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1 PERSONAL LEGO

To celebrate the release of *The LEGO Batman Movie* today (10 February), you can create your very own LEGO character! You can give it its own name and skills, and find out if you're a villain or a hero! Visit sigfig.legobatman.com/intl/uk to see. Here's First News' Ben in LEGO form!



2 BEE BATTLE

An international cricket match between Sri Lanka and South Africa had to be stopped twice because of a swarm of bees. A groundsman tried to ward the creatures off using a fire extinguisher (below), before a beekeeper was called.



3 PEPERAMI SCENT

Are you a fan of the pork sausage snack, Peperami? The makers have just introduced a new product... men's aftershave! Porc by Peperami is described as a "scintillating scent of spicy sausage." Mmm! Sadly, it's only available for a limited time to celebrate Valentine's Day.

4 LONGEST FLIGHT

Qatar Airways has launched the world's longest commercial flight! The first record-breaking flight took off last week and lasted 16 hours and 23 minutes (quicker than expected). The new service takes passengers from Doha in Qatar to New Zealand.

5 RARE FROG

A rare frog has been spotted for the first time since 1962! The *Arthroleptis troglodytes*, otherwise known as the cave squeaker, was found by researchers in Zimbabwe. The species was said to be critically endangered, possibly even extinct.

6 INTERNET SAFETY

Six-year-olds are as digitally savvy today as ten-year-olds were just three years ago. They are using social media, streaming content, browsing the internet in their bedrooms and even uploading their own videos. Internet Matters released the study to mark Safer Internet Day last week.

7 SAVE THE KIWI

New Zealand is on a mission to save its national symbol, the kiwi. There are believed to be fewer than 70,000 of the birds left. The government is using £6.5million to develop a plan to save the birds.



9 OTTER MATCH

A rare giant otter has arrived at Chester Zoo as part of an endangered species breeding programme. Three-year-old Diego Junior has moved from Bioparc de Doué la Fontaine in France after being chosen as the perfect genetic match for Chester Zoo's resident female, Icana.



10 NO JUNK FOOD

A group of South Pacific islands are banning junk food from overseas. Torba, a province of Vanuatu, wants to promote only local and organic produce. The new ban includes sweets and biscuits, as well as foods like rice and noodles.

11 KISS OF LIFE

A dog owner helped to save his pet pooch, by giving her the kiss of life. Trevor Jackson gave his greyhound, Princess, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when she collapsed while out on a walk.

15 ROCKETS GROUNDED

Russia has had to delay the launches of its Proton space rockets, after discovering they weren't safe. Workers helping to build the engines used cheap materials that weren't as heat-resistant as the proper alloys made from precious metals. This could have caused a serious accident. It's believed the alloys have gone missing. An investigation is now under way.

16 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A new DIY shop – Bunnings Warehouse – in Hertfordshire has been making the news all the way over in Australia. Why? Because of its sausages! Bunnings Warehouse is a famous Australian brand that regularly hosts 'sausage sizzle' events. They'll now be popping up in the UK too, minus the glorious sunshine! One Twitter user said: "Say goodbye to your weekends, suckers." Apparently, the sausages are pretty good!

17 LIGHT DILEMMA

A study by Exeter University has found that energy-saving street lights attract predatory spiders and beetles. This in turn is affecting other species. Now there are calls for the lights to be dimmed or turned off at certain times.

18 FASTEST FLYER

A 14-year-old indoor skydiver has been crowned the "world's fastest flyer" at the Wind Games in Catalonia, Spain. Kyra Poh from Singapore was one of the youngest to compete in the competition.

19 CHOC CUTS

The size of chocolate bars could be cut, to help tackle childhood obesity. A new report by Public Health England is expected to be released next month, which will detail which manufacturers are making foods high in sugar.



20 WORLD TOUR

Following her Super Bowl performance, Lady Gaga has announced a world tour for 2017.

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THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

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

8 SLIPPERY SITUATION

A woman got trapped in her bathtub for 30 minutes after enjoying a soak with coconut oil! Denshan from Australia was feeling poorly and heard that a coconut oil bath could help. It turns out it doesn't. The substance is so oily that, when she attempted to get out, she found she had no grip and was stuck! Oops!

QUOTE

Samuel on spending enough time with family/carers:

"I get some time with my parents, but I would like more."

12 OVERCROWDING

Nine in ten hospitals in England have become overcrowded this winter. Bosses say hospitals are finding it hard to send elderly patients home.

13 EXTENDED STAY

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari has extended his medical leave in the UK, amid concerns for his health.

14 NURDLE HUNT

People across the UK have taken part in the biggest ever nurdle hunt. Nurdles are little pellets used to make lots of plastic products. They often end up in the sea and wash up on our shores, proving dangerous for humans and animals.

A SAFER SCHOOL

Ahmed, ten, attends a class at a recently reopened school in eastern Mosul, Iraq. "Today I feel like I'm back to life," said Ahmed

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FROM FRONT PAGE by Ben Pulsford

TENS of thousands of children have returned to school in the eastern parts of Aleppo, Syria, as well as east Mosul, Iraq, after violence in the areas forced schools to close.

Violence and fighting in Aleppo and east Mosul forced many children to leave their homes and education behind – because it was too dangerous to stay. Lots of you will have read about these events in *First News*.

In recent weeks, the violence in these areas has calmed down and UNICEF have helped 6,500 Syrian children and 16,000 Iraqi children to go back to school. The charity is responsible for the reopening of 23 primary schools in the eastern parts of Aleppo and 30 schools in east Mosul.

Some schools in east Mosul were closed for up to two

years because of the violence, and girls were banned from getting an education.

In Syria, UNICEF has provided school supplies and developed a speeded-up learning programme. They have trained teachers to help children catch up on the months, or even years, of education they have missed.

Although this is great news, there are lots of children still out of education due to violence and unrest around their homes. In Syria alone there are an estimated 1.7 million children who still can't go to school.

Editor's comment



Nicky Cox MBE

WE are very happy to see some children in countries torn apart by war are going back to school.

Ahmed's comment (left) "I feel like I'm back to life" is a real wake-up call to the world.

It's horrible to see children being the victims of adult wars. I hope that efforts will continue to get all children "back to life".

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TRAVEL BAN BANNED



DONALD Trump's ban on people from seven Muslim-majority countries entering the USA has been stopped by a judge.

The new president was furious that Judge James Robart scrapped his ban introduced in an executive order (a policy that a president can announce, which starts straight away). Mr Trump expressed his fury at the independent justice system of America on Twitter. Referring to a possible future terrorist incident, he wrote: "If something happens blame him [Judge Robart] and court system."

The president's executive order stopped travel from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen for 90 days, as well as stopping the entry of refugees for 120 days, and refusing entry to all Syrian refugees. The order caused chaos at airports around the world and protests were held in various countries.

As *First News* went to press, an appeal was set to be heard in the courts that could see the travel ban coming back in.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the House of Commons has said Mr Trump will not be allowed to give a speech in Parliament when he visits the UK later this year.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry have been shining a spotlight on your mental health this week.

The young royals are all patrons of the mental health initiative Heads Together. Last Sunday (5 February), they joined Team Heads Together at a London Marathon training day at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to kick off Children's Mental Health Week (6-12 February). The trio took to the track for a 100m sprint (right), which Prince Harry won!

On Monday (6 February), the royals attended Place2Be's Big Assembly, which was hosted at Mitchell Brook Primary School in Brent.

The Big Assembly, on the theme of kindness, was one of many held at schools across the country this week to mark Children's Mental Health Week. During the assembly, the Duchess of Cambridge said that she believed learning about mental health was just as important as "excelling at maths or sport".

Also this week, the NSPCC revealed that a child gets in touch with Childline about a mental health issue every eleven minutes. The charity also revealed that last year there were over 50,000 counselling sessions with children and young people worried about problems related to suicidal feelings, self-harm, mental health or depression.



Young royals go head to head!

GOOD WEEK FOR WASPS AND HORNETS

SEVERAL new species of wasp have arrived in Britain due to the warmer weather, and their larger relative the hornet, once only found in the south, has spread across England. Not such a good week for us!



BAD WEEK FOR HEDGEHOGS

FIFTY percent of people say they haven't seen a hedgehog for a year, a survey has revealed. Back in the 1950s, there were almost 30 million of our prickly pals, but now it's thought there's less than one million.



Only around 12% of people see a hedgehog regularly

PUT IT AWAY!

DON'T BE A SMOMBIE!

POLL OF THE WEEK

Did you know how dangerous it is to cross a road while using a phone?

Cast your vote at live.firstnews.co.uk/polls

by editor in chief Nicky Cox MBE

THE number of children killed or badly injured on UK roads has gone up by a fifth in the last year.

Experts warn it's because children are risking their lives crossing roads while on their phones.

A shocking 650 children were killed or severely injured between July and September last year – 118 more than in the same three months in 2015 – show figures from the Department For Transport.

Edmund King, president of motoring organisation the AA, said children were becoming careless crossing the road because they were using their phones. He said the dangers of being a "Smombie" (or Smartphone Zombie) needed to be

told to children.

Pete Williams of the RAC motoring organisation said: "We know that the most vulnerable [at risk] age group of pedestrians is 11 and 12-year-olds making their own way to secondary school, often for the first time."

He added that "eyes down" walking has contributed to the rise in accidents.

So, the advice is simple – you need to be aware and alert. Please put your phone away when using the roads.



QUEEN CELEBRATES SAPPHIRE JUBILEE

THE Queen became the first ever British monarch to mark a Sapphire Jubilee this week.

On Monday 6 February, Queen Elizabeth II reached an impressive milestone – 65 years on the throne. She is the first British monarch ever to do so.

The Queen, now 90, came to the throne following the death of her father, King George VI, when she was 25 years old.

As the day also marks the anniversary of her father's death, no grand celebrations took place, but gun salutes took place in London to honour the Queen.

A photo of the Queen wearing sapphire jewellery was released to mark the day. The sapphire jewellery was given to the Queen by her father on the day of her wedding in 1947.

In 2015, the Queen became the UK's longest-reigning monarch, at the age of 89.



Super Bowl in space!

IT seems that people all over the world caught Super Bowl fever last weekend – actually, even some who were out of this world!

The Super Bowl is the biggest game on the American Football calendar and hundreds of millions of people watch the match on television and online every year.

This year, it seems the annual Super Bowl buzz reached several NASA astronauts on board the International Space Station (ISS).

These intergalactic footie fans filmed themselves chucking an American football down the length of the ISS, to see how far it would move in zero gravity. The ISS moves around Earth at 17,500mph (28,000km/h), which means that the ball was thrown around 290,000 miles (460,000km). That's roughly 15 trips from the UK to Australia and back! Talk about going long...

See the video at live.firstnews.co.uk!

FirstNews TODAY





TEXAS, USA: 1.45m (4ft 9in) Olympic gold-winning American gymnast Simone Biles stands next to 2.16m (7ft 1in) former basketball star Shaquille O’Neal. They look like a real-life optical illusion!



LONDON, ENGLAND: ‘Legography’ photographer Andrew Whyte has teamed up with The LEGO Batman Movie to create a hilarious set of pictures of a LEGO Batman Minifigure’s day out in London. This one was our fave!



LONDON, UK: It’s Bad Hair Day! Does your hair look as bad as the First News team’s does today?! For details on donating to Great Ormond Street Hospital, head to www.gosh.org/badhairday with a parent, guardian or teacher.



GAZA, PALESTINE: Ramadan Edwan, a barber from Palestine, uses ‘fire barbering’ to straighten the hair of a brave salon client in the Rafah refugee camp.



PARIS, FRANCE: The Eiffel Tower is lit up in the colours of the Olympic flag. Paris has launched an international campaign in its bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games.

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BOURNEMOUTH

Drive like the wind

A taxi driver who was caught speeding through Bournemouth town centre has tried to blame his three passengers for breaking wind! Unfortunately for the driver, his excuse didn't work and he'll have to pay a fine or complete a road safety course.



UK

No more northern lights

Scientists fear that in the future we won't be able to see the northern lights (also known as the aurora borealis) from the UK at all. Scotland is one of the best places in the UK to see the lights, but scientists at Reading University say a big drop in solar activity, which causes the lights, could mean they'll only be visible from the Arctic Circle.

SCOTLAND

Rare hares at risk

Britain's mountain hares are at risk from predators in the Scottish Highlands, as there's less snow for them to hide in. They are Britain's only Arctic animals and their fur changes from brown to white to camouflage themselves against the snow in winter.

CUMBRIA

Car-tastrophe

Police officers in Workington had to apologise after they blew up a car by mistake. A controlled explosion was carried out on the "suspicious" vehicle, which was left outside the police station. However, it turned out that other officers had parked the car there after its owner was taken ill.

LEEDS

3D printing

Students at University Technical College Leeds are using 3D printers to help make prosthetic limbs for children. They are part of Team UnLimbited, who make the limbs for people in need all over the world.

NEWS IN NUMBERS



The number was revealed along with some more detailed information about how people voted in the referendum.

3,885 is the number of votes both Leave and Remain received during the European Union referendum in the town of Ashburton in Croydon, south London.

50 pounds is how much a man in Birmingham was attempting to sell 12 lettuces for. This comes after bad weather in Europe means UK supermarkets have a shortage of lettuces.

11.6 metres is the height of a straw Peter Rabbit sculpture that has been destroyed in a fire at Snugburys ice cream farm in Hurleston.

3-legged white fox Thor has been tracked down after he escaped from Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom near Telford. After three days on the run, the cheeky fox was said to seem "very relieved to be back home".

33 years earlier than planned, a time capsule buried by Blue Peter presenters has been accidentally dug up by construction workers at the O₂ arena. The millennium time capsule wasn't meant to be unearthed until 2050.

BIRMINGHAM

Turtle power

The Sea Life Centre Birmingham has launched a search to find the Midlands' official Sea Turtle Champion, to help raise awareness of the dangers facing the creatures. If you're aged between 11-14 and want to enter, you need to send in your own 'sea turtle story' that's no longer than 1,000 words, to birminghammarketing@merlinentertainments.biz. It can be fictional, illustrated or a factual account of a real-life sea turtle.



BEDFORDSHIRE

Jumbo new home

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's biggest residents are set to move into a brand-new home – the £2 million Centre For Elephant Care. The herd of nine Asian elephants will settle into the centre this Easter. It will have a new barn, large paddocks and a viewing platform for visitors.



HOVE

Start school later?

Would a lie-in make you learn better at school? Well, Blatchington Mill School in Hove is considering pushing the school start time back by one hour to 9.25am, saying that starting early isn't good for teenagers' body clocks.



VALENTINE'S DAY

IN the UK, it's known as that special day when people show their love for one another by exchanging cards, roses and boxes of chocolates. But what about the rest of the world? How are they feeling the love this Valentine's Day?



WHERE DID VALENTINE'S DAY COME FROM?

The origins of Valentine's Day go way back to Roman times (possibly even slightly before that) and a festival called Lupercalia. Christians later took ownership of the festival, renaming the day after Saint Valentine.

Saint Valentine was a bishop of Rome who believed in love. He was executed in the year 278 by Roman emperor Claudius for marrying

people, which was against the law at the time. By the 14th century, Valentine's Day started to become associated with love, and all traditions grew from there.

That's a quick trip back in time for you but, now we're back in the present, let's take another trip – this time around the world – to see how different countries celebrate Valentine's Day.



IN THE UK

Here in the UK, many people exchange romantic gifts on Valentine's Day – there's lots of card swapping and present giving among couples and friends. But there are lots of other, more unusual, traditions across the UK every year on Valentine's Day. For example, in Wales some people will give their partners wooden spoons! They're called love spoons, and are given by one person to another to show that they like them in a romantic way.



A traditional Welsh wooden love spoon



IN SOUTH KOREA

Valentine's Day isn't limited to just one day in South Korea, where celebrations will last three months! Kicking off on 14 February, women will woo their sweethearts with candy and gifts. Then, one month later, it's White Day, where men return the gesture by offering gifts of their own. Singles get their own day, too – Black Day on 14 April, where they'll celebrate their single status with a bowl of black bean noodles known as jajangmyeon.



Jajangmyeon – better than a boyfriend or girlfriend?



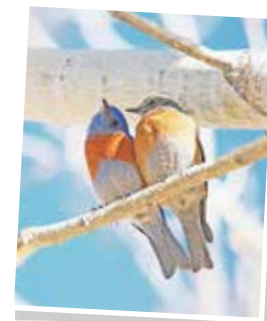
IN ESTONIA

Estonia calls Valentine's Day 'Friends Day', and lots of Estonian pals exchange gifts with each other on this day. Why should couples have all the fun?



IN SLOVENIA

Slovenia celebrates an old proverb on 14 February: "St Valentine brings the keys of roots." While that might not mean much to us, Slovenian farmers believe that Valentine's Day is when plants and flowers start growing – so it's the day that farmers and vineyard workers plant seeds. It's not exactly romantic but, adorably, Slovenians also believe that birds get engaged or married on Valentine's Day, which is much cuter!



IN SOUTH AFRICA

Some South Africans pin the name of their partner onto their sleeve on Valentine's Day. This tradition is named after the Roman festival, Lupercalia.



IN TAIWAN

The people of Taiwan will give loads of roses to a loved one on Valentine's Day. Sending 99 roses means "love forever", while giving 108 roses is a marriage proposal!



IN THE PHILIPPINES

It's become more and more popular for thousands of couples to gather in one place and get married at the same time on Valentine's Day. Last year, almost 700 couples came together for a mass wedding in the country's capital, where the mayor married them all at once. We reckon they needed one BIG buffet to feed that lot!



Newly married couples kiss during a mass wedding in the Philippines



DIARY DATES & TODOS



● IMAGINE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Until Sunday 19 February

Southbank hosts the UK's biggest children's festival.

● SHOWZAM! Saturday 11 – Tuesday 14 February

The UK's only festival dedicated to circus and magic comes to Blackpool, celebrating ten amazing years of circus, magic and live performance.

● UK PUNDAY Monday 13 February

Celebrating all things wordplay, this Monday is national punday! Punbelievable!

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CANADA**Cheeky coin heist**

A former employee of the Royal Canadian Mint (a place where coins are made) has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for stealing gold coins... by hiding them in his pants. The thief, Leston Lawrence, stole 22 gold pieces, worth CA\$165,451 (£100,000). The judge in the case, whose name is Judge Doody (!), also ordered Lawrence to pay a fine of CA\$190,000. Lawrence worked at the Mint purifying gold, but there were no security cameras in the part of the building where he worked.

FRANCE**Louvre attacker shot**

A French soldier guarding the famous Louvre museum in Paris has shot a man who tried to attack a security patrol stationed outside. As many as 250 people were locked inside the museum after the incident, and only allowed out after their identities had been checked.

Police are questioning a man in connection with the attack.

**ROMANIA****Protests get a result**

Thousands of people have come together in Bucharest and other cities for several days of protest. The government wanted to release dozens of officials who have been jailed for corruption (dishonest and illegal offences). The protests are the biggest in the country since 1989 and have forced the government to drop the plan.

CHINA**Robot takeover**

A mobile phone factory in the city of Dongguan has replaced a whopping 90% of its workers with robots – and seen the work done go up by 250%. Previously, the factory employed 650 workers, but there are just 60 now.

The manager says that if things continue to go as well as they are now, the factory may cut the number of staff again, to just 20.

**USA****No to Nazis**

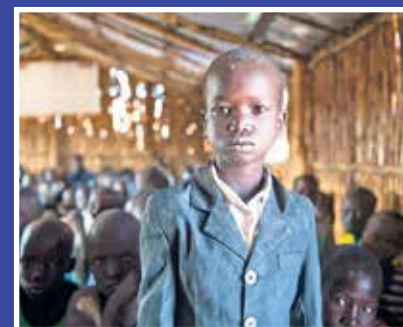
A Facebook post written by New Yorker Gregory Locke went viral last week, after he wrote about an unpleasant situation he found himself in. "I got on the subway in Manhattan tonight and found a swastika [Nazi symbol] on every advertisement and every window." Nobody really knew what to do, until one man got up and said: "Hand sanitiser gets rid of Sharpie." Within two minutes, the people in the carriage had completely wiped off the racist symbols together. Hooray!

AFGHANISTAN**Avalanches hit**

Heavy snow and avalanches have killed more than 130 people and injured dozens in Afghanistan. According to a news agency in the country, the avalanches have buried two entire villages in different parts of the region. The bad weather also has meant that rescuers are having trouble reaching trapped people, due to the roads being blocked by snow. Officials are warning of more avalanches as snowstorms continue. On one highway, police and soldiers rescued 250 vehicles that had become trapped.

AFRICA**Fall armyworm attacks crops**

Scientists are calling for urgent action to stop the march of a pest that is destroying corn crops and spreading rapidly across Africa. The fall armyworm is named because it eats through most of the vegetation in its way as it marches through crops. Usually, it is found only in North and South America, but was spotted for the first time in Africa last year. The armyworm has been seen in west Africa so far and is thought to be in the south and east of the continent, too.

**OUR WORLD**

- **Name:** Madadr
- **Age:** Five
- **Lives:** South Sudan

MADADR goes to school at the Lich Primary School in a displacement camp in Bentiu, South Sudan.

There are sometimes 200 children in Madadr's class. Madadr said: "I carry my own stool to school each day. It is just an old can my mother had used. It is not high. If I sit at the front, I can see the teacher."

On busy days, the primary school has 6,000 students squeezed into small classrooms with reed walls and roofs made of canvas.

UNICEF and partners provide school supplies and set up temporary learning spaces in displacement camps so that children like Madadr who have been forced to flee their homes can continue their education. Learn more at unicef.uk.





WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

CLIMATE change is a change in weather patterns and temperatures. Burning fossil fuels (oil, coal and gas) is thought to be one of the main causes.

THIS Valentine's Day, as well as showing love to others, why not show it to the planet, too?

TELL ME MORE...

There are lots of things to be proud of in Britain: our landscapes, our culture, our communities. Often there are places rooted in these things that are important to us too, such as the local sports club or the parish church. These are the places where we live and play. In recent years, some of these very special places have been damaged by extreme weather, in particular heavy rainfall and flooding. The British weather has always been changeable, but there is now a proven increase in extreme weather events. Scientists have calculated that climate change is playing a role.

WHAT IS THE CLIMATE COALITION?

The Climate Coalition is the UK's largest group of people dedicated to tackling climate change. It's made up of more than 130 organisations – such as WWF-UK, the National Trust and Oxfam – and has around 15 million supporters. One of the main goals is to create a world that is powered by clean and secure energy.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

The Climate Coalition has teamed up with the Priestley International Centre for Climate at the University of Leeds to understand why the extreme weather we're seeing is most likely the result of human activities, such as the use of fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas). They've released a report which looks at a few special places in the UK and how our changing climate has affected them. Here are a few examples.

CASE STUDY 1: BIRLING GAP, EAST SUSSEX

Birling Gap is part of the world-famous Seven Sisters chalk cliffs near Eastbourne in East Sussex. It welcomes more than 250,000 visitors each year.

Over time, the cliffs have steadily eroded (gradually worn away) due to the weather. However, over recent years, the speed of erosion has increased.

During the winter storms of 2013-2014, the equivalent of seven years of erosion took place in just two months. If the cliffs continue to erode at such a fast pace, it's predicted that the Birling Gap hotel at the top will begin to topple off the edge of the cliff in 40 years' time. In fact, the land beneath the hotel could all have vanished



completely in 93 years!

There are several reasons why the erosion is getting worse. Firstly, sea levels are rising. Secondly, we are getting more intense storms and rainfall. Studies have shown that the increasing sea levels are driven by climate change.

CASE STUDY 2: MANOR FARM, EAST YORKSHIRE

Manor Farm is a 500-acre family-run business, which produces crops including wheat, oilseed rape and potatoes.

Unfortunately, the farm is one of many which have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of extreme weather events. These have all stopped the crops from growing and taken a big financial toll. Flash floods in the summer of 2007 were estimated to have cost the agricultural industry £50 million pounds. There were even more devastating floods on Boxing Day 2015.

The manager of the farm, Richard Bramley, said: "Since taking over in the late '90s, I have dealt with eight events so far that have caused catastrophic damage. If you look at it over a ten-year period, the rain is much more intense and floods are rising much more quickly than in the past."



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This February, people across the country will make, wear and share green hearts to 'Show the Love' for the places, people and life we want to protect from climate change. You're being encouraged to spark conversations and debates and show the UK Government that you are passionate about protecting our world.

USE BLIPPAR TO SEE A FUN SCHOOLS VIDEO AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SHOW THE LOVE CAMPAIGN OR GO TO LIVE.FIRSTNEWS.CO.UK



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



PHOTOMAN

ON 11 February we will be celebrating the anniversary of the birth of one of the world's most influential inventors, William Henry Fox Talbot.

People around the world had been experimenting with the idea of using light to capture a still image for a long time but, in 1839, Briton William Henry Fox Talbot announced that he had found a way to make a photograph that could be copied and shared – inventing the idea of the photograph as we know it today.

The first photographic negatives – from which many positive copies could be made – were taken in Lacock Abbey in Wiltshire, where he lived. His amazing technique formed the basis for how photography was used around the world for more than 150 years, until digital cameras and iPhones took over!



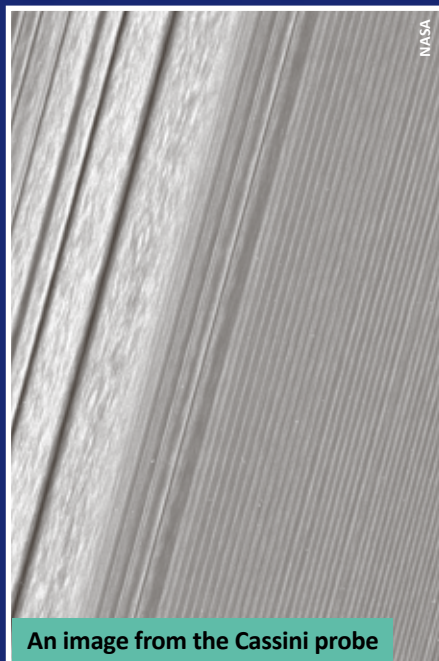
BAT BOT

by the University of Illinois

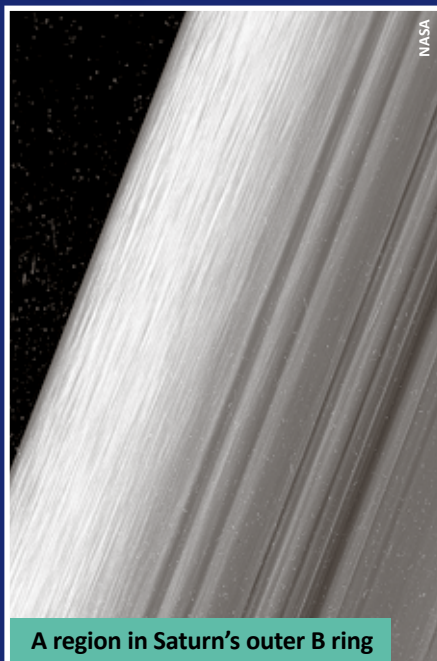
How's this for a batty idea? An extremely flexible flying robot that can move each wing separately, just like a bat. It can dive and make sharp turns, and the fact it has no propellers means it won't hurt if it accidentally flies into you!



SATURN SNAP



An image from the Cassini probe



A region in Saturn's outer B ring

by Eddie de Oliveira

NEW images released by US space agency NASA have revealed there may be millions of little moons in Saturn's famous rings.

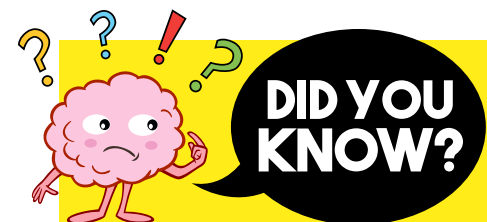
The pictures sent back to Earth from the Cassini spacecraft are some of the closest-ever images of the outer parts of the rings.

There are thousands of rings around the gas giant planet. They are made up of ice, dust and rocks. Some of these items are tiny, while others are huge. The pictures above were taken by the unmanned Cassini space probe, and they include previously unseen features within the rings, such as huge "propeller" gaps. These gaps are thousands of kilometres wide, and their presence suggests a bunch of mini-moons (or moonlets) are hidden within the rings.

NASA thinks these moonlets vary in size – some are as big as a house, while others are 1km in diameter. They clear the space around them, but are not large enough to sweep clear their entire orbit around Saturn.

Saturn is 1.2 billion km from Earth, so the detail in the new NASA images is much sharper than we can see from down here. They show objects as small as 550 metres, which is about the size of a very tall skyscraper.

Cassini has been studying Saturn for nearly 13 years. Last November, it began a series of 'dives' into the rings to get a closer look.



SCIENTISTS at Newcastle University say that people who cannot bear sounds such as chewing or breathing may have a brain abnormality called **misophonia**. This is a condition where a person reacts extremely negatively to certain everyday sounds.

UNHEALTHY HABIT



SMOKING is costing the world **US\$1,436 billion (£1,150 billion)** a year, according to a new study published in the journal **Tobacco Control**.

To make things even worse, 40% of this whopping figure is being shouldered by developing countries. The staggering total includes US\$422 billion (£338 billion) spent on medical treatment for smoking-related diseases, which makes up 6% of the world's total spend on healthcare.

The groundbreaking study is the first of its kind, because previous research into the cost of smoking only looked at wealthy nations. This time, data was included from 152 countries, representing 97% of the world's smokers.

The research measured the 'cost of illness'. This is both the direct costs of an illness, such as hospital admissions and treatment, and indirect costs, such as a person no longer being able to work due to certain disabilities or even death. The number of years of work lost worldwide because of smoking-related sickness is 26.8 million, 18 million of which are lost to death.

NEW GECKO FOUND

A NEW species of gecko that has huge scales and tear-away skin has been discovered in northern Madagascar.



Gekolepis megalepis, as the new find has been called, has the largest body scales of all geckos. It only comes out at night, which is known as being nocturnal. We've known about other geckos having scales that tear away easily, but none as big as the ones on this new discovery!

When a predator attacks, the gecko is able to shed its skin and flee, leaving the attacker with a mouthful of scales. The skin of fish-scale geckos is specially adapted to tear easily, and the best thing is that it grows back within weeks, leaving no trace whatsoever of a scar.

Scientists hope to learn more about how the gecko regenerates its scaly skin so quickly. They reckon the science behind this could be applied to humans in the future, helping with skin and organ growth.

Geckos are a type of lizard. As well as regenerating their skin, they replace their teeth every few months!



The newly-discovered gecko

THE SCIENCE BEHIND SELFIES

by Ian Eddy

WHEN you're taking a selfie or a picture of your cat, do you ever wonder how your camera works, or how someone made it so small that it can fit inside a smartphone?

For most of you, the answer is probably no, but four engineers were awarded a £1m prize last week, in recognition for their work on the technology that made such tiny cameras a reality.

The winners of the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering were Eric Fossum and George Smith from the USA, Nobukazu Teranishi from Japan, and the UK's Michael Tompsett.

They won the prize for coming up with three inventions over three decades, that have changed the world as we know it (see right). Whether it's the smallest images of our body's cells or pin-sharp images from the surface of Mars, digital cameras have allowed us to share ideas and knowledge like never before.

When asked what surprising uses their technology had found, Eric Fossum said: "Selfies were something that I didn't really think about, or silly cat videos! I think it doesn't really sink in until you see people wandering around taking pictures with smartphones everywhere you go. Then the enormity of it hits you, that almost everybody on the planet is using my technology. It's just totally overwhelming."

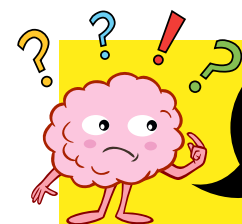
WHAT'S THE PRIZE ABOUT?

THE Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering is awarded for a groundbreaking innovation that has been of global benefit to humanity.

The chair of the judging panel, Professor Sir Christopher Snowden, explains more.

"We also wanted to find something that was going to be truly inspiring, especially to young people. It's often forgotten how creative engineering is. So we wanted to choose a winner that everybody could relate to, and many young people have a mobile phone in their hands with one of these devices in it."

Another aim of the prize is to get more girls into engineering. "Only 8% of engineering professionals in the UK are female, and the proportion is even lower for engineering apprentices. Other countries do much better," says Professor Dame Ann Dowling, President of the Royal Academy of Engineering. "It means that many of our young women are missing out on creative, well-paid jobs. Whether it's designing a planetary vehicle, testing tsunami defences, developing prosthetic limbs, or making electricity available around the world, young people should have big dreams, and a career in engineering can provide all these and many more opportunities."



DID YOU KNOW?

THE trophy for the Queen Elizabeth Prize For Engineering was designed by a 15-year-old boy called Samuel Bentley from Wales. His design (below) was inspired by Mount Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.



TECH TALK

SO, what were the scientific developments that won the prize?

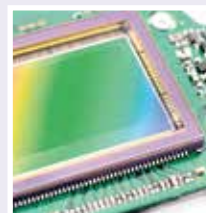
The three inventions are known as the charge-coupled device (CCD), pinned photodiode (PPD) and complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) image sensor.

The CCD was found in very early digital cameras. When individual photons of light hit the CCD, the device turns this into a digital signal, which can be stored as data. It was developed by **George Smith** and **Willard Boyle** (who died in 2011), originally as a memory storage device.

Michael Tompsett saw the potential of the device, and came up with a way to use it to take digital images.

Nobukazu Teranishi later developed the PPD, which is a crucial part of the electrical circuits that CCDs are used in. Its performance meant that pixels could be made smaller, leading to much higher quality images.

Working at NASA, **Eric Fossum** came up with the CMOS sensor to make space cameras more reliable. These sensors are cheaper to make and use up to 100 times less power, which has led to an explosion in their use in smartphones.





BIONIC PAWS

ONE-YEAR-OLD cat Pooh has been given a new lease of life, thanks to a set of purrrfect artificial paws.

The cute kitty lost his back legs in an accident last April but, thanks to Bulgarian vet Vladislav Zlatinov, Pooh is now able to walk and play normally again with his new polymer and rubber prosthetic legs.

PLAY ALL DAY

CAN you imagine playing with your pet while you're away from home? Well, thanks to a new gadget, now you can.

New pet toy PlayDate is claimed to be the "world's first pet camera in a smart ball" and lets you interact with your pet remotely – so you can play with them while you're out and they're at home. The ball has a camera, built-in speaker and microphone, which means you can interact and speak with your pet, and listen to them. You can even snap photos, record videos and make the ball squeak so that it sounds like a chew toy.



Brilliant bears

A NEW survey has revealed some good news for Andean bears.

Scientists at a UNESCO World Heritage site in Peru have found that it's not just humans visiting the area. They say that Andean bears are more widespread around the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu than they first thought. Andean bears are sometimes called spectacled bears, due to the yellowish or white patches around their eyes. It is not known how many bears are in South America today, but past studies put their numbers at around 6,000-10,000. This new discovery is great news for the species, which is the only one native to South America. Their numbers are mainly threatened by habitat loss and hunting.



NO MORE NETS

CAMPAIGNERS in Australia want to ban the use of shark nets at beaches because they are killing other marine animals.

Shark nets are used to protect swimmers and surfers in New South Wales. Last year the nets caught 133 sharks, including great whites, spinner sharks and dusky sharks.

However, they also trapped 615 other marine animals, around half of which died. This included turtles, dolphins and rays.

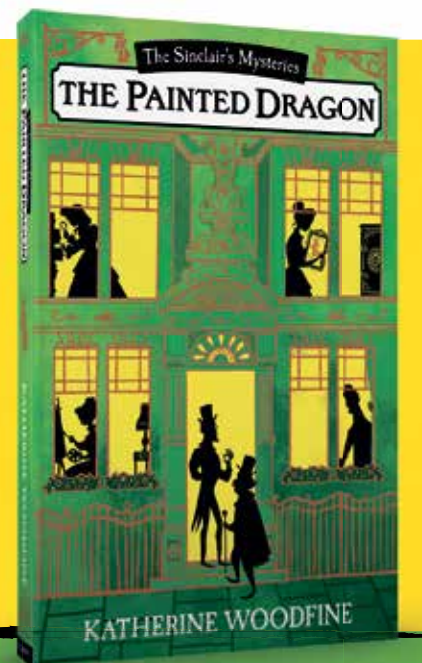
Animal rights campaigners feel that the government should remove the nets and instead use other means of protecting swimmers. Greenpeace say that there is no evidence that shark nets are effective at preventing attacks.



THE MYSTERY CONTINUES...

OUR DAUNTLESS HEROINES SOPHIE AND LIL ARE BACK FOR AN EPIC NEW ADVENTURE, PACKED TO THE BRIM WITH FORGERY, TRICKERY AND DECEIT ON ALL SIDES!

When a priceless painting is stolen, the brave duo must pit their wits against a perilous puzzle to uncover the truth. Will they be able to unmask the villain and prove themselves as detectives to be reckoned with?!



WIN A FIRE TABLET AND COPIES OF THE SINCLAIR'S MYSTERIES BOOKS!

To celebrate *The Painted Dragon* hitting shelves this month, we're giving you the chance to win an Amazon Fire tablet, plus copies of the first three books: *The Clockwork Sparrow*, *The Jewelled Moth* and *The Painted Dragon*. Five runners-up will receive a copy of *The Painted Dragon*.

All you have to do is answer this question and send your entry to competition@egmont.com with the header, First News The Painted Dragon Competition. The closing date is 24 February 2017.

Can you name the heroines in *The Painted Dragon*?

a) Sophie and Lara b) Sophie and Lil c) Lil and Shelley



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THIS WEEK...

1 Harry Potter himself, Daniel Radcliffe, has revealed that he has yet to see the *Cursed Child* stage play. The actor admitted he didn't think it would be a very relaxing experience, because the audience would be full of Harry fans.



2 X-Men actor James McAvoy, who plays Charles Xavier in the movies, has donated £50,000 to a teenager battling cancer. James met Kelly Turner at London's Royal Marsden hospital. She is raising money for pioneering treatment in America.

3 Dermot O'Leary and Emma Willis are going to host this year's BRIT Awards. The event will take place on 22 February at the O₂ in London. Little Mix and Robbie Williams will be performing at the ceremony.

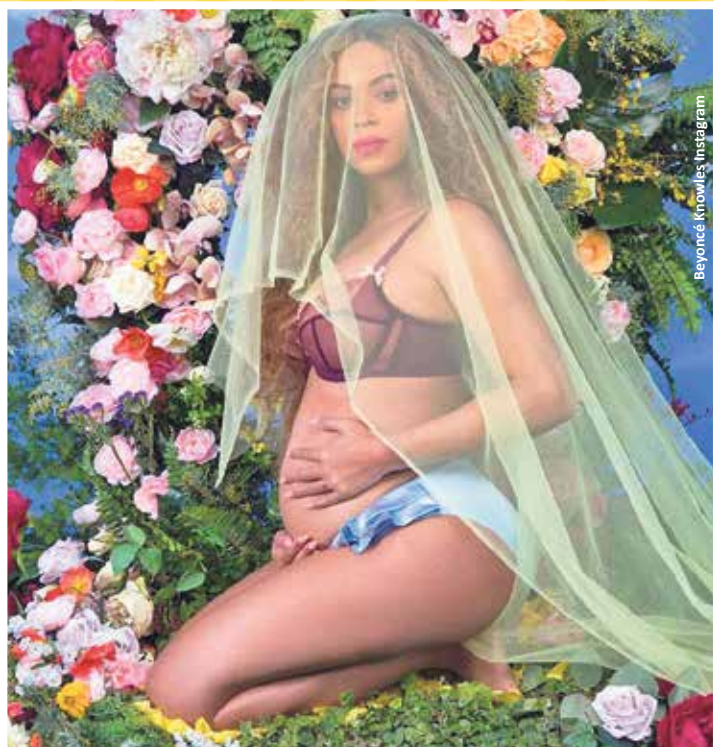
4 Director James Cameron has revealed that he's written the script for *Avatar 5*, even though he hasn't made *Avatar 2*, *3*, and *4* yet. *Avatar 2* is set to start filming this August, and all of the sequels are going to be shot back to back.

5 Voting has opened for the Nickelodeon 2017 Kids' Choice Awards. You can now vote in all 28 categories at kca2017.nick.com and on the Nick Play app, available on iOS and Android. You can vote for your favourite movie, TV stars, animated movie, villain, and most wanted pet, among other awards. The ceremony will be shown in the UK on Sunday 12 March.



PIC OF THE WEEK

BEYONCÉ got over nine million likes when she posted this pic announcing she is pregnant with twins!



Beyoncé Knowles Instagram



TROLLS stars Justin Timberlake and Anna Kendrick tell us about the all-singing, all-dancing hair-raising movie...

■ **Justin, you play Branch, the grumpiest troll in the kingdom. How grumpy are you?**

Justin: I would say that I am like Branch every day, for the first hour that I am awake and don't have coffee in my system.



■ **And Anna, you play Princess Poppy, the happiest troll in the kingdom. Are you a naturally positive person?**

Anna: I would love to master positive thinking. I am more like an "Everything is going to go wrong! Everything is going to get ruined!" kind of girl. There was even a moment where I considered talking them out of hiring me for this. But Poppy is such a fun character. I was really surprised that, for a character who is so upbeat and positive, she doesn't get on your nerves.

■ **Trolls has created a strong female heroine in Princess Poppy. How do you feel about her?**

Anna: When the adventure kicks off, Poppy is ready to answer the hero's call. She volunteers herself and has to drag Branch kicking and screaming along with her. She may be really happy and optimistic, but she is no baby.

Justin: Poppy is spunky and tomboyish. I have two

goddaughters who are five and two, and I think that DreamWorks have really mastered an all-around everywoman female with Poppy, as they did with Princess Fiona.

Anna: And I do think it's great that they have assigned her purely male qualities. I mean, Poppy loves dresses and she loves pink, and you can't have all those type of things as a female and also be adventurous and brave.

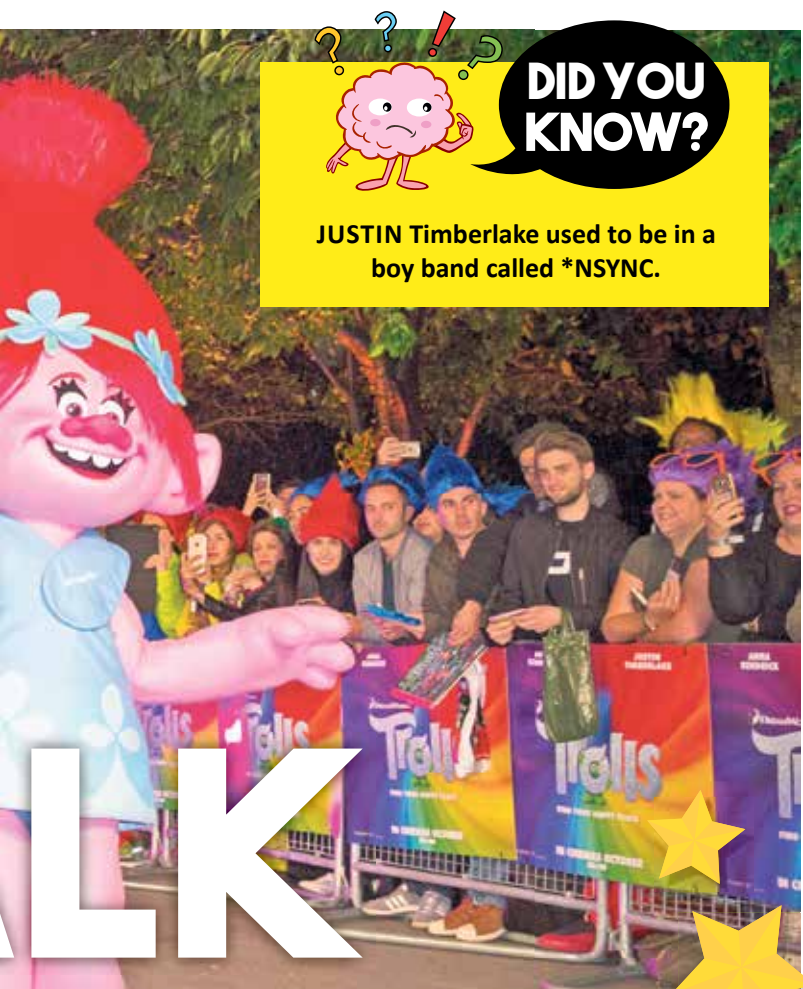


■ **Anna, there's a cool Party Mode feature in the Trolls Party Edition DVD and Blu-ray where, among other things, you can sing along to the movie's songs. What sound would you pick to sing along to at home?**

Anna: Probably Move Your Feet. That was one of the first songs that I recorded, even before Justin came on to the project. It was a song that I had only kind of hummed along without thinking about it. It's a surprisingly fun song to sing. I didn't think it was particularly within my range as a singer, but I would never have picked it at a karaoke bar.

DID YOU KNOW?

SINGER Gwen Stefani voices the troll DJ in the movie.

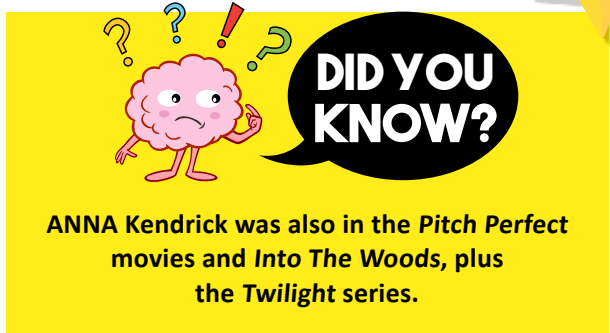


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is right in the sweet spot where you feel like you are really getting funky.

■ **Anna, you're a dramatic actress, so are you surprised that you have also become a musical star?**

Anna: I started out in musical theatre when I was 12. But after that I thought of all that as secondary to my career. Like a hobby. I also like to bake, but I don't do it professionally. So when a musical role was offered, I thought: "I can do that", because I used to do it. What surprised me was that it wasn't a one-off. It keeps going and I feel very selfish and greedy about it, but I can't help myself!

Justin: You should totally have a baking show!

■ **What makes you both happy?**

Anna: Things that make me happy mostly have sugar in them!

Justin: For me, the top thing is family – my wife and son. And then right under that, doughnuts!

Trolls is available on Blu-ray and DVD from 13 February, from 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment.



FIVE MINUTES WITH MICHAEL ROSEN

AUTHOR Michael Rosen has written over 100 books, and the animated version of his *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* was one of the best things on TV at Christmas. We found out more about the writer...

■ **How did you feel when you saw *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* come to life in the animated adaptation?**

I thought that it would be great, but was curious about how they could make the story long enough.

■ **Why do you think it's important for children to read stories and poetry?**

When we read stories and poems, we find out how other people think and feel and face up to challenges. This gives us time to think about how we might behave if we were in that situation. When we compare ourselves to other people, it helps us get on in life without feeling trapped, and thinking that we are the only person in the world with difficulties or challenges. In a way, stories and poetry frees us up to see ourselves as part of the world.

■ **What were you like when you were at school?**

I was good at English, nature study [biology], history and French. I wasn't very good at maths and Latin.

■ **Can you remember the first story you ever wrote?**

Solomon The Cat, which was about a cat who ran away and tried to find somewhere else to live. But I copied the idea from a book I had read.



■ **When did you realise you wanted to be a writer?**
When I was about 15.

■ **What is your all-time favourite kids' story?**
Emil And The Detectives by Erich Kästner.

***We're Going On A Bear Hunt* is out on DVD now.**



A SUPER SHOW!

OVER 100 million people watched Lady Gaga's epic Super Bowl half-time show on TV last Sunday.

The show featured a medley of Gaga's popular hits, aerial acrobatics, hundreds of dancing drones and one deadly drop!

After opening her set with *God Bless America* from the stadium roof, the 30-year-old singer jumped off and flew across the stage! Okay, it was thanks to two wires, but it's still pretty cool!

She must be Gaga!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE Super Bowl is America's largest annual American football match. Lots of big stars have performed during the famous half-time show, including Beyoncé and Katy Perry.

"IT'S TIME FOR BIRD CRIME TO STOP"



A red kite in flight

WE'RE a nation of animal lovers. I know this because of the huge number of people who join charities like the RSPB, which has 1.1 million members. Then there are all the keen viewers of the wildlife shows I work on, and the enthusiastic people of all ages who I meet at events throughout the year.

But we still have a big problem in the UK with people illegally killing birds of prey, also known as raptors. The RSPB's *Birdcrime* 2015 report reveals that 16 buzzards, 11 peregrines, three red kites, one red-footed falcon and one hen harrier were all shot that year. There were also 50 reports of wildlife poisoning and pesticide-related offences. Birds poisoned included 15 buzzards, four red kites and three peregrine falcons. And we believe this is just the tip of the bird crime iceberg, with many incidents going unreported.



There's a particular problem with hen harriers. In England there is suitable habitat, upland heaths and moors, for more than 300 pairs of these birds. Yet in 2016 only three pairs managed to successfully nest and raise their chicks. In Scotland, too, the birds are struggling.

The RSPB has been attaching satellite tags to hen harriers to see which areas they are using and why their numbers aren't increasing. Satellite tags are small pieces of equipment that help scientists track where the birds are going.

Some of these tagged birds have been shot or disappeared from their nests. These include Annie, found shot dead in Scotland in March 2015, and

Lad, found later in the year with similar injuries. Last year another satellite-tagged bird, Rowan, was also found dead, with injuries that appeared to have been caused by shooting.

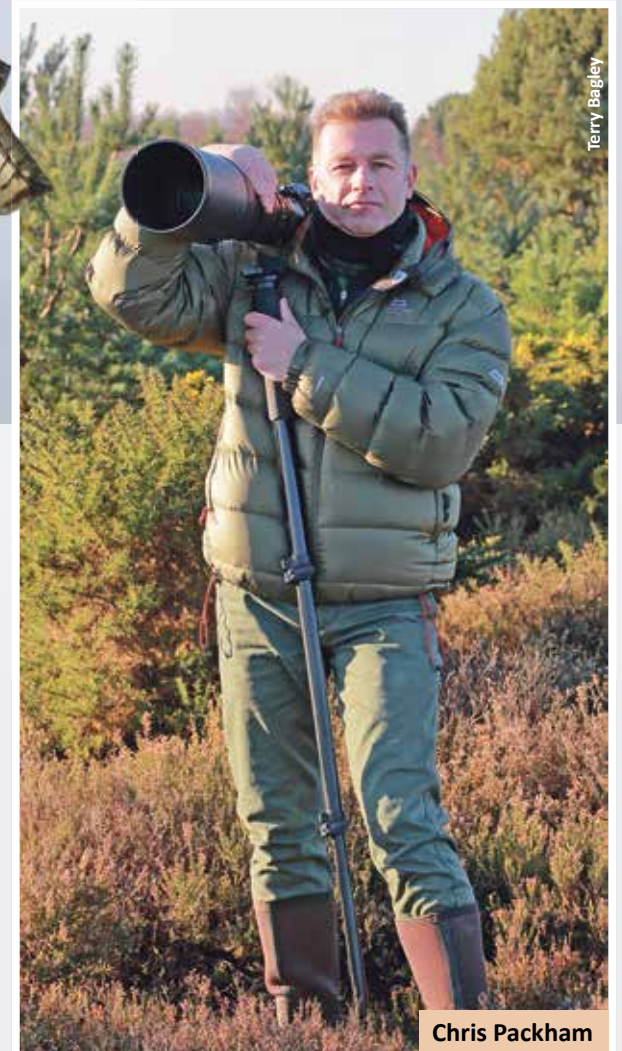


A hen harrier takes to the skies

Clearly, illegal killing is one of the things stopping hen harrier numbers recovering. What a waste. What an outrage. These birds are part of our countryside. They play an important part in the natural environment they live in. We should all be able to enjoy watching the elaborate performance of the hen harrier's breathtaking 'skydancer' display flight over the moors.

Hen harriers eat small birds, including the chicks of a bird called the red grouse, which is managed for shooting in the UK. The grouse-shooting industry looks after lots of the land that hen harriers could be living in. There is evidence that birds of prey are illegally killed on grouse moors to stop them eating the chicks. This has to change.

We also need the UK Government to strengthen the laws around illegal killing of birds of prey. If it's proved that these birds are being killed on your land, you shouldn't have a licence to shoot. If you're caught killing a bird of prey, you should



Chris Packham

go to prison.

We all want our hen harriers back, and we want our other wildlife to thrive. It's time for bird crime to stop.

You can read more about this on the RSPB website at rspb.org.uk.



A buzzard

ACTION-STACKED!

LEGO Batman is back in his very own action-stacked movie! We caught up with the man behind the mask (or microphone), the hilarious Will Arnett (far right), for all the goss on the Dark Knight's latest brick-tacular adventure!

THE FILM

"THIS IS THE BEST MOVIE EVER MADE"



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■ What kind of adventure can we expect from the Caped Crusader in *The LEGO Batman Movie*?

Right away there's a lot of what you'd expect from Batman. There's a lot of big-action, world-saving sequences. I think people will be pleased to hear that there's a huge amount of action in this film. There's also a lot of great superhero stuff going on. But we also get to find out a little bit more about what makes Batman tick, you know – who he is.

■ Okay, straight to the point, this film is outrageously epic...

It's epic, right?! I mean, I feel like I'm quoting you here, but this is the best movie ever made, so thank you for saying that. Ha ha!

■ You must've been blown away when you first watched it.

Yes, of course. When you work on something like this, we work on it for a long time and it starts in a very rudimentary [basic] place. There are sort of storyboards, animatics [animated storyboards] that are just rough sketches, and you really get to see it built over time. But, even though I've watched every stage of the sausage being made, I'm still very impressed by the sausage this film turned out to be. It's a tasty sausage and I feel like everything else is the brown sauce.



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The *LEGO Batman Movie* is in cinemas from 10 February



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THE VOICE

"I NEEDED SYRUP AND WATER"

■ Talk to us about Batman's voice. Does it hurt to growl?

It used to. If I do long sessions for like hours and hours it can hurt. [SPOILER ALERT!] When we did the rap at the end of the movie, that was hard, to project and rap. I needed water and syrup.

■ Batman's one-liners are constant in this film. Was that all scripted, or did you get to ad-lib [make it up] a bit in the recording booth?

Yes, we came up with a lot of that, and that was really fun! It was a great collaborative effort. We had a lot of great writers and a great script. But 70% of the time it would be something in the moment!

THE WEIRD QUESTIONS

"IF YOU CAN BE YOUR OWN VEHICLE AT ANY TIME, DO IT"

■ It's late and you have Wayne Manor to yourself. What snack do you treat yourself to and what guilty pleasure movie do you watch on Netflix?

Late-night snack? You've always got to keep it simple: caviar on toast. And guilty viewing? I think *Prime Minister's Questions*. It's light and fun! I like comedy...

■ Ha ha! What would you do if you were given the keys to Wayne Manor for the day?

If I was given the keys to Wayne Manor for the day, I would immediately go to the Bat Cave. Like, anyone can spend time in a nice house, but not everyone gets to go hang out in the Bat Cave. I think I'd just try on all the different bat outfits.

■ Speaking of which, if you could design your own bat suit, what would it look like and what would it do?

You'd want it to be bulletproof, just in case – safety first. You'd want it to be fireproof and you'd want it to have built-in jets, so that you are your own private jet. If you can be your own vehicle at any time, do it! Good Wi-Fi, too – like 7G – with no password! Maybe Bat Chimney Sweep, too? It would be good to do a Batman musical production of *Oliver*!

■ Oh, and one more thing – Mariah Carey in the film as Mayor of Gotham? Love!

I know, it was insane! She was great, though! She did a great job.

CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY FIRST NEWS



Check out clips from the film at *First News Live*! The full trailer is there, too! Just head to live.firstnews.co.uk. Aren't we nice?

STORIES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

HAIRY SITUATION

PEOPLE say that the punishment should fit the crime, but this is ridiculous!

A teenager who burgled a hairdressing salon in Granada, Spain, has been ordered to learn how to cut hair, so he can give the judge who handed down the sentence a new hairdo!

The 16-year-old broke into the salon in May, causing €600 (£517) worth of damage and stealing a hairdryer.

Judge Emilio Calatayud ruled that the 16-year-old, who has no school qualifications, must now go on a six-month hairdressing course.

If that wasn't enough, the judge warned that the youngster will be convicted of disobedience if the haircut doesn't make the grade.

Better get studying, then...



BRIDEZILLA!

A GROOM got the shock of his life after his bride dressed up as a T-Rex at their wedding photoshoot.

Tom Gardner was expecting to see his soon-to-be wife, Beth, in her wedding gown. However, he turned around to find her dressed as a dinosaur!

A video capturing the hilarious moment has been posted to Facebook, getting thousands of views.

Commenting on the video's popularity, Beth said: "It just warms my heart to see that so many people got a giggle out of this too."

We're sure they'll make a dino-mite couple!



FISHERMAN'S FRIEND

A 75-YEAR-OLD Australian man, who posted an online advert to find a new friend after his fishing companion died, has been on the fishing trip of a lifetime.

In the ad, Ray Johnstone jokingly described his condition as "used" and said that he was willing to share the costs of things like petrol and bait.

And it seemed he was quite the catch, with social media users across Australia tweeting the hashtag #IllFishWithRay.

But it was 22-year-old Mati Batsinilas who stepped up to the plate, flying Ray out to Brisbane for an all-expenses-paid fishing trip!

"I offered him a holiday away – and not just for fishing, but to get away and relax," Mati said.

Luckily, the weather was perfect and the two caught some 'reely' big fish.

The trip was such a success that the new fishing friends have already planned their next adventure.

We love a happy ending!



Ray and Mati with their catch



Ray



A child tries out a virtual reality simulator to experience ski jumping, in Seoul, South Korea. The event was held at the city's Lotte World Mall to mark one year until the start of the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. Looks fun!



CHECK out this awesome enhancement to PE class, which is currently being trialled in a couple of lucky Canadian schools.

You're looking at Gym Interactif, a brand-new idea from Canadian tech company SAGA. Using a combination of cameras and projectors, Gym Interactif lets you play games in real life, without any screens or VR headsets – and loads of people can play at once! In the game above, you have to throw a ball into the boxes that are falling down towards you. The game gets easier the further the box falls, but be careful! If the box hits the semi-circle at the bottom three times, it's game over. Would you like this in your class?

#REASSEMBLE

AT long last, there's going to be an official game about *The Avengers*!

Working with Square Enix, the team behind *Final Fantasy* and *Kingdom Hearts*, *The Avengers* project will be the first big game about the superheroes since *LEGO Marvel Avengers*.

Don't get too excited, though, as we won't see any more of the game until next year. Boo!



FIRE EMBLEM HEROES (MOBILE DEVICES, 12+)

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NINTENDO'S second mobile game is out! Featuring characters from every *Fire Emblem* game, *Fire Emblem Heroes* is the company's first mobile role-playing game (RPG).

For a lot of people, you might really only know *Fire Emblem* from the characters' appearance in *Super Smash Bros*, but it's honestly a whole lot more than that!

A turn-based strategy RPG, *Fire Emblem Heroes* sounds and looks a lot more complicated than it is. Each battle is played by four heroes, each with their own randomly-generated stats and powers.

These heroes all have their own weapons, which have a rock, paper, scissors-style effect. Sword beats axe, axe beats spear, and spear beats sword. This is really important to remember in battle!

You can summon new, better heroes with 'orbs', which you earn naturally while playing, or can buy as an in-app purchase.

There's also a lot of story! While it's a little complicated, we really got into it. If you're a strategy fan, this is one free game that's worth trying.



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MONKEY MATCH

AN orangutan in the Netherlands has been doing a spot of 'internet mating'.

Samboja at the Apenheul Primate Park has been looking at pictures of male monkeys on a tablet to see which ones she likes and which ones she doesn't.

Zoo experts will study Samboja's different reactions and see if there's anything she particularly looks for in a mate.

It's all part of a four-year experiment, which aims to identify whether monkeys show a preference for potential partners.

The findings could help experts to successfully match apes together from zoos across the world and improve breeding programmes.



Cooler teacher ever?!

A TEACHER in America greets every single one of his pupils with a personalised handshake!

From high-fives to fist pumps, jumps to dabbing, Barry White Jr (how cool is that name, too?!), makes sure his pupils start their lessons in style!

The children line up outside Mr White Jr's classroom at

Ashley Park PreK-8 School in North Carolina, before taking it in turns to get their groove on.

Mr White Jr told ABC News that he got the idea from his favourite basketball player, LeBron James, who does the same thing with his team-mates.

A video of the fun handshakes was so popular that it went viral.



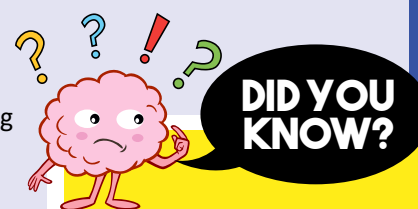
THE ART OF THE BRICK

THE world's largest LEGO exhibition inspired by Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman is touching down in London!

The exhibition, which has already delighted fans in Madrid, Spain, features more than 120 works of art based around DC's Justice League. That includes huge brick models of our heroes mentioned above, alongside supervillains such as The Joker and Harley Quinn.

Artist Nathan Sawaya used more than two million LEGO bricks for the exhibition, which also features LEGO vehicles (including a life-size Batmobile!), environments and themes from the DC comic books. So cool!

The Art Of The Brick: DC Super Heroes opens on London's South Bank on 1 March.



NATHAN has even displayed some of his LEGO models on the White House lawn!

QUICK CHUCKLES

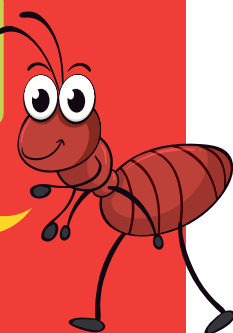


Q: What do you call a man in a pile of leaves?

A: Russell!

Q: Where do most ants live?

A: In Antlantic City!



Thanks to First News reader, Zachary.

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

RECORD OF THE WEEK LARGEST FOOT ROTATION



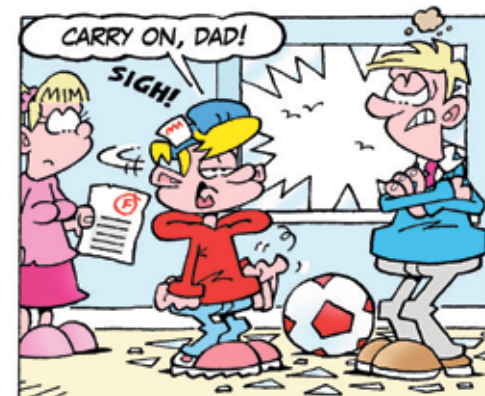
**OFFICIALLY
AMAZING**

The largest external foot rotation is 157° and was achieved by Maxwell Day (UK), in London, UK, on 23 September 2015.

For info on this record and hundreds more, go to guinnessworldrecords.com



Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer





DESIGN A SUPERHERO!



MAPED'S mighty new Color'Peps Superhero Paint Range has landed! To celebrate its awesomeness, we're calling on First News readers to design their very own superhero and win amazing prizes!

Maped Superhero paints have come to the rescue in the fight against boredom! The brand-new poster paints come in a rainbow of bright colours and are ultra-washable on skin and fabrics. Each bottle features an individual character with their own superhero personality, name and mask. They come in sets containing primary or secondary colours, or fluos and metallics.

Also available is the fun Superhero Watercolour Palette. With 12 vibrant colours and a paintbrush included, it has everything you need to create colourful pictures of your own superhero! Simply add water to each paint tablet for a watercolour effect. Which superhero will you choose to save the day?



HOW TO ENTER

We want you to get as colourful and creative as possible when designing your superhero. Here are some handy pointers to help you on your mission...

- What will your superhero look like?
 - What will they wear?
- A cool cape or a mysterious mask, perhaps?
- What will their superpower be?
- Will they have any fancy gadgets?
- What will they be called?

Send your entries to marketing@mapedhelix.co.uk with the subject line 'First News Competition'. Include your name, age and school name in your entry.

The closing date is 28 February 2017.

Terms and conditions: The winner will get a Color'Peps colouring bundle including the new Superhero paints worth £50 for themselves and the Superhero paint range worth £100 for their classmates. All of the competition details and full T&Cs can be found at www.mapedhelix.co.uk

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WIN!**THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE:
TEAM BATMAN BOOKS**

CAN you complete our sudoku and fill in the numbers one to nine? Send in your answers and two lucky winners will each win a copy of *The LEGO Batman Movie: Team Batman*. Find out about the Minifigures, vehicles and locations of *The LEGO Batman Movie* in this great new book.



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The LEGO® Batman Movie: Team Batman / The LEGO® Batman Movie: Rise of the Rogues

WIN!**THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE:
RISE OF THE ROGUES BOOKS**

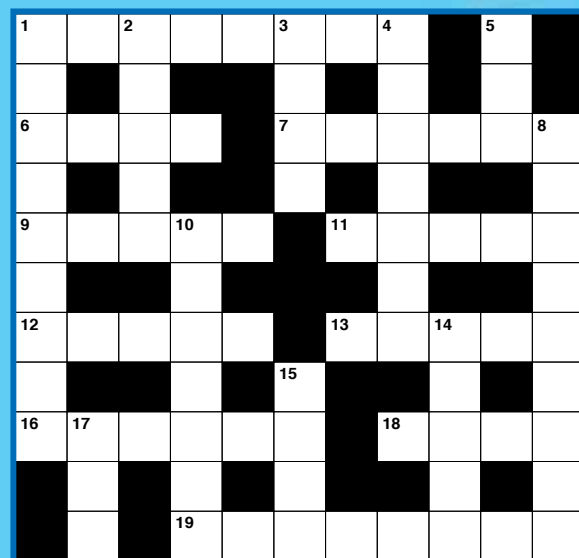
CAN you complete our crossword? Send in your answers and two lucky winners will each win a copy of *The LEGO Batman Movie: Rise Of The Rogues* books. *Rise Of The Rogues* follows the adventures of LEGO Batman and Robin as they stop The Joker from spreading havoc across Gotham City. Readers will also meet all the new characters from *The LEGO Batman Movie*.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fruiting body of a fungus (8)
 6 Hard part at the end of a finger (4)
 7 Security (6)
 9 Boats (5)
 11 E.g. oak and beech (5)
 12 Zac ____ : *High School Musical* actor (5)
 13 Two plus one (5)
 16 Screamed out loud (6)
 18 Sour; sharp-tasting (4)
 19 Increase greatly in number (8)

DOWN

- 1 A building occupied by a community of monks (9)
 2 Science fiction (abbrev) (3-2)
 3 Drive out or expel from a position (4)
 4 Very successful British athlete (2,5)
 5 Very warm (3)
 8 The day before today (9)
 10 Difficulty (7)
 14 Go over again (5)
 15 Hero (4)
 17 The part of your body that lets you hear (3)



The LEGO® Batman Movie: Team Batman / The LEGO® Batman Movie: Rise of the Rogues

**Join Fergus's
Winning Team!**

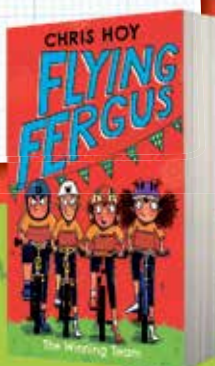
What's in store for Fergus and the Hercules Hopefuls now? Find out in this fantastically fun new *Flying Fergus* adventure from Olympic champion Sir Chris Hoy!



The Hercules Hopefuls are through to the final round of the cycling competition but are facing their toughest test yet! Not only must Fergus and his friends beat their arch-rivals Wallace's Winners, but this time they also need to face off against the scariest team in all of Scotland - The Velociraptors. An elite all-girls squad.

Then... disaster strikes! Minnie McCleod catches chicken pox, Calamity Coogan breaks his leg and it looks like their dreams are over. But Wallace's Winners are also in a predicament - can Wesley and Fergus put their rivalry to one side and give both teams a chance at lifting the cup?

Meanwhile, in Nevermore, Fergus must work together with Princess Lily and his friends to save his dad from the clutches of the mean anti-cycling King Woebegot. If he can just manage it, maybe Dad will be back home in time to see him compete in the Finals?



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THE GUARDIANS OF OZ DVDS

The Guardians Of Oz is out on DVD from 13 February.



CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *The Guardians Of Oz*? Send in your answers and three lucky winners will each win a copy of *The Guardians Of Oz* on DVD. Revisiting all your favourite characters, including the Lion, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man, this all-new adventure is told through the eyes of one of the famous flying monkeys! The kind-hearted Ozzy has to join forces with the good (but cheeky) sorceress Gabby to thwart the evil attempts of wicked witch Eveline to rule over their fantastical land. By working together they discover that anything is possible...



WORDSEARCH

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

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| ☐ Broccoli | ☐ Carrot | ☐ Cauliflower |
| ☐ Leek | ☐ Fennel | ☐ Asparagus |
| ☐ Cabbage | ☐ Turnip | ☐ Spinach |
| ☐ Parsnip | ☐ Potato | ☐ Beetroot |
| ☐ Green bean | ☐ Courgette | ☐ Butternut squash |



FAMILY TICKETS TO SEE WONDERLAND

TO celebrate *Wonderland* arriving in the UK for a national tour, we have three family tickets up for grabs.

Wonderland is an enchanting musical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland* and *Through The Looking-Glass*, with a huge heart, a medley of magic and a whole lot of wonder.

Frank Wildhorn's *Wonderland* had sold-out seasons in America and Tokyo, and was nominated for multiple Grammy and Drama Desk Awards. Now this brand-new British production gets its UK and European premiere.

We have three family tickets (for four), to your nearest theatre up for grabs. To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

Which of these is not a character in *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*?

- a) White Rabbit b) Queen of Hearts c) Pink Hare

Touring the UK! For details, go to www.wonderlandthemusical.com

Terms and conditions apply. Family tickets are comprised of four tickets and must include minimum of one adult and one child. Prize is valid for all tour venues. Subject to availability. Prize is as stated and cannot be transferred or exchanged.



ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY WONDERLAND

firstnews.co.uk/competitions or see below. The closing date is 23 February 2017.

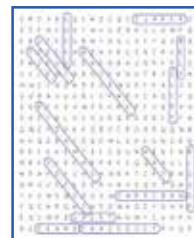
COMPETITIONS:

You can enter First News competitions in one of two ways. 1. Go to firstnews.co.uk/competitions and follow the instructions. 2. Write to us at 'competition name' (e.g. Holiday), First News, First floor, 58 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 0AS. **Please note:** First News will not share your personal details with third parties. First News will only use your details to contact the competition winners. First News competitions are open to those aged 17-and-under and residents of the UK & Republic of Ireland, except employees of First News, First News (UK) Ltd, Trinity Mirror and any associated companies and their families. Winners will be the first correct entries drawn after the closing dates. No purchase necessary. No responsibility can be accepted for entries that have been lost or damaged in transit. First News will not enter into any correspondence. All winners will be notified accordingly and their names and addresses will be available on request. No cash alternative for any prizes will be offered. The winner may be required to partake in media activity relating to the competition.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the Difference: eyebrow is missing, hair is longer, paint splat has changed colour, flowers missing, finger added.

Word Ladder: flew, flaw, flat, feat, neat, nest.



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Stella

MYANMAR TRIP

by Stella

LAST year my family went to Myanmar, which is near India.

We spent two and a half weeks in Myanmar, where we met lots of our family. Most of our family live in the north of the country, in a place called Myitkyina, which is in Kachin State.

This area has been in the news recently because there is a long-running conflict there. Luckily, however, my dad's cousin works for the local branch of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), so she always checked that the area would be safe.

The families live in small houses on stilts, to protect against flooding. Their homes may only have one or two rooms that they use to eat and sleep in. They all cook outside over a wood fire. They not only have a kitchen

outside but also a well and toilet, which is really just a hole in the ground.

Everything is handmade, even their houses. Some of the family had animals such as pigs, dogs and chickens. The view from the house was incredible: you could see huge mountains and a massive jungle.

Myanmar has lots of cars and motorbikes, and everyone has a phone, just like in the UK. However, unlike the UK, there are a lot of stray dogs and cows walking along the roads. There are also people walking into the roads. They try to sell you things like fruit.

My family and I would definitely go back to Myanmar. It was such a great experience.

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MASCOT DESIGNER

by Caris Baughan

LAST year, I entered the Spread A Smile competition to design a mascot and was shocked to find out that I had won!

My character is called Buddy and he has brown spots on his yellow body. He also has a cute pink nose. He will help entertain children who are seriously ill in hospital.

I was invited to Rainbow Productions in London as part of my prize, to see Buddy after he had been brought to life from my drawing. He looked better than I imagined!

Buddy was launched on 4 December at a party. Loads of children met him, and everyone had a wonderful time doing arts and crafts. I also received an art bundle and a hoodie that I can't stop wearing!

Thanks to Josephine, Vanessa and all the Spread A Smile team for making it all happen.

Spread A Smile is a charity that is dedicated to improving the time spent by seriously ill children in hospital. They

provide entertainers for seriously ill children and teenagers who are in hospital, often for prolonged periods of time. Buddy will visit hospitals with the Spread A Smile team.



Caris with Buddy

For more information, visit www.spreadasmile.org.

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RAISING MONEY

by Evangeline, Amelie, Emma and Amelia



Evangeline and her friends, Amelie, Emma and Amelia

WE are avid readers of *First News* and thought you would like to hear about our fundraising.

Last November, we went to our primary school's firework night.

We were helping to raise money for Cancer Research UK. We decided to have a stall. We sold almost 200 raffle tickets, which raised £20.

We also had things to sell, games to play and things to eat. Altogether we raised £120.

This was a really fun and rewarding project to work on. We think others could do this too!

Thank you to everyone who donated.

WORRYING ABOUT CRIME

PEOPLE of all ages worry about crime, but young people can sometimes feel especially vulnerable.

Crimes are offences that are punishable by law. For example, stealing is a criminal offence, so if someone took something from a shop without paying for it, they could go to prison. All crimes carry different punishments. Some are more serious than others, depending on the severity of the crime.

Many people worry about crime, as it can often have a negative effect on others. They also worry because they feel they don't have control over the situation.

Reporting crime helps ensure criminals are given an appropriate prison sentence and communities are kept safe. If you or another person feel like you have been affected by crime, there are lots of people who can help.

Parents or teachers are good places

to start, as they can give you advice on whether it should be reported to someone in a higher authority position. This may sound scary, as you may be questioning what will happen or feel worried about getting people into trouble. But anything that makes you feel scared or worried should be acknowledged, and if it's against the law, then reporting it keeps everybody safe from harm or bad influence.

Written by NSPCC Ambassador, Molly.

A Childline counsellor said: "Committing a crime means doing something against the law. If you're worried about something that you've done or if you've been affected by crime through someone else, you can talk to a Childline counsellor about what's on your mind. They won't make any judgements about anything that you say."



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**.



JUST THE JOB

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

What I do

I am Senior Design Manager for LEGO Friends. I work with a very talented team of designers, developing new sets for LEGO Friends each year. We build every day, coming up with the new sets, mini-dolls and labels for the sets. My job is mainly to guide the artistic direction: working on making the products as fun as possible!

How I got my job

I've always had a passion for design, so when a job opportunity became available at LEGO, I jumped at the chance! I started at LEGO ten years ago in 2007 as a Junior Designer and now I'm a Senior Design Manager. I've been the creative lead on LEGO Friends for four years this year. During my time as a designer with LEGO Friends I have had the opportunity to create sets such as the Dolphin Cruiser, the Heartlake Shopping Mall and the Sunshine Ranch, along with many others. In my current role as Senior Design Manager, I work with the talented design team to create the sets for the future.

What I love about my job

We often ask kids to test our future concepts. The most

amazing thing is seeing how excited kids get about products you have worked on. This year, I'm looking forward to helping a young builder design their own set as part of the LEGO Friends Designer Competition. For the first time ever, we are giving someone the chance to create a concept design for LEGO Friends. It's extremely exciting!

What is difficult about my job

I live in Denmark to be near LEGO HQ, so I miss my family a lot. My husband and I often try to meet them in different parts of the world that none of us have been to, to go on adventures together.

What skills I need

Creativity and a passion for building! You must also have a keen eye for detail, as the little things in LEGO sets are extremely important to make the set more enjoyable.

Where should young people start

Practise building and designing new models at home. There's also still time to enter the LEGO Friends Designer Competition at www.LEGO.com/friendsdesigner.



FENELLA HOLDEN
LEGO FRIENDS
DESIGNER



FirstNews QUIZ

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

WHAT HAVE WE
LEARNED THIS WEEK?

1 Which presenters are hosting the BRIT Awards?

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2 What do campaigners in Australia want to ban?

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3 Who won this year's Super Bowl?

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4 What is William Henry Fox Talbot famous for?

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5 Which airline has launched the world's longest commercial flight?

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6 Which actor voices LEGO Batman?

.....

7 Why did groom Tom Gardner get a shock when he first saw his bride at their wedding photoshoot?

.....

8 What is the name of the pest that's attacking crops in Africa?

.....

1) Dermot O'Leary and Emma Willis 2) the use of shark nets
3) New England Patriots 4) inventing the idea of the photograph
5) Qatar Airways 6) Will Arnett 7) she was dressed as a T-Rex
8) fall armyworm

WORDS FOR LIFE



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PAUL Mason has had over 150 published titles and has lived all over the world. Here Paul tells us what storybook character he would be:

"Bilbo Baggins. I like the idea of going on a quest with a band of friends (but perhaps without the bit about the giant spiders.)"

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

Book Review

STEPHANIE BURGIS – *The Dragon With A Chocolate Heart*, reviewed by Josephine Carr

"The book was fun, adventurous and full of chocolate! I would recommend this book to my friends. My favourite character was definitely Aventurine, who knew her life was dedicated to chocolate, as I would love mine to be! While I enjoyed the book, I am actually not sure if I should ever eat chocolate again. Read the book if you want to find out why!"



WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS?



LEGO BATMAN KEY LIGHT
DEBENHAMS £8.00

Check out this LEGO DC Super Heroes Batman Key Light. It comes complete with poseable arms and legs. Simply press Batman's chest plate to switch on the LED lights in both of his feet.

THE JOKER BALLOON ESCAPE SET
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The Joker has planted a bomb at the Gotham City Energy Facility! Team up with Batman to intercept him before he blows up the power plant. Dispose of the bomb safely, but watch out – The Joker is putting on his balloon backpack and launching his escape. Aim the grappling gun and take down that grinning supervillain! Includes two Minifigures.



LEGO BATMAN MOVIE THE JOKER CLOCK
TOY R US £24.99

Create mayhem in Gotham City with this LEGO Batman Movie The Joker Minifigure Clock. It makes the perfect addition to any fan's bedroom. The clock has a digital, lighted display and an alarm function. The snooze and backlight functions are activated by pushing down on the Minifigure's head.

Meet Aventurine in
*The Dragon with a
Chocolate Heart*

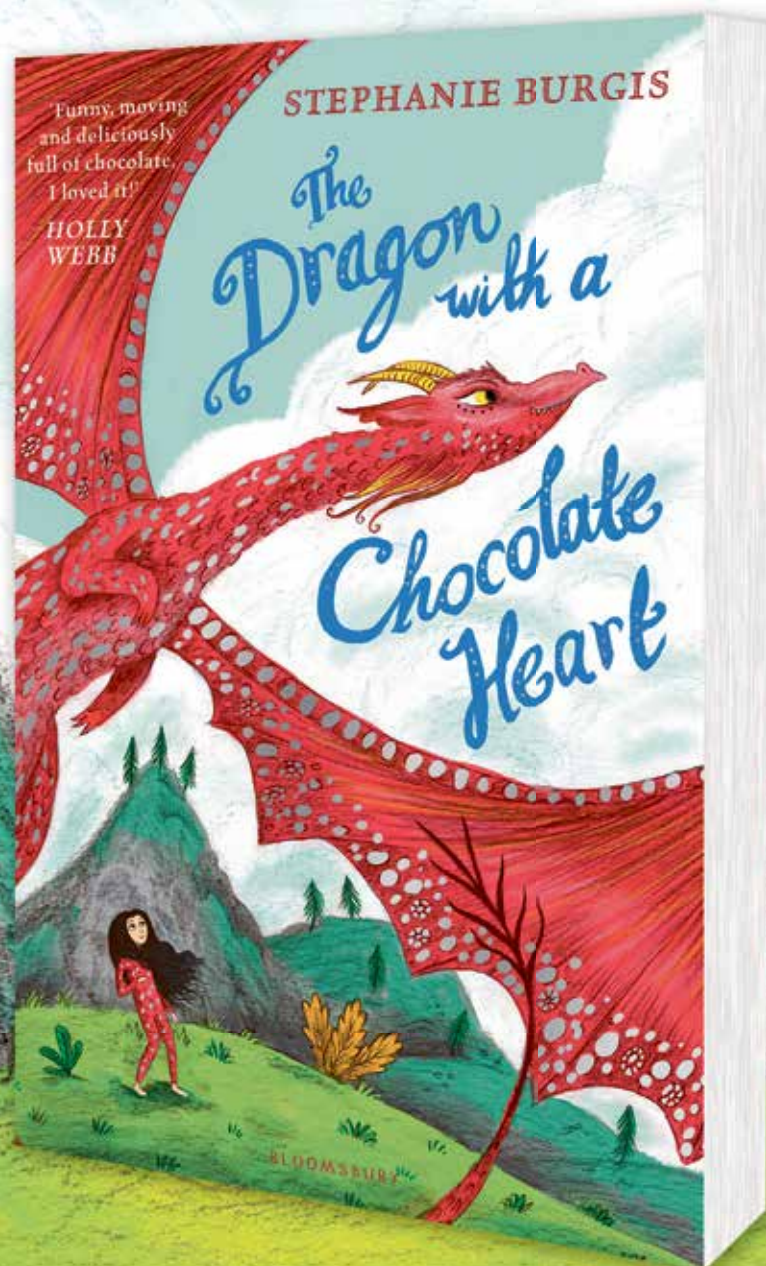
STEPHANIE BURGIS

'Witty and smart and generous;
an utterly delicious book'

Katherine Rundell

'Courage, kindness
and chocolate –
all my favourite
ingredients in one
gorgeous book'

Hilary McKay



'Funny, moving
and deliciously
full of chocolate,
I loved it!'

Holly Webb

Read it now!

SPORT IN NUMBERS

1 extra period has been played in Super Bowl history – and it led to the greatest comeback the championship game has ever seen. The New England Patriots (below) trailed the Atlanta Falcons by 25 points in the third quarter, before drawing level and forcing the game into overtime. The Patriots went on to win 34-28.



59 England Test matches were captained by Alastair Cook, who has resigned as captain. He started in the role in August 2012 and captained England to Ashes glory in 2013 and 2015. Cook is also England's highest run-scorer in Test cricket, with 11,057.



17-year-old Canadian tennis player Denis Shapovalov has been fined US\$7,000 (£5,600) after he whacked an umpire in the eye with a ball he struck angrily in a Davis Cup tie against Great Britain.



23% of British tennis coaches are women – a figure that Andy and Jamie Murray's mum Judy (below) wants to increase. She has just launched She Rallies with the Lawn Tennis Association. It's an initiative that plans to coach the next generation of female coaches.



FIVE-STAR!



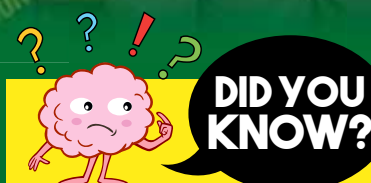
CAMEROON won their fifth Africa Cup of Nations title after coming from behind in the final to beat Egypt in Libreville, the capital of Gabon.

The victory makes the Indomitable Lions the second most successful nation in the competition's history, behind Egypt. This is their first title since 2002.

The Egyptians took the lead in the first half, with a strike by Arsenal star Mohamed Elneny. The equaliser came from a powerful header by Nicolas Nkoulou, before substitute

Vincent Aboubakar struck two minutes before full time to make it 2-1. Wild celebrations followed!

Egypt were hoping for an eighth Cup of Nations title, but they couldn't see off the underdogs' challenge. Cameroon's Belgian coach, Hugo Broos, said: "This is not a group of football players, they are a group of friends."



DID YOU KNOW?

THE first Africa Cup of Nations was held in 1957, when only three countries took part. There are now 16 teams. New champions Cameroon will host the 2019 tournament.



BRITAIN'S Laura Muir has set a new European 3,000m indoor record.

The Scot clocked a time of 8mins 26.41secs, pipping Russia's Liliya Shobukhova's record by 1.45 seconds.

The result takes Muir to eighth in the all-time indoor list. But this is just the latest in a line of record-breaking achievements for Muir. She broke the British indoor 5,000m record last month, and took Dame Kelly Holmes' British outdoor 1,500m record last July. She also beat her own 1,500m time in a meeting at last year's IAAF Diamond League, which she won.

Muir will run at next month's European Indoor Championships and the World Championships in London this summer.

RECORD BREAKER

Laura Muir competing in London last year



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