he went to the opposite end of the UK, to Gordonstoun school near Elgin. He then went to Trinity College at Cambridge University and graduated with a degree in history. He also spent a term at the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, learning to speak Welsh

TITLES: When Charles was three years old, his mother became Queen, which meant that Charles was given the traditional titles of the Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland. When he was nine years old, he became the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester



Above: one of the earliest pictures of the future King Charles III with his parents, Princess Elizabeth (before she became Queen) and Prince Philip. Below: a young Charles (front centre) on the palace balcony after his mother's coronation in 1953.



Charles with Princess Diana, his first wife, and their two children, Harry (left) and William

The Carolean age begins



Queen Elizabeth II's reign was known as the Elizabethan era, but we're now in what's been called the Carolean age. That comes from Carolus, the Latin name for Charles.

To watch the special episode of FYI all about our new King, go to first.news/king or scan this QR code



Environmental champion

King Charles has had an interest in green issues for a long time, and first spoke about pollution and plastics more than 50 years ago in 1970. In the 1980s, he started his own organic farm, growing food and raising animals without using chemicals or antibiotics. At the time, he said he was called a “complete idiot” for going organic but, today, many farms are now doing the same. King Charles also gave the opening speech at the COP26 climate summit in Scotland, stating that “time has quite literally run out”.



Interest in architecture

As the Prince of Wales, Charles was an outspoken critic of modern architecture. He famously described a proposed extension to the National Gallery as looking like “a monstrous carbuncle [like a boil] on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend”. He also wrote an entire book in support of traditional architecture and helped to design his own traditional town, Poundbury in Dorset (pictured).

Charles I and II

The King could have chosen any of his four names – Charles Philip Arthur George – to be known as, but he decided to be King Charles III. But who were the first two Kings to be known as Charles?

King Charles III began his official role as King by visiting the huge room in the Houses of Parliament known as Westminster Hall (pictured opposite), to address MPs and members of the House of Lords. In a strange twist, that’s where Charles I’s time as King came to an end, in one of the most extraordinary events in the royal family’s history. At the end of the Civil War, Charles I was brought to Westminster Hall to be tried. Although some of England’s kings had previously been kicked off the throne or murdered, Charles I became the first to be tried and condemned to death while he was still King. After 11 years of Parliament running



Charles I (above) and Charles II



the country rather than the monarchy, Charles’ son eventually became King Charles II in 1660. He spent much of his time on the throne doing battle with religious leaders, as he thought that the King should have total power over the country and the church. He was known as the Merry Monarch due to his fun-loving nature, and the fact that England had just had a miserable ten years under the rule of Oliver Cromwell, when even Christmas celebrations were banned! Charles II married Catherine of Braganza, daughter of King John IV of Portugal, but neither of them spoke the same language and they had no children, although Charles is said to have had 12 children with other women he wasn’t married to. He died of a stroke in 1685.

The Prince of Wales



King Charles III has passed on his title of the Prince of Wales to his elder son, Prince William. Charles spent longer as the Prince of Wales than any of the previous 20 royals to hold the title. On his tour of the UK after being made King, he gave a speech in Welsh to the Senedd (Welsh parliament).



Although Charles was made Prince of Wales when he was nine, the official investiture ceremony (pictured) didn’t take place until he was 20

King with wings

In 1971, King Charles got his RAF wings and was known as Flight Lieutenant Wales. He was the first member of the royal family to become an RAF pilot, and he can fly planes and helicopters. He also became the first royal to pass the Parachute Regiment’s tough training course.



Some fun facts!

Possibly the strangest of the 70 facts about the King on his old Prince of Wales website is that he doesn’t eat lunch. But while we’re talking about odd facts, he also has a frog named after him and was given the title ‘Keeper of the Cows’ by the Masai people in Tanzania, to reflect his interest in farming. Plus he’s also appeared in *Coronation Street* and once presented the weather on the BBC!

ROYAL NEWS

THE Queen has been laid to rest and her son King Charles III is now the head of the monarchy. We take a look at some of the more unusual things that have happened since Queen Elizabeth II's death and what will change.

The bees hear about their new master

THE royal beekeeper has informed the bees at Buckingham Palace that the Queen has died.

John Chapple told Mail Online that he travelled to the palace and Clarence House on Friday 9 September to deliver the news to the royal bees.

Mr Chapple placed black ribbon bowties on the hives before quietly telling them the Queen had died and sharing the news that they have a new master – King Charles III. He said: "You

knock on each hive and say: 'The mistress is dead, but don't you go. Your master will be a good master to you.'"

Legend has it that if you don't inform the bees about a change in master, they might stop producing as much honey.

Buckingham Palace is home to five beehives, while Clarence House has two. There are thought to be about 20,000 bees in each one, although this can change each year.



Beekeeper
John Chapple

Care for the corgis

THE Queen's beloved pet corgis are being rehomed by her son.

Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah – the Duke and Duchess of York – are keeping two of the royal pups. Muick and Sandy will go to live with the couple, who are still good friends, at Royal Lodge in Windsor. A third pup called Candy (a cute dachshund/corgi crossbreed known as a dorgi) will be given a new home, too, but it's not been said where yet.



The Queen with Candy

Swans get new owner

BRITAIN'S mute swans now belong to King Charles III, who has inherited the birds from his mother.

"The king has the right to claim any swan swimming in open waters, unmarked, if he so wishes," said David Barber, now the King's Swan Marker.

The new monarch shares ownership of the mute swans with ancient trade associations. It's not known exactly how many he has inherited, but Mr Barber hopes the King will appreciate the birds as much as his mum. He added: "He's [the king] very keen on conservation and all this type of thing, which is absolutely brilliant for us as well. So, hopefully, he will take a nice interest in the swan population. That will help us do our job."



David Barber counts the swans on the River Thames every year and helps to look after them

Changes to money and stamps featuring Queen's face

ALTHOUGH these things will eventually have the face of King Charles III on them, that won't happen for a while. And, in the meantime, people can keep using money, stamps and even their passports as usual.

There are billions of UK coins and notes in use around the country, so it's simply impossible to switch them to a new kind quickly. As a result, expect to be seeing and using things with the Queen's portrait on them for many years to come.

New designs with the King's face will need to be checked and approved by lots of people before they start to be made. One feature on new coins that is very likely is that the King will face left. That's because the Queen's portrait always faced right on coins and it's traditional to swap direction with each new monarch.

One thing that changed easily and quickly was the national anthem, with the words simply switching from 'God Save the Queen' to 'God Save the King'.



YOUR TRIBUTES TO HER MAJESTY

The entire Moulsoford community is so saddened to hear of the death of Queen Elizabeth. She spent her life in service to the country and was an example to us all. As a school we so enjoyed the celebrations to mark her Platinum Jubilee this summer and our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

– Moulsoford Prep School

It is really cool that Queen Elizabeth was a Girl Guide when she was a princess and that she was still the patron until she died. I am a Brownie now and love girlguiding just like she did.

– Elsie Hambleton, Linton Primary School



Jack Stockdale, aged nine



Libby Rolph, aged 11

The monarch has been since I was born, Her Majesty Elizabeth of whom we now mourn. Elizabeth reigned for the longest of time. Quite difficult for me to think of a rhyme, Under her power we all once stood, Elizabeth reigned for as long as she could. Elizabeth II will join all the other, Never forget England's mother.

– Fraya Turner, 14



Polina Luznova, aged eight

Dear Queen, don't fear to go away,
Tomorrow we will remember you day by day
At least you did your best
Now your son can do the rest
With your choices that were smart
We will remember you with our hearts
Queen Elizabeth rest in peace.

The Queen means to me so much. She is an inspiration for all of us and we will miss her dearly.

– Tributes from children of Howard Junior School



Marmalade sandwiches in memory of our Queen by Alice Blackman, aged eight, and Thomas Blackman, aged six



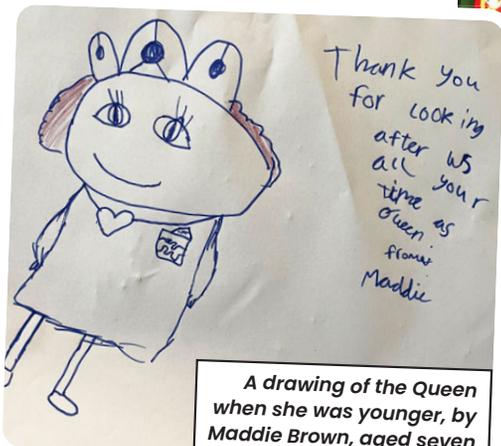
Lexie Stead, aged six



Lottie Stead, aged nine



Mia Lacey, aged nine



A drawing of the Queen when she was younger, by Maddie Brown, aged seven

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing Queen. She served us for so long and had never thought to resign. No matter what, she was always there for us and I think it's a clear fact that she loved us as much as we loved her. The letter attached is the last one I received from her lady in waiting after I sent her some of the salted caramel chocolate chip brownies I made to raise money for Comic Relief.

– Tallulah Mears, Shalfleet C Of E School



WORLD LEADERS GO TO NEW YORK EDUCATION SUMMIT



Yuv (centre) with fellow Theirworld Global Youth Ambassadors in New York

A HISTORIC education summit took place in New York last week to discuss what can be done to make sure all children have access to a good education.

Yuv Sungkur, from Mauritius, is a Global Youth Ambassador for the children's charity Theirworld and reported on the event for *First News*.

"I had the privilege of travelling to New York last weekend for the Transforming Education Summit, a historic meeting of international leaders to tackle the global education crisis.

"For too long this crisis has been overlooked by world leaders. Young people everywhere have been leaving school unable to read or write properly, and unqualified for even basic work. There are 260 million who don't have a place in school at all.

"I travelled to the UN with the global children's charity Theirworld as part of the #LetMeLearn campaign, which mobilised thousands of young people from more than 160 countries, and won support from celebrities including the actors Bill Nighy, Matt Lucas and Stephen Fry.

"Our message that leaders should listen to young people about education was broadcast on social media and across billboards in New York. I even spoke on a panel with the UN Secretary-General, which was a fantastic experience.

"Our hard work paid off. Over the three days of the summit, leaders made groundbreaking commitments to support education. They launched a new multi-billion dollar fund that will inject desperately needed money into schools. They also recognised the urgent need to invest in the earliest years of education, so vital to a child's future. Most importantly, they gave us hope. Hope that for the first time we can envisage a generation where every child is in school. Our task now is to hold world leaders to account and ensure that they act on these commitments."

End of pandemic is "in sight"

THE end of the Covid pandemic is "in sight", says the World Health Organization (WHO).

The weekly global deaths figure on 5 September 2022 was 11,118 – the lowest level since March 2020, when the UK first went into lockdown.

The WHO estimates that 19.8m deaths had been avoided in 2021 thanks to Covid-19 vaccines, and that 12bn doses had now been given out around the world.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director-general of the WHO, said: "We have never been in a better position to end the pandemic – we are not there yet, but the end is in sight."

He also said that we must continue to fight the virus by following rules and getting vaccines, adding: "A marathon runner does not stop when the finish line comes into view, she runs harder, with all the energy she has left. So must we."



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EDITOR'S COMMENT



It is the end of the Elizabethan era as we sadly say goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II.

But a new era is here now under King Charles III.

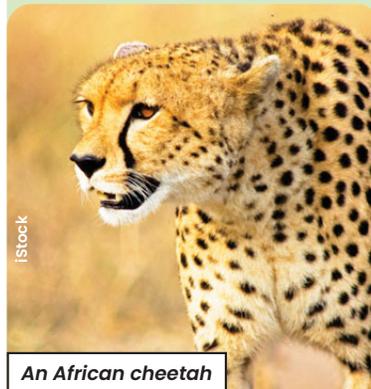
He has long been a champion for our planet, and spoke about the damage humans were causing more than 50 years ago, before other people realised what was going on.

At *First News*, we are hopeful that he will continue to influence the world to take action for the Earth.



Cheetahs

Cheetahs have returned to India 70 years after they were declared extinct in the country. Eight African cheetahs were flown from Namibia to Kuno National Park, as part of plans to reintroduce the species. It's expected that another 12 cheetahs will join the group from South Africa next month, with hopes that the population could eventually reach 40.



An African cheetah



Jeff Bezos

The entrepreneur's Blue Origin space rocket failed to launch properly. The rocket's engine seemingly caught fire just minutes after it took flight, but the capsule separated safely. Thankfully no-one was on board. Blue Origin said the "capsule escape system performed as designed". An investigation is now taking place to find out what went wrong.



Twitter/Blue Origin

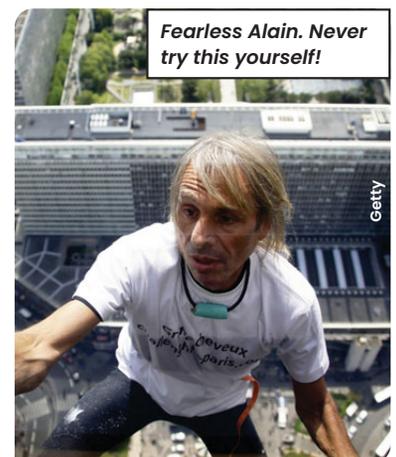
'SPIDER-MAN' SCALES SKYSCRAPER

A CLIMBER dubbed the 'French Spider-Man' has celebrated his 60th birthday by scaling a 187-metre (613ft) skyscraper in Paris – without any safety equipment!

Alain Robert climbed the Tour TotalEnergies building in just 60 minutes, using no ropes or a harness.

He told Reuters news agency: "I want to send people the message that being 60 years old is nothing. You can still do sport, be active, do fabulous things." He also wanted to raise awareness about climate change.

Alain has climbed lots of famously tall buildings across the world and has been arrested for not getting permission first.



Fearless Alain. Never try this yourself!

Getty



NEW PM'S ENERGY PLAN

LAST week, the new prime minister, Liz Truss, revealed her plan to tackle soaring energy bills amid the country's cost of living crisis.

From October, typical household energy bills were set to hit £3,549 but Ms Truss said they will be capped at £2,500 for the next two years. It's been estimated that the plan could cost up to £150bn.

The £2,500 cap is still a big increase on the current level of £1,971. Opposition leaders were quick to point out that the most vulnerable people in the country still will struggle this winter.

Another issue is that, while people will not have to pay as much for their energy bills for now, the Government will have to borrow billions to pay for this plan, which will need to be paid off in the coming years.

Ms Truss announced other energy plans, such as allowing for more oil and gas to be mined in the North Sea, as well as lifting a ban on fracking in

England after the Conservatives banned it in 2019.

Fracking is a controversial way of getting oil and gas from deep underground, as it can cause earthquakes. Ms Truss said it "is vital that we take steps to increase our domestic energy supply".

However, environmentalists are worried that these moves are big steps back for the UK's goal to reduce its carbon emissions and achieve net zero by 2050.

The Climate Change Committee and National Infrastructure Commission wrote to Ms Truss to encourage "low carbon, low-cost energy". They warned that, while mining for more gas in the UK may help this winter, the country's gas reserves are too small to make much of a difference to the prices faced by people in the UK.

Among their five suggestions to the PM, they say "renewables are the cheapest form of electricity generation", and suggest that investing in onshore wind and solar energy solutions is the quickest way



All pictures: Getty

to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

A recent study by the University of Oxford backs this up, estimating that £10.2 trillion could be saved by 2050 by switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Professor Doyne Farmer said: "We should go full speed ahead with the green energy transition because it's going to save us money. Even if you're a climate denier, you should be on board."

Scientists want to refreeze Earth's poles



SCIENTISTS at Yale University have suggested an unusual way to slow the melting of the icecaps at the North and South Poles.

They say a fleet of 125 planes could spray particles into the air that would help shade the ice from the sun, cooling the areas by 2°C. Melting icecaps are causing global sea levels to rise, so this plan could slow that right down.

However, the idea is controversial as 175,000 flights a year would be needed, which would

release millions of tonnes of carbon into the air. It's a tricky balance as it would mean trying to fix a more immediate climate problem (sea levels rising) by adding to a wider, longer-term problem (greenhouse gases in the atmosphere).

Nonetheless, the plan has the support of the Centre for Climate Repair (CCR). Dr Shaun Fitzgerald, the CCR's director, told Sky News: "Using aircraft is not nice at all, but the impact of those greenhouse gases is a longer-term effect. We are worried about the impacts [of climate change] right now. It's really urgent."

The idea would cost £10bn a year which, although a huge amount of money, is cheaper than other plans to tackle climate change.

The study was published in the journal *Environmental Research Communications*.

Farmer discovers amazing artwork

A PALESTINIAN farmer has discovered an incredible mosaic while digging up his land so that he could plant a tree.

Salman al-Nabahin said his find was "dearer than a treasure. It is a Palestinian legacy." The mosaic is from the time of the Byzantine Empire (330AD-1453), meaning it is hundreds of years old.



More action is needed to tackle climate change

A NEW United Nations report on the climate says: "Climate science is clear: we are heading in the wrong direction."

The report features the contributions of several agencies, including the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). One of its main conclusions is that far more ambitious actions are needed to stop climate change having a devastating impact on our planet. Researchers looked at several aspects of

the climate, including CO₂ emissions, global temperature rises and the impact of extreme weather events.

In 2016, the Paris Agreement saw many countries around the world agree to keeping global temperature rises to no more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. However, the report states that in order to achieve that goal, pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions need to be seven times higher than current targets.



Many scientists agree that extreme weather events are becoming more common due to climate change



SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND

Hundreds report seeing spectacular meteor

Nearly 800 people reported seeing a shooting star soaring through the night sky last week. The UK Meteor Network said the fireball could be seen for 20 seconds before it disappeared. After looking at all the footage, the group says it was definitely a meteor and came from an asteroid (rocks that orbit the sun). The group added that the meteor's journey ended over the North Atlantic Ocean. Steve Owens, an astronomer and science communicator at Glasgow Science Centre, told the BBC it was a "brilliant fireball".



GLASGOW

Lewis Capaldi busks in Glasgow city centre

Lewis Capaldi stunned shoppers when he popped up on the streets of Glasgow for a surprise performance. The Scottish singer sang his hit track *Before You Go*, before belting out his new single *Forget Me*. Lewis joked with the crowd: "I'm not Lewis Capaldi. I'm just someone else. Just a really good impersonator." The star has been on a three-year break from music and recently revealed that he had been diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome, a condition that causes a person to make sounds and movements they can't control, known as tics.

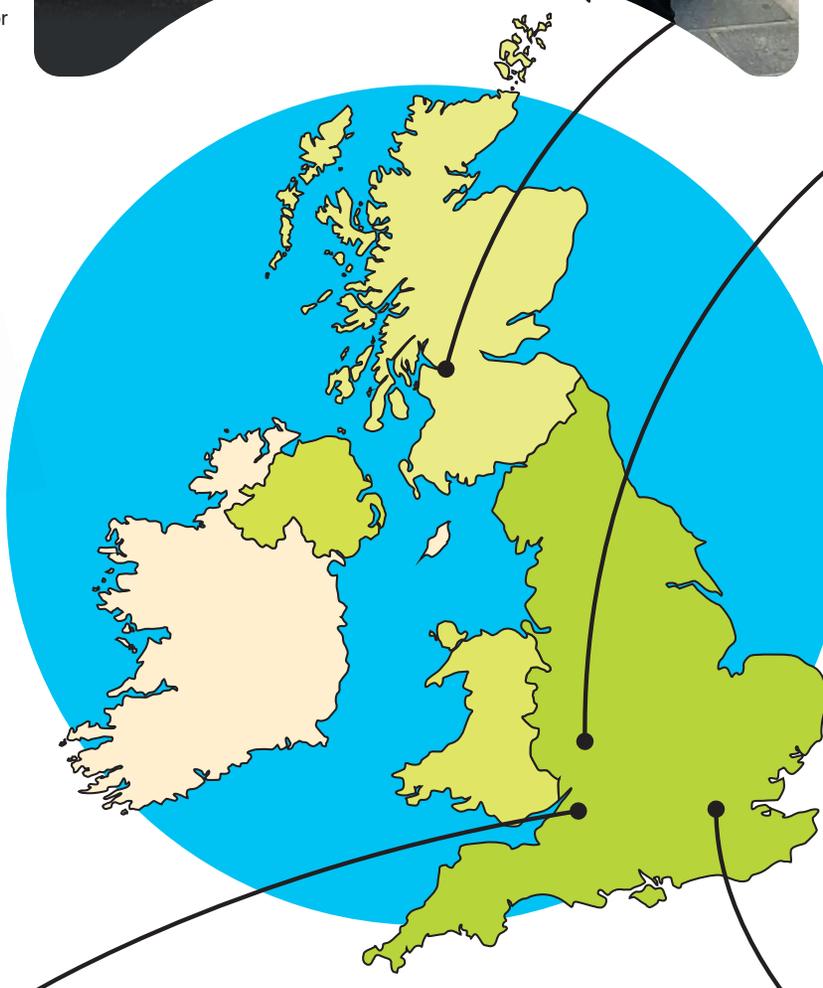


UK



New set of Harry Potter coins released

A new collection of Harry Potter coins is being released by the Royal Mint to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The book, by JK Rowling, was first published by Bloomsbury Children's Books in 1997. The 50p coins will feature illustrations by Jim Kay, who created the first fully illustrated edition of the classic story in 2015. As well as Harry, he's also drawn Albus Dumbledore, Hogwarts School and the Hogwarts Express.



WORCESTER



Dog cinema screening breaks world record

A whopping 127 dogs attended a screening of *101 Dalmatians* at Perdiswell Leisure Centre. The turnout meant that organiser Rachel Marie broke the world record for most dogs at an outdoor screening! The previous record was set in 2019 in Brazil, when 120 pooches turned up to watch *The Secret Life Of Pets 2*. Rachel's barking mad event for pups wasn't just a bit of fun though, as it also helped to raise £542 for the Amicii Dog Rescue charity, helping stray dogs in Romania and Spain.

BATH

Bath Children's Literature Festival kicks off



Europe's largest children's literature festival is back from today (23 September) until 2 October. Loads of famous authors and illustrators will be heading to Bath to showcase their work and inspire young people. This year visitors can expect to hear from the likes of Michael Rosen, Cressida Cowell, Dermot O'Leary, Liz Pichon, Rob Biddulph and the new Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. There will be book signings, workshops and readings. You can find out more at bathfestivals.org.uk/childrens-literature.

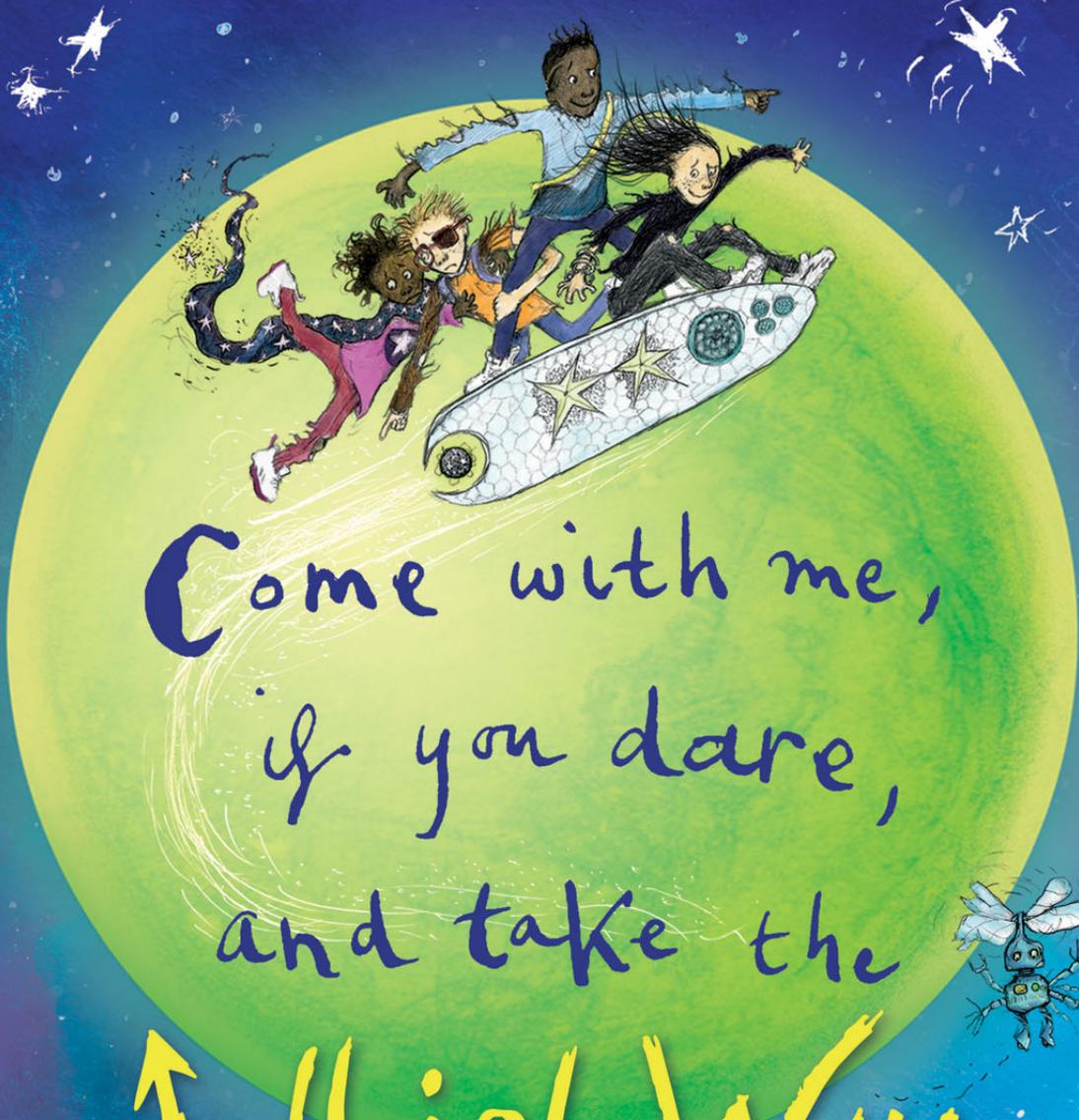
LONDON

Pine martens look similar to ferrets



Rare pine marten spotted

A critically endangered pine marten has been caught on camera in woodland in southwest London. The species was declared extinct in England 100 years ago, but one was spotted in 2015. They are still extremely rare and mainly spotted in Scotland, Northern Ireland or northern England. The shy creature was seen on cameras set up by the Zoological Society of London to monitor hedgehogs. Experts say it could be a sign that habitats and food sources are improving.



Come with me,
if you dare,
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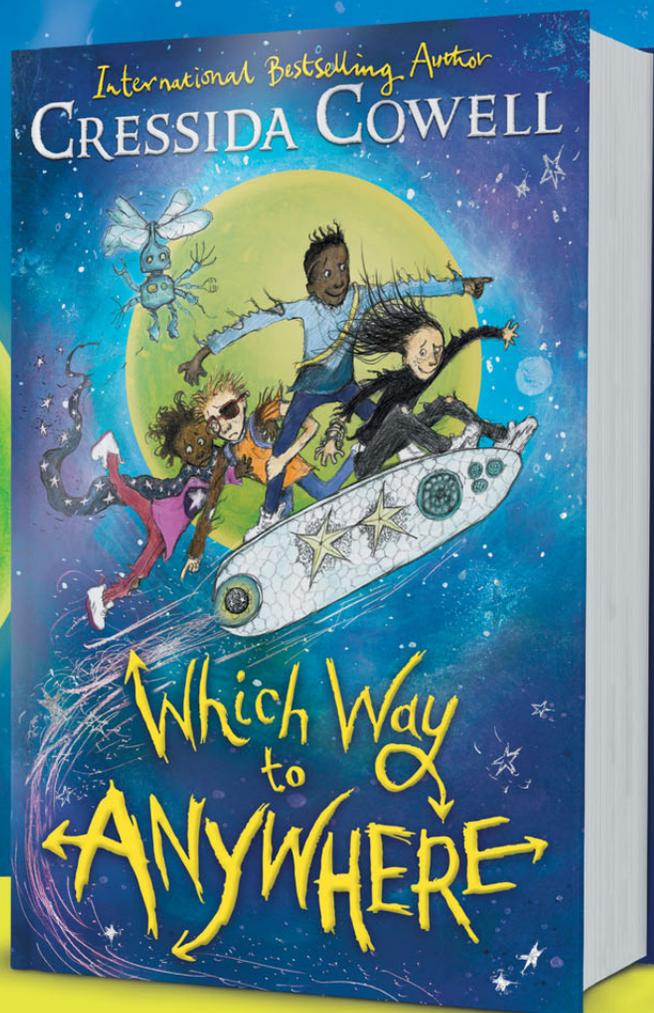
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 **USA**



Taiwanese troops take part in military exercises

Biden says the US would defend Taiwan, if China invaded

US President Joe Biden has said the USA would defend the island of Taiwan if there was an “unprecedented” (never seen before) attack on the nation. Taiwan wants to be independent from China, but China claims Taiwan is part of its territory. Officially, the US says it doesn't support Taiwan's independence and, until now, has avoided saying whether or not it would help Taiwan defend itself if China attacked. China said the comments went against the “important commitment the US made not to support Taiwan independence”.

 **HAITI**

Anti-government riots

Days of violent anti-government protests have rocked Haiti, after fuel prices increased dramatically. There have been reports of looting, and disruption to food and water supplies. Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry said that he was launching an “appeal for calm” and called for roads to be unblocked, so that “relief, food, water, medicine, gas” can make it into the country. Protesters say that Mr Henry should resign now, but he has said he wants to hold elections as soon as possible instead. The chaos comes as Haiti faces downpours caused by Hurricane Fiona.



 **LEBANON**

Banks closed after hold-ups

Banks in Lebanon were closed for three days this week, after a series of hold-ups by customers who wanted to take out their own money to pay fines and medical bills. In August, we told you how a man had held up a bank at gunpoint, in order to get his own money, which had been frozen because of an ongoing finance crisis in the country.



Since then, many other people have done the same, some using fake guns to threaten bank workers, so that they can take out their own money.

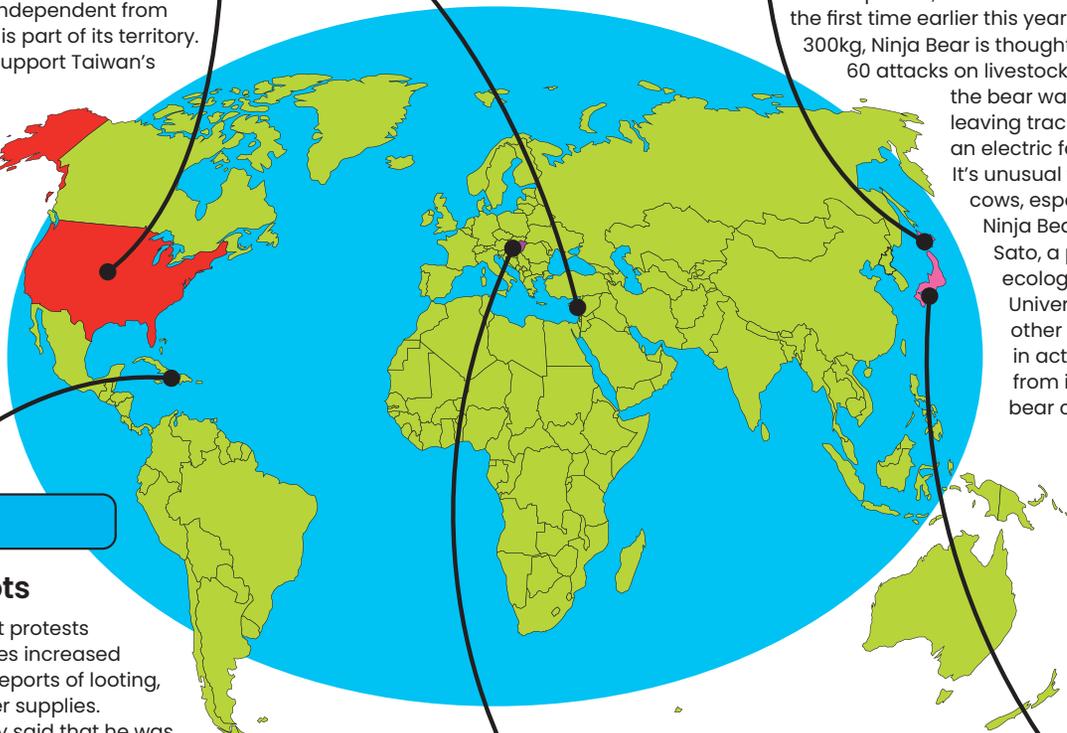
 **JAPAN**



An Asian black bear – not Ninja Bear, who couldn't be pictured

'Ninja Bear' attacks

An expert has warned that a clan of 'ninja bears' could be formed in the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, after a series of attacks at dairy farms. For three years, a stealthy Asian black bear, nicknamed Ninja Bear, has been terrorising dairy farms. Never seen in person, the bear was caught on camera for the first time earlier this year. Estimated to weigh 300kg, Ninja Bear is thought to have been behind 60 attacks on livestock since 2019. It's believed the bear walks in rivers, to avoid leaving tracks, and has dug under an electric fence to reach its target. It's unusual for bears to attack dairy cows, especially as frequently as Ninja Bear appears to. Yoshikazu Sato, a professor of wildlife ecology at Rakuno Gakuen University, has said that if other bears see Ninja Bear in action, they could learn from it – forming a “ninja bear clan”.



 **HUNGARY**



Prime minister criticised

A European Parliament report says that Hungary is no longer a democracy (where people elect politicians), and is instead an “electoral autocracy”. That means that, while there are elections, only Hungary's leader, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán (pictured), actually has power in the country. PM Orbán called the report a “boring joke”. It's thought that the report could lead to the EU cutting billions in funding to Hungary.

 **JAPAN**

'Super typhoon' arrives

Nine million people have been told to evacuate after Typhoon Nanmadol arrived at the shores of Japan. Described as one of the worst typhoons the country has ever seen, at least two people have died and dozens have been injured. Thousands have been left without power.





RARE COSMIC EVENT WINS PHOTO PRIZE



Overall winner: Disconnection Event

A VISITING comet to our solar system was captured with its tail being blown away by the solar wind to create a stunning prize-winning image.

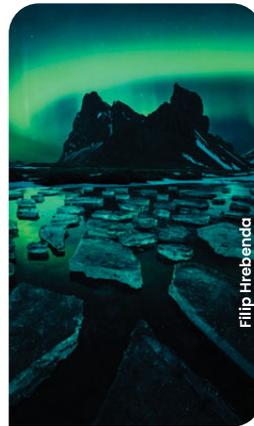
Judges in the Royal Observatory Greenwich's Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition were astounded by Austrian photographer Gerald Rhemann's photograph and all of them voted to award him the top prize. Comet C/2021 A1, also known as Comet Leonard, was the brightest of 2021 and was photographed from Namibia on Christmas Day. It will never be seen from Earth again, making the photograph all the more remarkable as it was a one-off event. Melissa Brobby, one of the judges, said: "The stars in the background give the comet's tail a magical appearance. I could stare at this image all day."

The prize for Young Astronomy Photographer of the Year was shared by two 14-year-old boys, Yang Hanwen and Zhou Zezhen from China, who worked together to produce a photograph of the Milky Way's largest and closest neighbour, Andromeda.

Another winner in the Aurorae category was *In the Embrace of a Green Lady* by Slovakian photographer Filip Hrebenda, which shows the northern lights seeming to circle a mountain top and lighting up an icy Icelandic lake.

The judges agreed that the standard this year was very high. They praised the quality and technical ability of this year's winners, who have created images of rarely seen phenomena and revealed the astonishing beauty of the skies.

Over 100 photographs, including all of the winners, are now on show at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, London.



Andromeda Galaxy: The Neighbour

Pandemic failure worldwide



The UK's Covid Memorial Wall

A NEW report on Covid-19 finds "massive global failures" caused millions more to die in the pandemic.

The report makes several suggestions about how the world can do better next time but highlights the devastating mistakes that were made. Slow responses by governments, misinformation about the virus and a lack of co-operation both at home and internationally were all major factors in unnecessary deaths.

The Lancet Commission that produced the report consisted of 28 scientists who are world experts in their fields, supported by a further 173 experts in 12 task forces. Over the course of two years, they studied data from hundreds of sources. The research covered public health, the spread of the virus, vaccines, travel, personal protection, government responses and mental health, among other things. In addition to assessing the effects of the pandemic and making recommendations, the scientists were also aiming to rebuild "an inclusive, fair and sustainable world".

Professor Jeffrey Sachs, chair of the Commission, said: "The staggering human toll of the first two years of the Covid-19 pandemic is a profound tragedy and a massive societal failure at multiple levels." The report says that avoiding the failures of the past will mean increased international funding and a leading role for the World Health Organization (WHO), but more importantly, better co-operation and co-ordination across the globe.

Gut feeling

TASTE is often blamed for making us want to eat sugary and fatty foods, but new research shows it could be our insides driving us to eat them.

Foods like cupcakes and ice cream taste delicious and are hard to resist but it may not be our tastebuds that make us crave them. Research from Columbia University in the US has shown there's a connection between fat in the intestine and our desire to eat it. Professor Mentong Li, who led the research, fed fatty or sweet water to mice to see which they preferred. After a couple of days the mice were already showing a preference for the fatty water, even when they couldn't taste the difference. Monitoring the brain activity of the mice showed neurons (which send signals to different parts of the body) in the nerve that links the gut to the brain were activated when the mice had fat in their guts. Deactivating the neurons made the mice lose their appetite for fat.

The research adds to other scientific studies which have already shown our insides play a crucial role in our health. It could also be important for the control of obesity, which is at epidemic levels in some parts of the world. By switching off a person's desire for fat it could help them to avoid high-calorie fatty foods.



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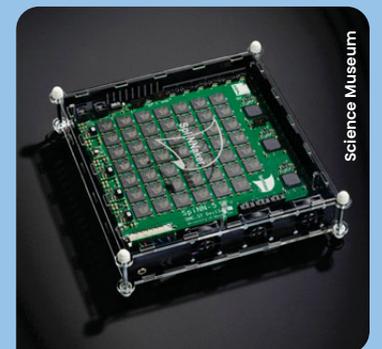
This report is from the Science Museum in London

DID you know that there's such a thing as a 'human-like' computer?

Five years ago researchers at the University of Manchester designed and built a supercomputer known as SpiNNaker.

It works on a much bigger scale than traditional computers, sending billions of pieces of information to thousands of destinations at once – just like the human brain.

This incredible piece of technology helps us study how the brain works and can even be used to control robots! A small but important part of SpiNNaker is going on display at the Science and Industry Museum as part of Manchester Science Festival from 21-30 October. You can find out more at tinyurl.com/ManSci22.



DRUMMING MESSAGES

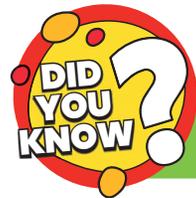
CHIMPANZEES in Uganda have been recorded drumming out messages to each other using tree roots.

The chimpanzees were studied by a team of researchers who found that each animal had their own style of drumming. While travelling through the rainforest, the chimpanzees used a mixture of vocal calls and beats drummed out on tree roots to communicate with chimpanzees further away.

The lead researcher, PhD student Vesta Eleuteri from the University of Vienna, said: "I was surprised that I was able to recognise who was drumming after just a few weeks in the forest, but their drumming rhythms are so distinctive that it's easy to pick up on them."

It's thought that the drumming is the way the chimpanzees stay in touch with each other while they're on the move.

The full report was published in the journal *Animal Behaviour*.



CHIMPANZEES are social animals that live in large groups of around 20–30 in the wild.



Ships change route to save blue whales

ONE of the largest shipping companies in the world has agreed to change a shipping route to help protect rare blue whales.

MSC Group will re-route its shipping traffic in the north Indian Ocean to avoid areas of water where blue whales are known to gather all year round. The company was asked to make the change by environmental groups OceanCare and the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

One of the biggest threats to whales in the wild is injury from collisions with boats. By moving their routes 15 nautical miles (28km) further south, MSC hopes to reduce the risk of collisions with whales by 95%. Blue whales are the largest living animals on the planet and can live to between 80 and 90 years.



IFAW/Christian Loader

Bin battles



Barbara Klump/
Current Biology

A sulphur-crested cockatoo attempts to remove a brick from the top of a bin

HOMEOWNERS in southern Sydney, Australia, are coming up with new and more complicated ways to keep cockatoos out of their bins.

Locals are facing an ongoing battle to stop the clever birds from opening the rubbish bins and picking through the litter. While the people want the rubbish gone, the birds want to eat it!

Researchers studying the unusual battle have reported the different ways the birds and the humans behave in the journal *Current Biology*. These include using bricks to hold bins down, wedging bottles in the hinges and tying ropes or stones around the bin lids. In response, the birds are becoming more and more creative in how they pry open the bins. Cockatoos learn from each other and once one cockatoo works out the puzzle, the others soon copy the technique.

Scientists are fascinated with the ongoing bin battle and plan on watching the birds – and the humans – as the seasons change to see how their tactics adapt to each other.

AUTUMN ARRIVALS

AS autumn arrives in the UK, summer migratory birds like swifts, turtle doves and swallows will leave for the warmer weather in southern Africa. In return, birds that live most of the year in Scandinavia and Russia will travel thousands of miles to the UK for the winter. Some of these species may find their way into gardens, especially when the weather is really cold and there's less food around. Here are a few autumn and winter visitors you might see out of your back window or in the countryside.



Ben Andrew/RSPB

Bramblings

Bramblings can often sound like chaffinches and have a similar red breast. The biggest difference is the brambling has a white rump and almost all-black tail. They start to arrive in the UK in September and are one of the earliest migratory birds you may spot. You'll be lucky to see one in your garden though, as they only venture close when there's no natural food around.

Waxwings

These are outgoing, confident birds with a very cool mohican on their heads. They can be quite tame and will often come quite close to people. Their numbers vary each year, but keep an eye on berry bushes because a flock of waxwings can get through 800-1,000 berries in a day!



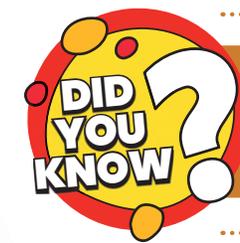
Ben Andrew/RSPB

Siskins

These bright yellow little finches were once only found in remote pine forests of northern Britain, but now you may see them on garden feeders. They live in the UK all year, but in winter they're joined by siskins from northern Europe. They look similar to greenfinches, so look out for their pointy, slimmer beaks, brighter and streakier colours, and their slightly smaller size.



Chris Gomersall/RSPB



MANY bird species spend half of their time in one country and half of their time in another, moving to where the weather suits them better.



Ben Andrew/RSPB

Fieldfares

Large, colourful, and social, these members of the thrush family (the same family as the blackbird) are lovely visitors to the UK countryside. They stand very upright and move forward with little hops. Sometimes flocks of hundreds can gather together in rural areas.

Find out how to make your garden or outdoor space as welcoming as possible to migratory birds and other wildlife!

Visit the RSPB's Nature On Your Doorstep page at www.rspb.org.uk/NatureOnYourDoorstep



OUT OF THIS WORLD

STAR Wars fans are in for a treat with the new Disney+ series, *Andor*. Adam Tanswell got the inside scoop on the series from actor Diego Luna and the show's creator, Tony Gilroy.

Andor is an intergalactic new series about a *Star Wars* character called Cassian Andor. You might remember this space hero from the movie *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Well, now Cassian's back and he's got his very own TV show. It's out of this world!



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The new droid in *Andor* is called B2EMO

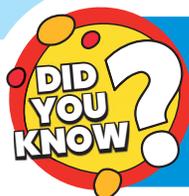
Diego Luna is the name of the actor who plays Cassian in the exciting 12-part series. "We have everything you could expect from a show like this," explains Diego. "There's going to be lots of adventure and action. It is really unique to have the chance to visit this universe with this amount of attention to detail."

Cassian Andor is a super-smart rebel who's been involved in the revolution since he was a young boy. How do we know? Because this sneaky secret was revealed in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. "He's been fighting since he was six years old," confirms Gilroy.

First News is hoping for tons of space phasers, beeping droids and kooky aliens in the show, but the action isn't always out of this world. "I love that this story is about regular people," explains Diego Luna. "It's about you and I. It's about us."

Prepare to step back in time with *Andor*, because the exciting project is a prequel series to *Rogue One*. The action is set five years before the events of the iconic *Star Wars* movie. "It's been an absolute gas to write," says the show's creator, Tony Gilroy.

The eye-popping action of *Andor* will transport fans to a galaxy far, far away. "Our show is on a massively epic scale," reveals Gilroy. "It's absolutely huge. I mean, we have 211 speaking parts!"



A **SECOND** series of *Andor* is already in the works. This series covers one year in time but the next series will cover four years!

The three-episode premiere of *Andor* is available to stream now on Disney+

A festival for film fans!

TICKETS for the annual Into Film Festival have been released, with free screenings and workshops for young people.

This year the festival will be running free screenings of films like *Encanto*, *The Railway Children Return*, *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* and *Thor: Love & Thunder*. The festival will also open with a screening of the brand-new Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical*.



Sony Pictures

Film industry experts will be on hand to take part in talks, workshops and presentations to help young people who are interested in a career in film.

The Into Film Festival runs from 8 to 25 November, and is free and open to young people across the UK, including film clubs and schools.

Find out more about screenings and events near you, and book tickets, by going to tinyurl.com/Intofilm22.



Ray Burmiston/BBC Pictures

LET'S DANCE!

STRICTLY Come Dancing waltzes back onto our TVs this week, with 15 new celebs taking to the dancefloor. Singer and TV presenter Fleur East tells us why joining the ballroom means so much to her.

Fleur says: "I'm equally nervous and thrilled to be part of this year's *Strictly* line-up. I'm excited to learn new skills and I want to soak up every moment of this magical experience. It's such an honour to be on the show after years of watching it with my father, who loved it so much. Unfortunately my dad is no longer with us, but I know he will be watching over the ballroom in spirit. I'm doing this to make him and my family proud, and can't wait to get my dancing shoes on!"

Strictly Come Dancing returns to BBC1 with the launch show today (Friday) and the first live show on 24 September.



Disney

THE first trailer for Disney's live-action *The Little Mermaid* has gone viral as parents around the world shared their children's reaction to it.

Ariel is played by Halle Bailey and many families have shared videos of their children excited to see an actor they can identify with in the role. The first trailer was shared at Disney's D23 convention, which included announcements about lots of new films and series that are in production.

The Little Mermaid will dive into cinemas in 2023.

▶ What will readers find in your book?

It's a positive mental health tool kit for young people. When I sat down to write it, it was to make something that I wish I'd had at that age, that would help me get through life. Young people are coming into a world now that's evolving [developing] by the day. We've got so many challenges, from climate change to social media to mental health, and I think we owe it to children to give them the tools they need to manage difficult situations.

▶ In the book you say you have a super power, can you tell us what it is?

I like to think that I have a couple. The one I think is probably most important to me is my sensitivity. Growing up, being sensitive was something that I thought was an incredible weakness, like my height – I used to hate being tall. But now I see my sensitivity as my super power. It's an ability for me to connect with other people. Around 95% of human communication is non-verbal, so if you're someone who can really connect and understand others, it's a great tool. My other super power is dyslexia. I wouldn't change being dyslexic for the world. We know now that those with dyslexia often use the part of their brain more that is associated with creativity, so I'm not going to take away this real strength. It's something I talk about in the book; recognise your strengths and what you think are your weaknesses, then turn them into super powers.

▶ Was it hard opening up in the book?

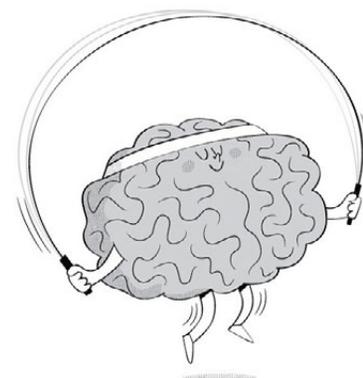
In some ways. One of the big things I talk about in the book is grief. One of the mistakes we make in society is that we try to hide children away from bereavement [death of someone close], which is really stupid because you can't. What we should be doing is opening that conversation about bereavement, how to recognise sadness and what the stages of grief are. It can be really scary having the feeling of



"I HAVE A COUPLE OF SUPER POWERS!"

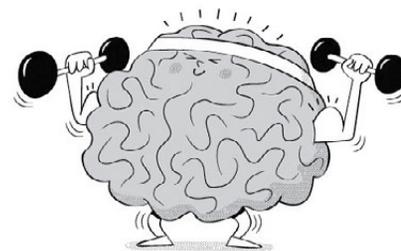
DOCTOR and mental health ambassador Dr Alex George has written his first book, a guide to help young people understand their mental health.

grief, but it's a very normal and necessary part of life. Sadness is as important as happiness. When someone that we love passes away, it's sad and part of dealing with that grief is expressing sadness. That's why telling boys "big boys don't cry" or "man up" is so damaging because you're suppressing [holding in] something that needs to be released. Being sad isn't bad, it's actually good, and really helpful at the right time. But being sad all the time, that's not helpful. So it's learning the balance of when sadness is a problem and when it's a really good thing. If we can help kids understand what they might go through, then when it happens we can maybe make it more manageable.



▶ You cover a lot of elements of mental health, from stress and anxiety to loneliness and loss. Should these be taught at school?

Yes! Wales is making huge progress; they've got their four-purpose approach, which puts wellbeing on the same level as academia [learning]. I think England needs to follow that as well. If we can grow up as adults who understand our emotions, we can recognise when other people are struggling.



▶ What was school like for you?

Up and down. I was bullied, which was difficult and I didn't talk to anyone about it. One of my big regrets is that I didn't talk about it sooner, because when I spoke to my friends and teachers about the bullying, it stopped. Nearly half of all young people are bullied at some point. We need to recognise two sides of things – recognising it in yourself, what the line is between messing around and having fun, and when it's gone too far. And also realising when you're not happy and when what people are saying is no longer acceptable. Then you must act – don't suffer in silence. Bullying is a reflection of other people, not yourself. I like to think that most people are good and most people are just not aware. You might make a joke about my spots and then forget about it and go home and play PlayStation, but when I go home I don't stop thinking about it.

▶ What advice would you give readers who are worried about the new term at school?

It's an exciting time in life, enjoy it. But also realise there can be tough times as well. You're not going to have every day being perfect. And in a way, that's fine. But recognise when things are too much, and speak to people early on.



PADDINGTON AND THE QUEEN

PADDINGTON Bear has become a symbol of people's affection for the Queen, with Paddington toys and marmalade sandwiches being left by mourners at the Queen's homes around the UK. But why is the Queen linked with Paddington?

Paddington at the Palace

It all began in 1986, when author Michael Bond, who created the Paddington books, wrote *Paddington at the Palace*. In the book, Paddington visits Buckingham Palace and thinks he sees Her Majesty in the window, looking down at the crowds.

Paddington is never quite sure if it really was the Queen, but is delighted nonetheless, and keeps a picture of himself at the palace in his photo album.

Then, in 2006, Paddington saw the Queen again. For her 80th birthday, he appeared in a pantomime called *The Queen's Handbag* as part of the *Children's Party At The Palace*, where he helped to find the Queen's missing handbag.



Tea with the Queen

In the now-famous short film made for her Platinum Jubilee in 2022, the Queen met Paddington for tea.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who wrote it, said: "That's real acting that you're watching there. Paddington isn't really in the room. She's acting with someone pretending to be Paddington, and she has lots of lines... there's a real joy there."

"Paddington stands for a set of values that she stood for as well. For welcoming the stranger, for decency, for politeness."

When the Queen passed away, the official Paddington account tweeted: "Thank you Ma'am, for everything." The tweet has had more than a million likes.

Karen Jankel, daughter of Paddington's creator Michael Bond, says that her father, who passed away in 2017, would have been "overwhelmed" by what was happening with his famous bear.

She said that it was "very humbling and rather lovely that Paddington has become so associated with the Queen, thanks of course to the recent short film."

"That's how many people will remember her, laughing and joking, and of course the fact we all learned what the Queen kept in her handbag."



In the sketch for the Platinum Jubilee, Her Majesty revealed that she keeps marmalade sandwiches in her handbag

Studio Canal/BBC Studios/Buckingham Palace

Pause on Paddington at the parks

The Royal Parks charity has asked mourners to stop leaving stuffed Paddington Bear toys and marmalade sandwiches as tributes to Her Majesty.

The charity, which looks after London's Royal Parks, including Hyde Park and Green Park, has asked people to leave unwrapped flowers and cards instead.

It said it would store the teddies that have been left and would decide what to do with them over



the next few months.

The daughter of Paddington creator Michael Bond, Karen Jankel, has asked the parks to give the tributes to those in need, and wants people to donate to charity and leave Paddington-themed pictures and messages instead.



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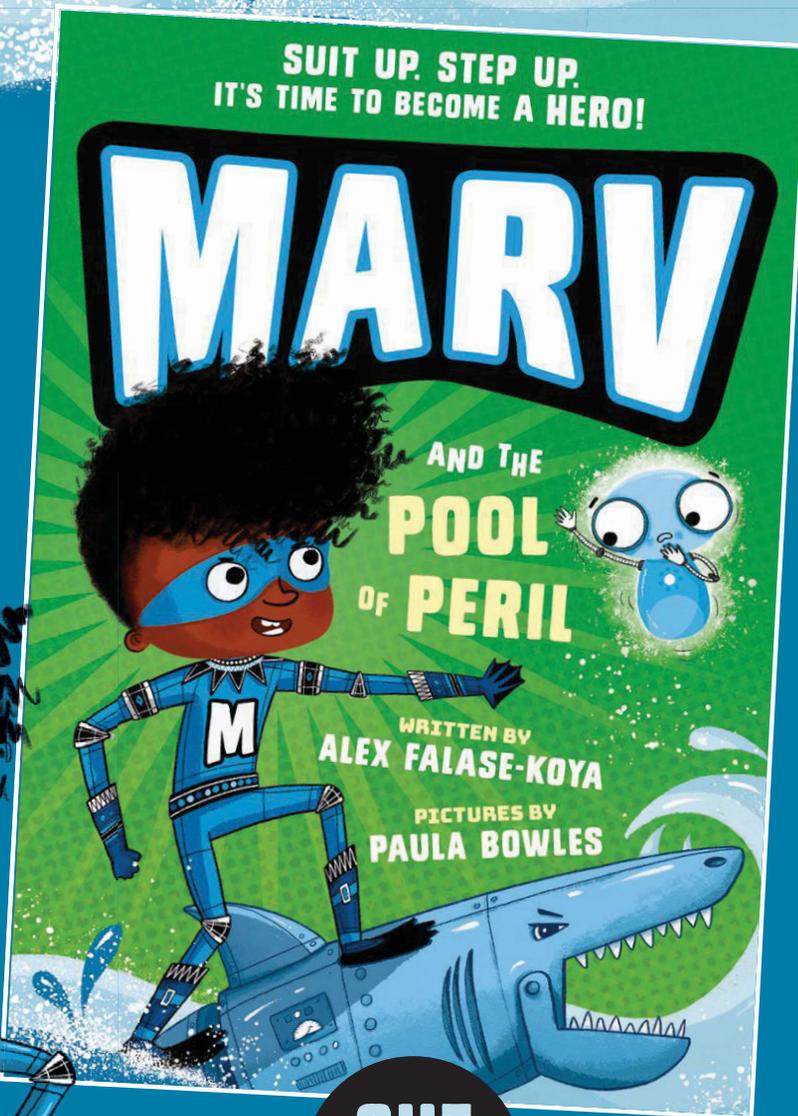
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The bear who came to tea

A BEAR turned up for tea at a two-year-old's birthday party in Connecticut, USA.

The surprise guest turned up at little Cyrus's house as he was celebrating his birthday with friends and family.

Partygoers were having fun outside when the bear plodded out of the woods and started tucking into their cupcakes. The guests had to take cover in the house while the bear dined out on the party food. Thankfully no-one was hurt and the bear left the same way he arrived.

The whole thing was captured on video, where coincidentally, the song *Bare Necessities* from *The Jungle Book* was playing in the background!



Imagine one of these guys crashing your party!

Cannonball celebration

A BELGIAN resort celebrated its tenth anniversary in style by getting 298 people to cannonball into a pool for a new world record.

LAGO Gent Rozebroeken managed to get hundreds of people to plunge into its special Olympic-sized swimming pool in Ghent for the attempt. Two Guinness World Records judges were on hand to check everyone was cannonballing correctly. A cannonball is



described as a dive where the knees must be raised up towards the chest and with both hands clasped around the knees.

After counting down to the big moment, the crowd bombed into the pool together and set a new record for most people performing a cannonball dive, beating the previous record of 232.

Moon resort plan



A mock-up of the Moon Resort in Dubai

A CANADIAN firm wants to build a giant \$5bn (£4.3bn) replica moon in Dubai.

The proposed Moon Resort will offer tourists the chance to see a small version of the moon, and without any space travel! The sphere will be designed to look and feel like the moon from the outside, complete with craters. It will also offer space activities such as moonwalks in astronaut suits, lunar-rover taxis and a visit to "an authentic working lunar colony". The site will also be home to 4,000 luxury hotel rooms, 300 private homes, a nightclub and a wellness spa.

Dubai isn't the only place a moon could be popping up though, as Moon World Resorts Inc has plans for three other resorts across the world.

WIN! A BUNDLE

Recyclings

RECYCLINGS is the collectables range that gives back, with every pack saving a minimum of five bottle caps from going into landfill – and the packaging is 100% recycled too!

Recyclings are a series of cute little collectable characters inspired by food, drink, tech, the seasons and lots more!

Made from recycled plastic, each pack saves a minimum of five bottle caps going into landfill. Series 2 has just launched and there are more than 90 characters to collect, ranging from dumplings to dragons, hot dogs to handbags and popcorn to pandas! Which will you get first?

Six lucky winners will each win a Recyclings Collection Truck, two Single Collector Packs and a Recyclings 4-Pack.

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

Each pack of Recyclings saves a minimum of how many bottle caps from going into landfill?

- a) Three b) Four c) Five



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EXPLORE some truly amazing, unique and marvellous science experiments with George's Marvellous Experiment Kit.

In *George's Marvellous Medicine*, George Kranky used just about everything he could find to create his Marvellous Medicine to cure his Grandma of being a grizzly old grunion.

Inspired by Roald Dahl's terrific tale, this fantastically fun science kit contains 15 safe, fun-filled experiments for you to enjoy at home. Learn how chocolate can make George grow, create bubbling, firecracker potions, make a chicken shrink and even launch Grandma into the sky like a rocket!

These are just some of the brilliantly bonkers experiments in this kit, all of which use safe household ingredients. Includes saucepan play area, measuring equipment, test tube, George model mould, syringe, tubing, Grandma rocket and George lava lamp.

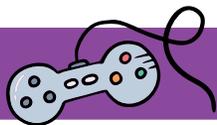
We have ten George's Marvellous Experiment Kits up for grabs. To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

- In the book, how many varieties of medicine does George end up making?
a) Four b) Five c) Six



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THE best *Splatoon* game yet is packed to the brim with brilliance! While it's not too much of a departure from the original game, there's loads for new and old players to enjoy.

Splatoon is a game where you've got to cover the floors, walls and ceilings in brightly coloured ink – and to take out any enemies or obstacles that stand in your way.

Splatoon 3's core game mode is Turf, where the team that covers the most ground in ink is the winner. But there's also the Salmon Run (pictured), a high-pressure online co-op mode where you fight hordes of enemies.

The story mode prepares you for these online fights, teaching you the strategies you'll need to win against real people, through bizarre boss battles and fun, fast-paced levels.

Overall, it's a stylish game that isn't much like anything else. The story mode is big and fun, while the multiplayer is engaging and will keep you coming back for more.

Combine that with dozens of ways to customise your character, a crazy soundtrack, a card-battler mini-game and regular multiplayer events, and you've got something pretty 'ink'-redible!

A BIG WEEK FOR GAMES

SO many games were announced last week that we nearly lost track! Here are our favourites from a week of reveals.

First came a surprise Nintendo Direct, where we learnt the name of the sequel to *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*. It'll be called *Tears of the Kingdom*, it looks gorgeous and it'll be out in May 2023.

We also got a glimpse of the long-rumoured *Pikmin 4* (right), a game in which you play as a tiny space adventurer who is helped to survive on an alien planet by adorable little creatures called Pikmin.

A little later came a State of Play, where we got a look at two games coming out for the PS5's second-generation virtual reality headset, PlayStation VR2. The first, *Star Wars: Tales from the Galaxy's Edge – Enhanced Edition*, is an adventure set in the Black Spire Outpost on the planet Batuu, and looks like a lot of fun! Then came a VR board game called *Demeo*, which looks a lot like *Dungeons and Dragons*.

Lastly, over in Japan at Tokyo Game Show, we were treated to a look at remasters of two classic games, *Suikoden 1* and *2* (right).

Considered to be two of the best role-playing games of their time, the remasters will come to consoles and PCs next year.



One million sign up to play Disney Dreamlight Valley

IT'S only been out for a few weeks, but over a million people are already playing *Disney Dreamlight Valley*.

The Disney-themed life simulator has you growing food and solving the problems of classic characters like Mickey Mouse and Wall-E in a village that has been taken over by a dark magic.

As you complete quests, you'll unlock furniture, recipes and outfits, as well as Dreamlight, which can help you to get rid of the dark magic and discover more realms, where you'll find more Disney and Pixar characters.

The game is still in early access, which means that the developers haven't quite finished it yet. It'll come out as a free-to-play game next year, but if you want to play it now, you've got to purchase the Founder's Pack, which starts at £24, although it's free to Xbox Game Pass subscribers.

WIN! A MAXI MICRO ECO SCOOTER

Clean up the oceans, light up the way!

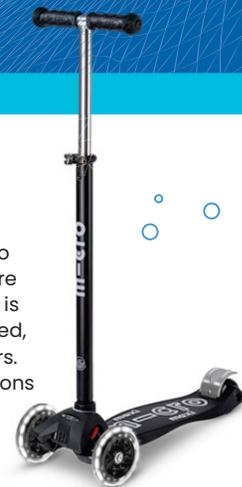
The latest innovation from Micro Scooters is scooter decks made from recycled fishing nets pulled from the ocean.

Here's how:

Maritime waste is cleaned, shredded and dried into flakes, then melted down into pellets. The pellets are cooled, weighed and melted again, then the liquid is coloured and poured into deck moulds. Once cooled, the decks are ready to be made into Micro Scooters.

Micro Scooters has just launched three new editions to the eco range, which all now come with clever (battery-free) LED wheels. This, combined with their replaceable parts and the way they're tested to withstand the toughest adventures, make them incredibly robust, durable and ready for your next scooting adventures.

We have a Maxi Micro Eco scooter up for grabs. Choose from black, green or mint.



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

What are Micro Scooters' new decks made from?

- a) Fishing rods b) Fishing nets
c) Plastic bags

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JOINING THE FUN AT CHICKENSHED

by Eleni

WE went to Chickenshed Theatre to see *How To Make A Better World*, based on the book by Keilly Swift.

As we entered the studio, there were lots of colours everywhere, and they gave us a quiz and a pen. When the play started, there was lots of dancing and the audience could join in.

The cast asked everyone questions about things that were happening in the play – when there was a stuffed puppet person, we had to suggest a name for it. They used everyone’s ideas, and it ended up being a very long name!

Everyone was always included. There was a bit where everybody had a scarf and you had to scrunch it up into a little ball in your hand. Then you slowly opened your hand so it looked like you were holding a flower.

At the end of the show, everyone could come onto the stage and dance if they wanted to. I think the show was good because everybody was included and you could always go onto the stage to just dance or sing.



Eleni



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Friendship Day

by Millie Vasey

I WAS lucky enough to receive an award for being a kind and caring friend at the International Friendship Day Awards.

I went on a surprise trip to London with my mummy. I thought we were going to London Zoo. But then, we started heading towards a hotel. I was very confused.

I had no idea where we were going. When we arrived, there were signs for the Thomas & Friends International Friendship Day Awards. I was excited to receive my award, but I had no idea as my mummy had kept it as a surprise.

When my name was called by Aston Merrygold from JLS, I was a little nervous because of all the cameras, but also excited. Aston mentioned that my class teacher, Ms Martin, nominated me for an amazing award because of my special friendship with someone in my class who has Down’s syndrome.

I was described as a caring, kind and selfless friend who has learnt Makaton, a type of sign language, to help others. I was also very grateful to receive lots of gifts too.

This is a memory I will always remember and treasure for the rest of my life.



Aston with Millie

Allergy testing

by Cleo Tyack

I RECENTLY took part in a study about allergies at St Thomas’ Hospital in London.

When I was a baby, I participated in a study to see if parents should give babies particular foods when they are younger or a bit older, to see if that could help prevent them from getting allergies.

Now, ten years later, I was asked to come back, along with all the other children who also took part.

The nurse did a number of tests including a blood test, weighing me, measuring my height and taking my blood pressure.

They also did a skin prick test, which is a special test to see what allergies I have. The nurse put droplets of several allergens like cat and dog hair, milk and nuts on to my arm. Then she pricked my arm with a tiny needle through the droplet.

If I was allergic to it, a little red bump would come up where she pricked me. For me, bumps came up for cat hair and dust mites.

Those allergies don’t affect me very much in my day-to-day life, but for some people, their allergies impact them much more.

I hope that this study will help children in the future have less serious allergies.



Cleo’s arms during the skin prick test

PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR ISSUE 847

Spot The Difference: boy’s T-shirt has changed colour, girl’s head is bigger, girl’s hat has changed colour, window is missing, hole in girl’s jeans has been repaired.

Word Wheel: timetable.

Word Ladder: mice, rice, rise, wise, wisp, wasp.

What on Earth?: bottle, bag, calculator, notebooks, pen.

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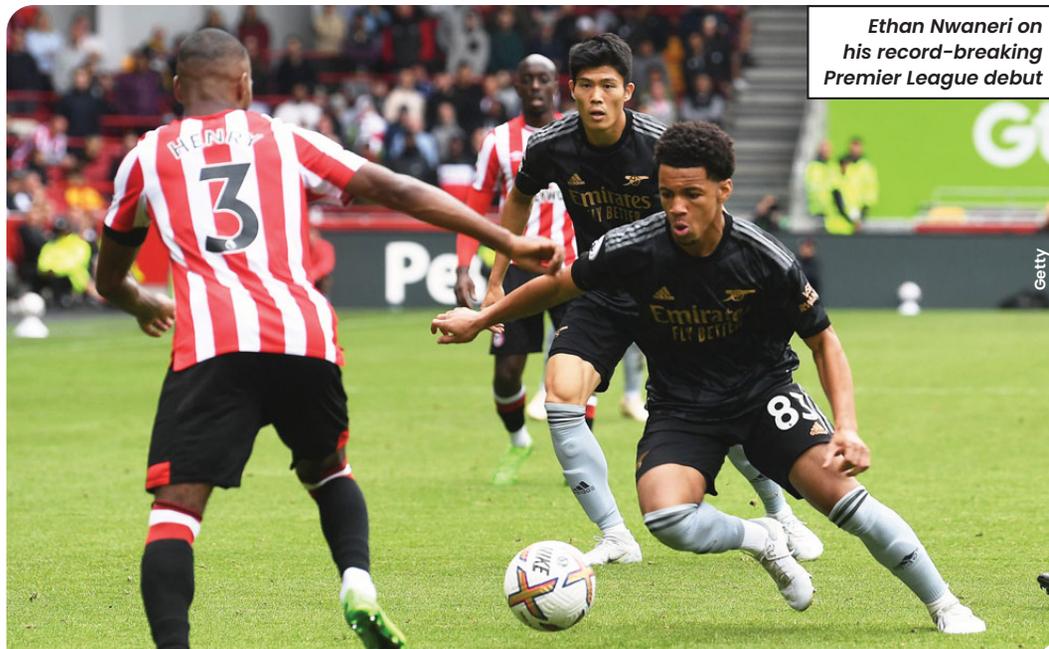
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KIDS KICK OFF!



Ethan Nwaneri on his record-breaking Premier League debut



Christopher Atherton on his first-team debut

TWO extraordinary young players set records this week, and probably made a few older players a bit nervous about losing their places in the team.

When Arsenal's Ethan Nwaneri came on as a substitute in his team's 3-0 win over Brentford, he became the Premier League's youngest ever player. Aged just 15 years and 181 days, he's the first under-16 to ever play in the Premier League. Child protection rules mean that he's not allowed to share a dressing room with adult players, so he had to get changed in a separate room.

Until this week, the youngest player in England's top division had been Derek Forster, who was four days

older than Nwaneri when he made his debut for Sunderland in 1964.

But Nwaneri is ancient compared to Northern Ireland's Christopher Atherton, who broke the record for the UK's youngest ever senior footballer just a few days before Nwaneri's appearance. Atherton came on as a sub for Glenavon in a League Cup win over Dollingstown, aged just 13 years and 329 days. The previous record was set by Airdrie's Jordan Allan, who was 14 years and 189 days when he made his first appearance in 2013.

Atherton certainly had a game to remember, as he made an assist for Glenavon's final goal in a 6-0 win. And it was his first touch of the ball!

Roger retires

ROGER Federer, one of the greatest tennis players the world has ever seen, has decided to hang up his racket after this week's Laver Cup.

The Swiss star won 20 Grand Slam singles titles in his career, with only Rafael Nadal (22) and Novak Djokovic (21) winning more. But the grace and elegance that Federer played with has made him a firm favourite with many tennis lovers, and his record eight Wimbledon wins helped him to win the hearts of British fans.

Federer has struggled with a knee injury for the past three years and worked hard to get back to full fitness. "But I also know my body's capacities and limits," he wrote, "and its message to me lately has been clear.

"I consider myself one of the most fortunate people on Earth. I was given a special talent to play tennis, and I did it at a level that I never imagined, for much longer than I ever thought possible."

"It's a sad day for me personally and for sports

This is set to be Federer's last week playing professional tennis



around the world," said Federer's great rival and friend Rafael Nadal. "It's been a pleasure but also an honour and privilege to share all these years with you, living so many amazing moments on and off the court."

7,000

kids aged 4-17 are due to take part in two special runs over the final section of the London Marathon course on 1 October. The new TCS London Mini Marathon will feature a 1.6km (one mile) course and a 2.6km (1.6 miles) route. The organisers hope to make the event as big as the main London Marathon and have 50,000 kids taking part by 2030.



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tries for Caitlin Beevers helped Leeds Rhinos to beat York City Knights 12-4 to win the Women's Super League Grand Final. The rugby league match saw a superb solo try from Sinead Peach for the Knights, but the Rhinos held on to win the trophy.



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Road World Championships time trial titles have been won by Dutch star Ellen van Dijk (below). She won by 12.73sec in Wollongong, Australia, to retain the title she won last year. In the men's race, Norway's Tobias Foss surprised everyone – including himself – to win by 2.95sec. "This is unbelievable," he said. Welsh riders Zoe Bäckstedt and Joshua Tarling won the junior titles.



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