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VOLCANO ALERT

AROUND 100,000 people have been evacuated from the area around Mount Agung, a large volcano on the island of Bali in Indonesia.

Officials asked everyone within 10km of the volcano to leave the area, but some were refusing to abandon their animals and crops. Some schools in the area were still open after the evacuation was ordered, with pupils wearing masks to protect them from ash.

More than 50,000 tourists were stranded on the island, after hundreds of flights were cancelled. Volcanic ash can block aeroplane engines, so it can be dangerous to fly through ash clouds. Weather experts say that ash from Mount Agung has travelled as high as 9km into the atmosphere.

Volcanic eruptions are incredibly hard to predict, so a big eruption could take days or weeks to happen. Make sure you check live.firstnews.co.uk for updates.



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1 ADVENT CALENDAR

It's officially December, which means lots of you will start opening advent calendars. But where did the idea come from? We discover more in this week's *I Don't Get It* video at first.news/advent2017. First News is getting into the Christmas spirit with our own amazing online advent calendar, too! Check back every day to see what's hiding behind the door...



2 PERFECT WORLD

What would your perfect world look like? More than 1,000 schoolchildren were asked this question, with some very intriguing results! According to the survey, kids would like to see Ariana Grande, Stormzy or Ed Sheeran as Prime Minister. They'd also like an end to bedtimes and the school day to be reduced to two hours a day. The survey was carried out by Jet2holidays.



3 NEW CHARACTER

A new Little Miss character has been revealed! Little Miss Inventor has been created to inspire girls to get into science, technology, engineering and maths. The character will be launched on 8 March next year, which is International Women's Day.

4 TEEN AWARD

A 14-year-old teen won Best Supporting Actress at the Golden Horse Film Awards. The awards are often called the Chinese Oscars. Vicky Chen beat a lot of well-known actors to scoop the title.

5 EQUALITY SURVEY

Thank you so much to everyone who's taken part in our equality survey. We've had hundreds of replies and it's been so interesting to hear your thoughts. If you'd still like to share your opinions, please do send your surveys in by Friday 8 December. The address is on page 29, or see first.news/equal. We'll reveal the results in a future issue of the paper.

6 FREE VENDING MACHINE

Britain's first vending machine for homeless people is set to launch in Nottingham. The special vending machine will be stocked with fresh fruit, socks and sandwiches. Homeless people will be able to access the machine using a key card and they can get three free items a day. The idea was created by the charity, Action Hunger.

7 BAFTA KIDS AWARDS

The British Academy Children's Awards took place last week, honouring the best in children's entertainment. Winners included *Bear Grylls Survival School*, *Inside My Head: A Newsround Special* and presenter Maddie Moate.



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THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

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

8 POLL RESULTS

A chain of nursery schools in Dorset has banned the use of glitter in their classrooms because of the damage it does to the environment. We asked you: Should glitter be banned? As First News went to press, 59% of you were saying NO.

MAYBE "If nurseries find a more eco-friendly idea, that would be great, but if not then try to minimize the amount of glitter used," said First News Live! user, turquoise4.

NO! "Glitter shouldn't be banned because children love using glitter as it adds sparkle and lots of people love sparkle!", said First News Live! user, G1raffe.

9 PAY TO LIVE

Officials in Albinen in the Swiss mountains are so worried about the town's tiny population that they plan to pay people to live there! Families who are willing to move there could be offered up to SwFr70,000 (£53,500).

10 BEACH LITTER

Beach litter has risen by 10% in the UK, a new report has revealed. Food and drink litter makes up to 20% of all rubbish found on beaches. The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) now wants the Government to put a cost on all single-use items like straws, plastic cups and lolly sticks, to try to stop people from littering as much.



11 RARE DRAGONFLIES

Sightings of rare dragonflies are on the rise in Britain! A scarlet darter dragonfly has been spotted here for the first time in 13 years, according to volunteers from the Migrant Dragonfly Project.

12 JAIL TIME

Oscar Pistorius has had his jail term increased for killing his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp. The former Paralympic athlete will now spend 13 years and five months in prison.

13 CAR CRASH

Two men and three boys were killed in Leeds after a stolen car crashed into a tree. Two 15-year-old boys were arrested by police.

14 IN THE MONEY

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has become the first person in history to make a whopping \$100 billion! Mr Bezos' impressive stash of cash was boosted by sales on Black Friday.

15 SOCIAL MEDIA TO BLAME?

Social media has been blamed for causing panic on Oxford Street during Black Friday last week. People ran and hid after being led to believe that gun shots were heard near Oxford Circus underground station. The station and surrounding areas were evacuated so police could investigate, but nothing was found. It is believed two men had an argument on a tube platform. People posting incorrect information on social media were blamed for causing confusion.

16 ELECTRIC CARS

Electric cars are meant to be a thing of the future, but councils have now been accused of interfering with their progress by stopping roadside chargers from being installed. Some people feel the chargers (needed to operate the cars) create "clutter" on the street. London mayor Sadiq Khan wants there to be tougher planning laws in place, so that the chargers can be built without having to get the permission of councils first.

17 JUNIOR EURO

Russia's Polina Bogusevich has won this year's Junior Eurovision Song Contest. The competition took place in Georgia.

18 VIDEO APOLOGY

YouTube star Jack Maynard has apologised after a series of tweets he made in 2012 were discovered. The tweets used language that was "completely unacceptable." Jack left *I'm A Celebrity* soon after.

19 X FACTOR LIVE

The acts appearing on The X Factor Live Tour 2018 have been announced.



Rak-Su, Grace Davies, Kevin Davy White, Lloyd Macey, The Cutkelvins and Matt Linnen will all appear. A seventh wildcard act will also be decided via an online vote from all the acts that have featured on the show. The tour kicks off in February.

20 XMAS PIZZA

Pizza Express has launched a roast dinner pizza, just in time for Christmas!

A LICENCE TO FLY



DRONE owners in the UK may soon have to take a 'flying test' under new rules planned by the Government.

The safety awareness test comes after an increase in the number of near misses between drones and aircraft over the last year.

New rules may also mean that drones weighing more than 250g would be banned from flying near airports or above 122m high. Police would also be able to ground drones that were being used for illegal reasons.

The new bill is set to be debated in Parliament in spring 2018 and has been welcomed by pilots.

DRONE CODE

Did you know that there already a number of rules about using drones? They are listed in the Civil Aviation Authority's Drone Code, although many people don't know they exist!

Editor's comment



Nicky Cox MBE

IF we cycled more, people would be healthier and the air would be less polluted.

There are dangers to any mode of transport, but cycle helmets for all (see below left) would save lives, so please wear one.

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ROYAL WEDDING ANNOUNCED



PRINCE Harry and Meghan Markle are officially engaged.

The Prince of Wales, Harry's dad, announced the happy news in a statement on Monday.

The statement read: "His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is delighted to announce the engagement of Prince Harry to Ms Meghan Markle."

"The wedding will take place in spring 2018. Further details about he wedding day will be announced in due course."

"His Royal Highness and Ms Markle became engaged in London earlier this month. Prince Harry has informed Her Majesty The Queen and other close members of his family. Prince Harry has also sought and received the blessing of Ms Markle's parents."

"The couple will live in Nottingham Cottage at Kensington Palace."

SHOULD ALL CYCLISTS HAVE TO WEAR A HELMET?

A REVIEW of bike safety may mean that everyone who rides a bike on a UK road must legally wear a helmet and a high-visibility jacket.

A Government consultation in January will look at safety rules, after more than 100 cyclists were killed on British roads last year. More than 3,300 cyclists were seriously injured.

A recent study found that 70% of cyclists who regularly cycle on the road already wear helmets. Some critics think that the new rules would make fewer people want to use bikes as a mode of transport.

VOTE IN OUR POLL

Should you have to wear a helmet when riding a bike?
first.news/polls



Good week for...

Jacqueline Wilson

Congratulations to the famous author (and friend of First News), who picked up the Special Award this week at the Kids' BAFTAs. The award was to recognise her outstanding contribution to British children's television, through the TV adaptations of her books.



Bad week for...

Amir Khan

I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here contestant Amir Khan was left red-faced this week when he asked if there had ever been a female Prime Minister. The former boxer was embarrassed when his camp-mates pointed out that Theresa May, the current UK Prime Minister, is female. Oops!



A NEW ZIMBABWE



Megan (left) joined in the celebrations that spread across Harare (main pic)

by Megan Hipwell, 12, reporting from Harare, Zimbabwe

THIS all started last Wednesday, when we were told to stay at home from school because of some political issues in Zimbabwe – I was so irritated and really bored! I was irritated because these things always happen and there is never any result.

I was especially frustrated because our Shona [language] results were supposed to come out that day, but I wasn't at school.

Everything stayed calm in Harare but on Saturday a march to State House was called. My dad drove us through town to see it, and it was utterly manic! The streets were littered with people protesting, the Zimbabwean national colours were everywhere and army tanks were driving on the road. The noise was incredibly loud! Prime Minister Robert Mugabe was told to resign by everyone in the streets, but he didn't.

On Tuesday, I was driving home with my mom and my sister, Keira, when we heard cars hooting. We saw people waving flags, so checked our messages and saw the news: Mugabe had resigned! We were excited and stopped the car to buy flags to celebrate.

Everyone was and is still so excited! People are STILL hooting as they drive on the roads. If you look at the news you will see what is still happening in town. It is absolutely crazy, with people dancing and screaming! When we bought flags from the side of the road, two random people came up and asked the salesman what was happening. When he told them that Mugabe had resigned, they jumped up and high-fived, then started smiling and yelling!

We went home, waving our flags out the window, and people started hooting at us. We even stood outside the gate and waved our flags, and people hooted and waved as they came past. Everyone is SO happy! Anyway, we are all so overwhelmed that we can't believe it. Zimbabwe is now filled with hope once again. Zimbabwe is happy again!

BE SMART AT CHRISTMAS



THE Information Commissioner's Office has warned parents to be careful when buying internet-connected presents at Christmas.

Steve Wood, the Deputy Commissioner, says that toys and gadgets with sensors, microphones and cameras can put children's safety and privacy at risk if their device is hacked. With some products, it's also not clear what data is collected and what is done with it, or whether it is secure.

"Unlike Santa, those looking to hack into your devices don't care whether you've been naughty or nice," Wood wrote. His advice includes changing all default passwords and settings for things like GPS and Bluetooth.

A BAD BUDGET FOR KIDS?



Chancellor Philip Hammond prepares to present his budget

THE National Children's Bureau (NCB) has said that Chancellor Philip Hammond showed "little concern for the plight of the nation's children" with last week's Budget.

The NCB is a charity and independent of the Government, and they didn't hold back with their criticism of Hammond.

They said that Hammond won't make children's welfare a priority, and has ignored pleas from councils for more funding for children's social care.

The charity also said that the Budget won't "prevent us hitting record levels of children in poverty in the next five years", and didn't deal with the "devastating impact of benefit cuts on the families of disabled children".

NAVY NATURE

THE government of Mexico has created North America's largest marine reserve, to help protect a wide range of fish, animals and birds.

The reserve is spread over 150,000km² (57,000 square miles) and centred on the Revillagigedo Archipelago, a group of islands off Mexico's southwest coast. The decision means that all fishing, drilling and construction in the reserve will be banned, and navy boats will patrol the area to make sure the reserve is respected.

The four islands in the archipelago are actually the peaks of an underwater mountain range formed by volcanoes. The only people on the four islands are the sailors that live in two naval bases.

The creation of the reserve is "a step of national and regional importance in Latin America, which will contribute decisively to the conservation of species including sharks and whales," said WWF Mexico.

Magnificent frigatebirds (right) and giant manta rays (below) are just some of the species that will benefit





NEW YORK, USA: An Olaf balloon leads the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. It began in 1924 and organisers claim that it is the largest parade in the world.



LANGFANG, CHINA: The 41.6m-tall Tianzi Hotel is decorated with Sanxing, the three star gods. Their names are Fu, Lu and Shou and are associated with the qualities of prosperity, status and longevity in traditional Chinese culture.



SALÉ, MOROCCO: Moroccan children head to the Great Mosque of Salé to pray for rain. Morocco's economy depends heavily on agriculture but has had a severe shortage of rainfall since the end of summer. A royal request has led to prayers for rain in mosques across the country.



LONDON, UK: Royal Navy officers march before performing their first Changing The Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Nearly 90 sailors from 45 Royal Navy ships and establishments have been taught the routines and drill movements needed for the historic royal guarding duties at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, St James's Palace and the Tower of London, to mark the end of what the Government has called the Year Of The Navy.



LONDON, UK: The Houses of Parliament in Westminster are floodlit in red light to mark #RedWednesday, when people are asked to remember all those killed, kidnapped, tortured or suffering because of their religious beliefs. The #RedWednesday campaign is organised by charity Aid To The Church In Need.



SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL: The spectacular Ibirapuera Christmas tree. This year, the pine tree is 40m high – bigger than last year's, but nowhere near 2009's 75m tree.

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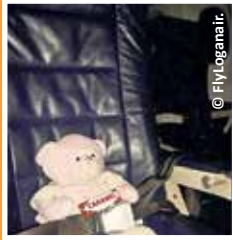
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SCOTLAND Special delivery

A very special teddy bear was flown 300 miles home after his owner left him at Edinburgh Airport. After four-year-old Summer's parents (from Orkney) realised she'd lost Teddy, they put out an appeal on social media. A Loganair cabin crew member spotted the appeal and the missing bear was found. Teddy was then flown from Edinburgh to Kirkwall – even being given his own seat – before being reunited with Summer.



ENGLAND Save our school libraries

Children's authors including Chris Riddell and Malorie Blackman have called on the Government to help save England's school libraries. A recent survey revealed that more than a quarter of schools have no librarian. The authors wrote to Education Secretary Justine Greening asking her for help.



LOUGHBOROUGH School reports scrapped

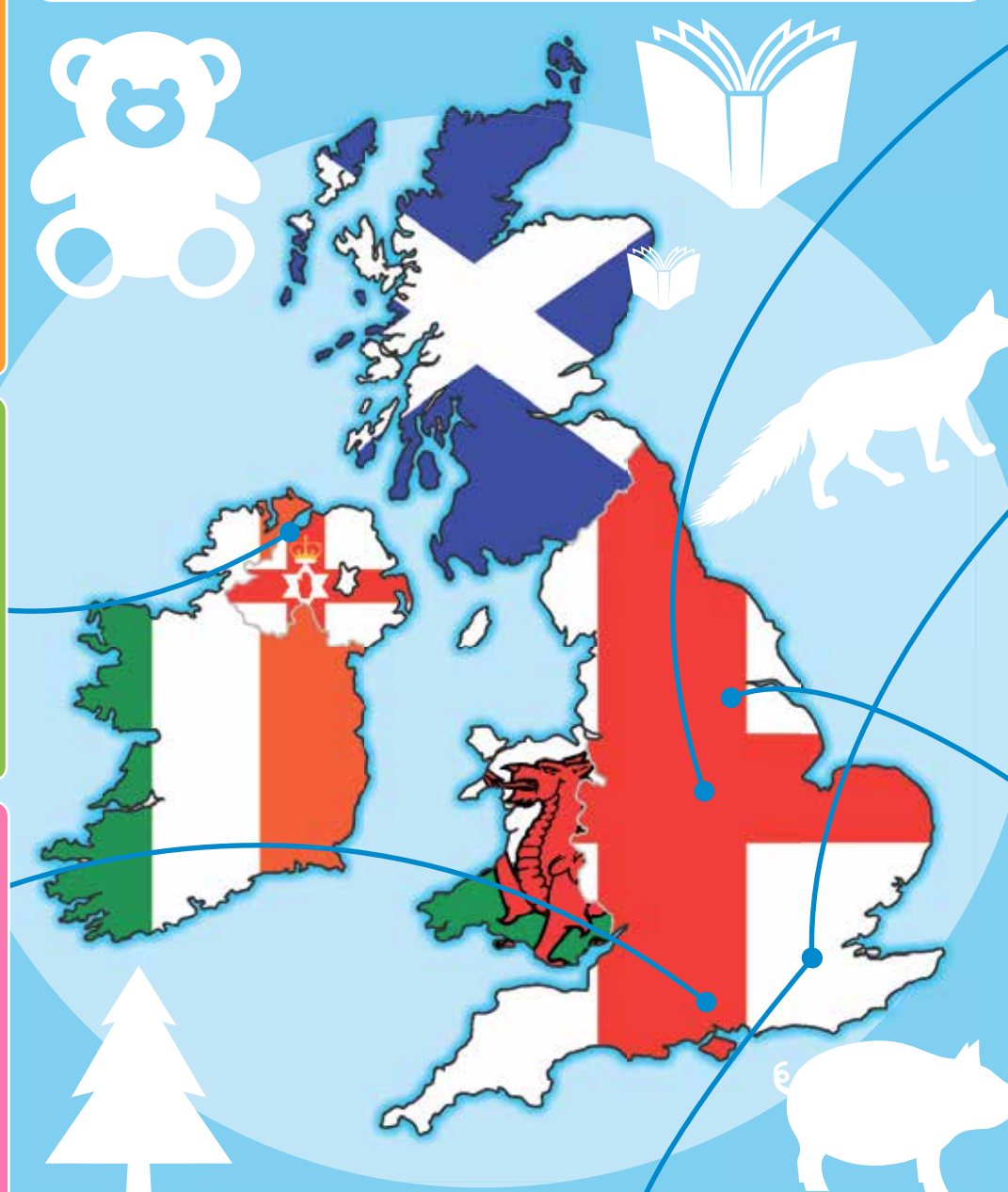
A head teacher in Loughborough has decided to stop giving out school reports. Our Lady's Convent School scrapped them because they say they make pupils feel insecure and often weren't honest. Instead they have a new system which features a short series of targets and grades.

COUNTY DONEGAL Oyster protection

Plans have been submitted for four new pools where threatened Lough Foyle oysters can breed. The pools would be built at an unused site in Muff. Numbers of the local oysters have dropped dramatically in the last 100 years.

WINCHESTER Christmas kindness

Winchester's Christmas lights were turned on by *Big Issue* seller Kev Collick, after an online campaign by residents. Winchester's Business Improvement District picked Kev after seeing hundreds of nice messages about him online. They said the event raised thousands for homeless charities.



LONDON Fox on tour

A cheeky fox has gone on a tour of London on an open-top bus. The RSPCA was called by Big Bus Tours when a fox was spotted sitting on the top deck of one of their open-top double-decker buses. Luckily they managed to catch the creature, and released him back into the wild.

YORKSHIRE Pigs move in

Two rare pigs have moved into their new home at Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Trish and Troy the Visayan warty pigs are part of an international programme to support the species, which is critically endangered. The forest-dwelling pigs are now extinct in 98% of their former range in the Philippines.



LONDON Santa dash

A sea of Santas will be descending on Clapham Common on 3 December for the London Santa Dash. The event is in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, and people running the 5k and 10k courses will raise vital money for seriously ill children.



NEWS IN NUMBERS



6 m is the height of this year's Christmas tree inside Windsor Castle. The Nordmann fir tree was sourced from Windsor Great Park.

300 miles is how far Fudge the cat travelled after hitching a lift in a van. The funny feline travelled all the way from Newquay to St Albans.

10,000 pounds is how much a collection of ancient gold coins found in Chelmsford could be worth. The hoard is thought to have been buried with an Anglo-Saxon king nearly 1,500 years ago.

50,000 horseshoes were used to make an epic sculpture of a dragon. The 17.8-tonne beast can be found at The Sculpture Park in Surrey. The owners are applying to see if it breaks the world record for the largest horseshoe sculpture.

220 m is the length of the 'fast lane' launched at Lakeside shopping centre in Essex for speedy shoppers.

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

SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP

50 YEARS OF HEART SAVING

VISITORS to the Science Museum can join our celebration of a historic milestone in medicine: the first successful human-to-human heart transplant.



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Fifty years ago, on 3 December 1967, South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard shocked the world by successfully placing Denise Darvall's heart into Louis Washkansky's chest.



Our new display looks at heart transplants then and now, with

stories told by people who have received a human heart, together with objects that make heart transplants possible.

This free display at the Science Museum in London is now open.



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DID YOU KNOW?

A PILL that can tell your doctor if you've taken it or not has been approved for use in America. The medicine contains an electronic sensor that activates once it touches fluids in the tummy. This sends a message to a patch the patient wears on their skin, which in turn alerts a smartphone app that informs the doctor that the pill has been taken.

STAR TREK BOMBER



The B-2 Spirit, a US stealth bomber. The B-21 will be even more stealthy



A Klingon from Star Trek

by Eddie de Oliveira

THE United States Department of Defense is planning to introduce Star Trek-style 'invisible' planes that cannot be detected by radar, a detection system that uses radio waves.

American engineers have been asked to come up with bat-shaped bombers and refuelling aircraft that can 'cloak' themselves to escape enemy radar, just like Romulan and Klingon alien spaceships in the sci-fi series, Star Trek. The alien races in the TV show developed a powerful energy screen that could make their spacecraft invisible to sensors.

What seemed like science fiction may now become science reality, as the new generation of bat-shaped B-21 bombers are being developed at a US Air Force base in the Californian desert. Around 100 of the bombers will be built at a cost of \$550 million (£413 million) each.

The Russians are leading the way with invisible aircraft. Their aircraft can vanish from radar, and their air force use super-sensitive radars that have a range of up to 340 miles (547km). Earlier this year, the first Russian stealth fighter, the Sukhoi Su-57 – nicknamed Ghost – was unveiled.

So how will the B-21 planes become 'invisible'? The trick is to fool radar detectors into thinking the plane is not there, or is in a completely different, false location. To do this, American scientists are working on a highly advanced material for the frame of the B-21 bombers that can absorb radio waves. They also want to introduce a cooling system that would reduce the plane's heat, helping it avoid detection by heat sensors.

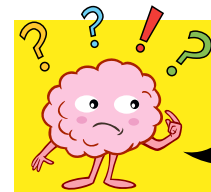
NUCLEAR LEAK ALERT

ENVIRONMENTAL charity Greenpeace has called for an urgent investigation into a possible cover-up of a very serious nuclear leak in Russia.

Levels of ruthenium-106, a dangerous radioactive element, were found to be nearly 1,000 times above normal levels last month.

On 10 November, French scientists said they had detected increased levels of nuclear substances in the atmosphere above France, thought to have originated in Russia. At first, the Russian nuclear agency denied being responsible. Now, authorities have admitted the ruthenium reached "all European countries starting in Italy and toward the north of Europe".

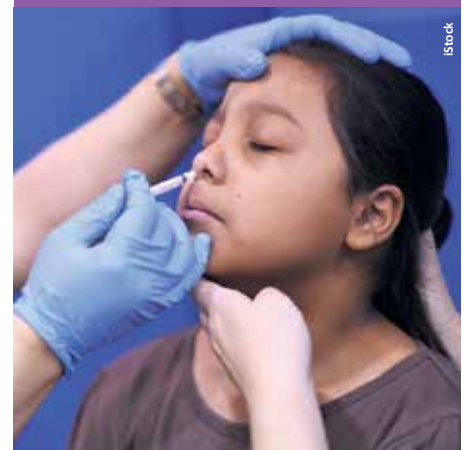
The highest levels of Ru-106 were found near a facility that processes nuclear fuel waste, but the plant denied it was the source of the leak, and said that, in any case, the levels presented "no threat at all to health". Greenpeace Russia thinks there may have been a cover-up, and has demanded an investigation.



DID YOU KNOW?

RESEARCH from Cambridge University has shown that it's better to get injured in the day than at night! Genes in a skin cell switch on during the day, helping wounds to heal 60% faster in the daytime compared with night.

KIDS' FLU WARNING



THE National Health Service (NHS) has called on parents to get the flu vaccine for their kids before Christmas.

The idea is to prevent kids spreading the virus to elderly relatives over the holiday period. Flu can be a serious illness for the very young, the very old, and people with serious health problems, such as cancer or heart conditions.

Children can pick up the flu virus at schools and nurseries, where germs spread very easily.

Kids aged 2-3 can get the vaccine free on the NHS through their local doctor. Children in reception class and primary school years 1-4 can also get the vaccine, which is sprayed up the nose and is described by the NHS as "quick, easy and painless".

Professor Keith Willett of NHS England said: "Last year, millions of people missed out on their free vaccination and yet it's one simple, common-sense step to help us all stay healthy this winter."

There's less than a month to go until Christmas, yet only 18% of school-age kids have had the vaccine so far. To find out more, your parents can speak to your doctor or school nurse.

USA



Siren tests return after 30 years

In Hawaii, during the Cold War, residents were used to monthly tests of sirens, which warned that a Russian missile could be on its way. Thirty years later and the sirens will sound again, in preparation for a potential missile launch from North Korea. The siren tests are being added alongside the already existing monthly siren tests for hurricanes, tsunamis and other natural disasters.



FRANCE



A tiger in Paris

Activists have called for a ban on animals performing in French circuses, following the death of a tiger called Mevy. The tiger escaped its cage and made its way into the Paris streets. Her owner, Eric Bormann, then shot and killed Mevy. According to Bormann, the public would have been in danger, and he didn't have time to tranquillise Mevy.



CHINA

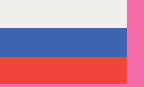


The toilet revolution

President Xi Jinping has said that China should push to construct more clean toilets in rural areas, as part of its so-called 'toilet revolution'. The president said that increasing the quality of public toilets and facilities helps improve the lives of people in rural areas, as well as boosting tourism. China plans to install or upgrade another 64,000 toilets at tourist destinations before 2020.

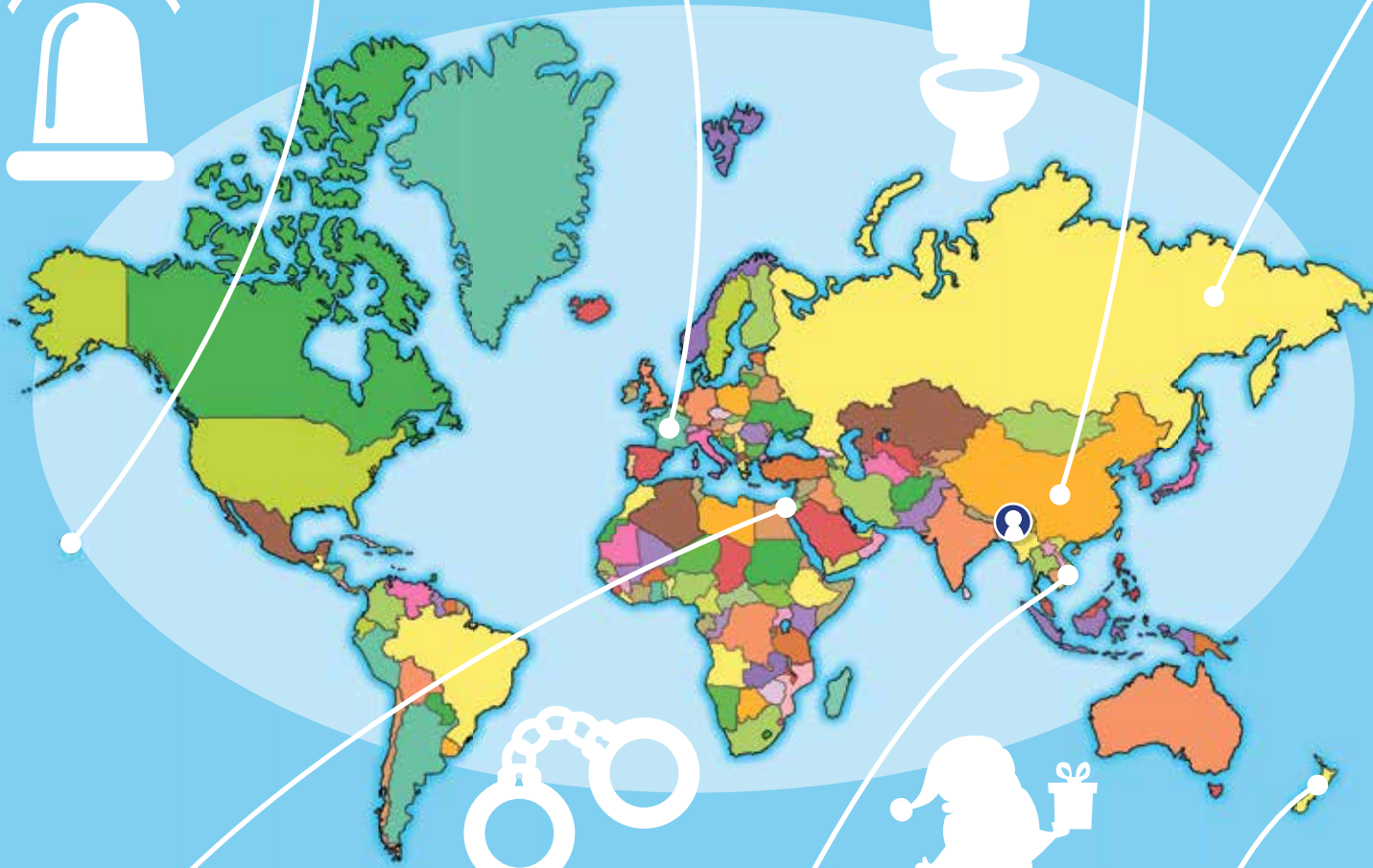


RUSSIA



Bear bears arms

A 57-year-old Siberian hunter momentarily left his cabin to get some water from a nearby stream. On his return, he heard growls coming from his cabin – before spotting a bear heading out and wandering away through the woods. Quietly, the hunter returned to the cabin to reach for his gun bag, only to find that the bear had stolen it! The man spent several days searching the area for the weapons, but the bear had vanished with them.



EGYPT



Mosque bombing

Roughly 40 gunmen have attacked the al-Rawda mosque in Sinai, killing at least 305 people and injuring more than 125. Local residents quickly responded, bringing wounded people to hospitals in their own cars and trucks, and even taking up weapons to fight back. While no group claimed responsibility for the attack, it's thought that it was the work of Islamic State. It is the second deadliest terrorist attack of 2017, after the bombing in Mogadishu, Somalia.

VIETNAM



Reporter jailed

Last year, a Taiwan-owned steel factory spilled dangerous chemicals across a 120-mile stretch of coastline, killing marine life and making people ill. A 22-year-old blogger, Nguyen Van Hoa, reported on the effects of the spill and produced videos about the protests held against the company. He has been sentenced to seven years in prison for posting reports on the disaster.



NEW ZEALAND



Countrywide Secret Santa!

Thousands of New Zealanders have signed up for a nationwide game of Secret Santa. Everyone who has signed up will randomly be assigned to another New Zealander, who they have to anonymously give a gift to. Even their new PM, Jacinda Ardern, has got involved.



OUR WORLD



- **Name:** Suborna
- **Age:** Eight
- **Lives:** Bangladesh

SUBORNA had cataracts in her eyes and couldn't see the board at school.

Before Suborna's operation, her father said: "Her eyes are rolling and she cannot focus on things. She cannot read properly and she has to use her hands." After the surgery, Suborna said: "I am feeling well. I can see better than before the operation. Previously I couldn't see clearly. Now I can see more clearly. I am feeling happy..."

Sightsavers, supported by the UK Government, has launched a final push towards providing a million cataract operations. The Million Miracles UK Aid Match appeal supports projects in Pakistan, Bangladesh and elsewhere.

Visit www.millionmiracles.org.



TURTLE POWER!



TWENTY-FIVE royal turtles have been returned to the wild in Cambodia.

The southern river terrapin (also known as the royal turtle) is one of the world's 25 most endangered tortoises or freshwater turtles. The species only lives in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand and there are fewer than 500 left in the wild. The species is known in Cambodia as the royal turtle because eggs used to be considered a delicacy protected by the king.

After checking to make sure they are healthy, Cambodia's Fisheries Administration, the Wildlife Conservation Society, Wildlife Reserves Singapore and the Turtle Survival Alliance released the 25 reptiles back into the Sre Ambel river system – the only place in Cambodia where this species is found. The turtles were fitted with transmitters so that researchers can track them and make sure they are okay.

CURIOUS CAT

THE Royal Zoological Society in Scotland is helping with work in Mongolia to find out more about a very shy cat called the Pallas's cat.

Pallas's cats are one of the least-studied cats in the world. They are short, stocky cats, mainly grey/brown in colour with dark spots on the head and a dark-ringed tail which helps them to blend into their rocky and grasslands habitats, which span from Iran in the west to China and Mongolia in the east. RZSS has been working with local communities as part of the Pallas's Cat International Conservation Alliance to find out more about the cats and the threats they face in the wild. They also hope to raise awareness of the species.



HERO HOUND

LAST week we told you about Mali, the amazing Special Forces dog who won an award for bravery, and now we want to introduce you to another very special pup.

Meet Rescue, a service dog who has been named Dog Of The Year at an awards ceremony in America. Rescue was honoured by animal charity ASPCA for how much he has helped Boston Marathon bombing survivors Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes. Jessica became a double amputee as a result of the bombing in 2013 and Rescue offers her lots of support. He opens doors and fetches objects, as well as being able to call for emergency help if it's needed. What a top dog!



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NEW NEWT



CONSERVATIONISTS at Chester Zoo have bred one of Europe's rarest amphibians.

The Catalan newt, also known as the Montseny brook newt, is from the Montseny mountain range in northeastern Catalonia. Twelve newts have hatched at Chester Zoo, where experts are working to make sure they survive so that they can be released into the wild and help save the species from extinction.

HOW TO BUILD A LEGO GAME!

WE joined Arthur Parsons, the Head of Design at Traveller's Tales (the team behind the many brilliant LEGO games!), for the launch of their latest game, *LEGO Marvel Super Heroes 2*, where we got the scoop on what it takes to assemble a LEGO game.

There have been over 20 LEGO games, and Arthur has worked on most of them! But when you've made so many LEGO games, how do you keep the formula fresh? "We have to make 100 improvements for people to notice just one!" he says "Technologically, underneath the hood, there's so much going on: LEGO you can break, objects you can move, and all sorts of crazy characters that need to all move uniquely."

Plus, they've all got bigger over time! When coming to a new LEGO game, they always start the same way: "It's a blank bit of paper," Arthur explains. "We have to decide which characters to include and which ones to not. Plus, there's so much research. My mum and dad are like: 'What did you do at work?' And I'll be like: 'Oh, I read comics for nine hours!'"

And Arthur's advice if you want to one day work on your own games? "Play games! Good and bad. Play the bad ones and think about how they could be good."



MONOPOLY FOR NINTENDO SWITCH (SWITCH)

PLAY Monopoly anywhere, with this virtual version of the hit board game. Up to six players can join in, and for quick Monopoly blasts, there are brand-new ways to play.

If you've ever played Monopoly before, you'll have an idea of how *Monopoly For Nintendo Switch* plays, as it's not very different from the board game!

There are a few cool updates to the game which make it stand out against its board game counterpart, like the living boards. When playing on these, buildings appear as you purchase them, and adding houses or hotels will change their appearance in the game.

The different goals you can add to shake up Monopoly add some variety to the game, and by completing various tasks you can unlock some new tokens to use when playing.

There's not much to distinguish *Monopoly for Switch* from the board game, but if you've been looking for a way to play Monopoly on the go, then the Switch version might be your answer!

JUST THE JOB

Sponsored feature

HELEN KIMBER

Hotel general manager

IN our series of interviews and online films, you'll meet lots of different people with lots of different jobs! While we were on board P&O Cruises Britannia, we spoke to the woman who has the huge job of running the hotel services on board, which means keeping more than 3,600 passengers happy!

What I do

I'm the hotel general manager on board Britannia.

How I got my job

I have worked in the cruise industry for 19 years; 17 years with Princess Cruises and two years with Carnival UK. I applied for my position on the Carnival UK Careers At Sea website.

What I love about my job

I'm a people person, so meeting and interacting with so many different people every day is why I love my job. I also get to visit the world and explore different countries while doing my job, which is great.



What's difficult about my job

Britannia is P&O Cruises' largest ship, with up to 3,647 guests to look after on each cruise. I have to make sure each one of these guests has the very best holiday experience. This entails meticulous attention to detail on my part, from ensuring all the cabins are immaculate, all the lounges, bars and rooms on the ship look beautiful, the sun beds are put out, the entertainment and activities run as planned, the restaurants are top quality, the crew are happy and (hopefully) the sun shines! It's a big job but it is hugely rewarding. We are creating unforgettable holiday happiness.

What skills I need

When I started at sea I started in a position called the Junior Assistant Purser and worked on the reception desk. The role required an understanding of customer service and cash handling. Over the course of my career

I have been very fortunate to have covered many positions, which has increased my knowledge and understanding of the cruise business and has supported me in my progression to hotel general manager.

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

I would start off working in a customer service role and see if they enjoy working with other people. Once they know this is something they enjoy, then there are many courses in hospitality that would support them in this career. [See the careers website at www.carnivalukcareers.co.uk for more information, and to read about the other jobs you can do with P&O Cruises].

How my job could change in the future

I think that there will be more technology in the cruise industry, which will see a change in how we operate and run our ships, but ultimately the job will remain very much about people and service standards.

To see Helen talking about her job and to find out what goes into running the hotel on board Britannia, see our latest Just The Job film at first.news/hotel.



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First News Christmas Special

EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW
WITH TONY
ROSS AND
MICHAEL
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Exclusive cover designed by **Tony Ross**

FUN XMAS PIC!



FIRST we had the cronut (a croissant mixed with a doughnut), and now we have the mince pie croissant!

Say hello to this year's unusual festive treat, created by French bakery, PAUL. The mince pie croissant fuses some of our favourite foods together – a croissant and mincemeat made with currants and sultanas. Mmm! It's already making our mouths water!

BIGGEST TREE



WOW!

IMAGINE rockin' around this giant Christmas tree at Wakehurst in West Sussex!

This is the UK's tallest living Christmas tree, which is the same size as three double-decker buses!

The giant redwood tree measures an impressive 37 metres tall and took workers eight hours to decorate. It's been decked out with a whopping 1,800 LED lights for the festive season.

The tree is about 124 years old and is so big that apparently pilots can see it when they're flying in to Gatwick Airport.



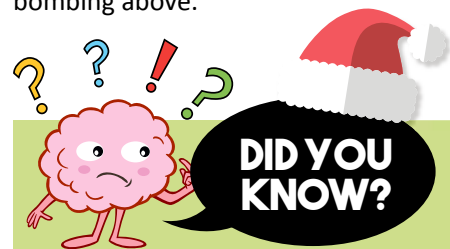
WWII XMAS

FANCY going back in time to celebrate Christmas this year?

That's exactly what Dover Castle in Kent is doing, as it's transporting people back to World War Two!

The castle is set to recreate Christmastime during the war, with a vintage tea dance, a Home Front display and WW2 falconry.

Visitors will also get to experience Christmas underground in the shelter of the tunnels. People used to celebrate in shelters to avoid the bombing above.



MANY foods and household items were rationed during the war, so home-made gifts and decorations were very popular.

QUICK CHUCKLES



Q: Who delivers presents to cats?

A: Santa Paws!

Q: What kind of music do elves like best?

A: Wrap music!



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HA!

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

RECORD OF THE WEEK

MOST BALLOONS BLOWN UP IN ONE HOUR – INDIVIDUAL



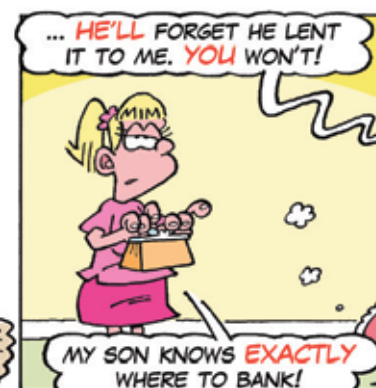
OFFICIALLY AMAZING

The most balloons blown up in one hour by an individual is 910, and was achieved by Hunter Ewen (USA), at the Wild Basin Lodge and Event Center in Allenspark, Colorado, USA on 4 September 2015.

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

PAPER BOY!

Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



THE INDOOR CITY RUN BY KIDS!



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

COOL CAREERS

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



REAL PLAY

Each activity at KidZania is developed to teach young people essential life skills, including teamwork, independence and financial literacy. The indoor city is designed to be fun and challenging, giving you the chance to explore different shops, areas and job roles. It'll also get you thinking about what you might want to be in the future.



WHAT WILL YOU FIND AT KIDZANIA?

- Bank
- Chocolate factory
- Engineering centre
- Hospital and A&E
- Hotel
- Newspaper
- Police department
- Radio station
- Supermarket
- Veterinary surgery

WHERE TO FIND US

You can find KidZania in Westfield London, Shepherd's Bush. Spanning across 75,000 square feet (7,000m²), it is a real-life interactive experience for 4 to 14-year-olds.

TEACHERS!

BRING YOUR CLASS TO OUR CAREERS FAIR AT KIDZANIA LONDON FROM 17-19 JANUARY 2018

KidZania wants to help teachers take the experience of learning further by allowing schoolchildren to connect with industry professionals and to be inspired within a safe, immersive and empowering environment.

The January 2018 careers fair will include:

- Career talks in the KidZania theatre
- Meet and greets with real-life professionals. Previous talks from our amazing list of partners have included British Airways, Roland, Dorsett, Al Jazeera, Global Radio, Cadbury, Hamptons and many more
- Goodies and information to take away. Students will get the chance to speak with experts in their field. From pilots to surgeons and reporters, KidZania's careers fair will offer a fun and informative insight into the world of work.

JOIN THE KIDZANIA ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 2018

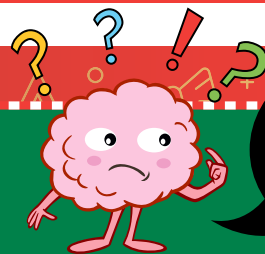
This year the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge, the UK's largest enterprise and employability competition, partnered with KidZania to launch the KidZania Challenge across schools.

- Pupils work on real-life business challenges set by some of the UK's leading businesses
- Open to pupils aged 11-15, students will work in teams to develop a new KidZania activity for their age group
- The winning team will represent their school at the National Finals on 4 July 2018, judged by Dragons' Den star Theo Paphitis, KidZania and other high-profile judges.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BOOKING A 2018 CAREERS FAIR VISIT OR TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S KIDZANIA CHALLENGE, ASK YOUR TEACHER TO VISIT WWW.KIDZANIA.CO.UK OR CALL 0330 131 3335

FESTIVE FOOD!

THE grub is one of our favourite things about the festive season, but we know not everyone loves mince pies and Christmas pudding. Why not try these festive recipes to get you and your family in the mood for Christmas?



DID YOU KNOW?

GINGERBREAD houses are a common sight at this time of the year. It's thought that they originated in Germany during the 16th century. They became more popular after the Brothers Grimm wrote the story of Hansel and Gretel, who stumble upon a house made of gingerbread.



Cupcake Christmas tree

THIS Christmas tree made from cupcakes is a great alternative to traditional Christmas cake. It also makes sharing it out a LOT easier. We made our own cupcakes (recipe right), but you could use shop-bought ones if you're short on time.

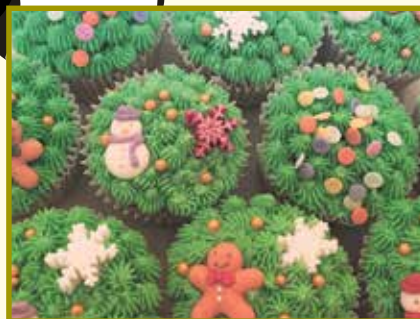
Shopping list:

For the cupcakes (makes 12)

- 175g unsalted butter (softened)
- 175g self-raising flour
- 175g caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence/vanilla bean paste
- 3 eggs

To decorate:

- 125g unsalted butter (at room temperature)
- 250g sifted icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence/vanilla bean paste
- red and green gel food colour
- a small star-tip piping nozzle and piping bags
- gold sugar balls, gingerbread men, edible glitter and any other decorations you want. We bought ours from the supermarket.



What to do:

1. Heat oven to 170°C/fan 160°C/gas 3 and put your cupcake cases into a cupcake tin so they're ready.
2. Beat the butter and sugar together until pale and creamy. Using an electric whisk, this should take around five minutes. By hand it will take longer. You'll know it's ready when it's changed colour. Then beat in the vanilla.
3. Slowly add the eggs one at a time, mixing in well. If it starts to look a bit slimy, add a tablespoon of the flour.
4. When all the eggs are mixed in, slowly mix in the flour until you get a smooth batter.
5. Spoon the mixture evenly into the cases and cook in the oven for 20-25 minutes.
6. Leave to cool completely before decorating.
7. To make the icing, beat the butter and icing sugar together using an electric whisk. Keep beating until it's smooth and creamy, which should take around 10 minutes. Then put a small amount of the icing in another bowl.
8. Add the red food gel to the small bowl of icing. Add a drop at a time, mixing as you go until you get the colour you want.
9. Add the green gel to the large bowl of icing. Add it drop by drop, mixing well until you get the colour you want.
10. Use the piping bag to pipe small "star" shapes onto the top of each cake (two red, the rest green). To do this, place the piping bag vertically above the cake. Squeeze out a small amount of icing, then lift the piping bag up. It may take a bit a practice to get it right. You'll need to use a different piping bag for each colour.
11. When iced, decorate how you like.
12. Display your cakes in a tree shape and impress all of your family and friends with your creation!



Stay safe

ALWAYS get an adult to help you when using electric mixers and a hot oven.



Gingerbread biscuits

IT wouldn't be Christmas without gingerbread. This easy recipe can be used to make any shape biscuit you want – we made snowflakes, trees and people. They're a bit softer than some ginger biscuits and not too gingery either!

Shopping list:

- 350g plain flour
- 125g butter
- 175g light soft brown sugar
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 tbsp golden syrup
- Biscuit cutters
- Icing pens and decorations (optional)



What to do:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas 6. Put the sugar, golden syrup and butter in a saucepan. Heat slowly until melted and bubbling gently. Lower the heat and simmer for around a minute. Then set aside to cool for ten minutes.
2. Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Once it has cooled, add the syrup and the egg. Stir until it forms a dough.
3. Knead the dough (still in the bowl) until it forms a streak-free ball. It may be a bit sticky at this stage.
4. Wrap the dough in cling film and chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. Remove the dough 5-10 minutes before you want to use it.
5. Prepare a work surface to roll out your biscuit dough. Dust lightly with flour to stop the dough sticking.
6. Roll the dough out to a thickness of around a £1 coin. Using shaped biscuit cutters, cut out your shapes. Roll any offcuts up, knead together and then roll out to make more biscuits. Repeat this until all your dough is used.
7. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Spread your biscuits out on the tray, leaving a gap between each one to allow them to rise.
8. Cook in the oven for eight minutes, then leave to cool completely.
9. When cool, use your icing pens to decorate. Whether you make a snowman, Santa or something completely different, it's totally up to you!

“THERE’S SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE AIR”



Illustrations by Tony Ross

ONE of the UK’s top authors has teamed up with one of the UK’s top illustrators for a re-telling of the festive classic, *A Christmas Carol*. We chatted to author Michael Rosen and illustrator Tony Ross about their version, which is called *Bah! Humbug!* Tony also designed the incredible front cover of our festive pullout (see p11).

■ What made you want to adapt this classic book?

Michael: I think that *A Christmas Carol* is a great book, but some of the language is a bit hard for young people today. I think that one way to help people into the book is to give them an adaptation as a kind of bridging point to the real thing.

■ How different is yours to the Charles Dickens version?

Michael: I’ve abridged [shortened] the original and turned it into a play. Where Dickens describes Scrooge’s thoughts, I’ve made these Scrooge’s ‘lines’ in the play. Then within this play, there is the story of a family, who in some ways are similar to some of the characters in *A Christmas Carol*. There is also a bit of banter going on between the children putting on the play.

■ What was it like working together on this project?

Michael: Tony is a wonderful, clever, funny person. I love what he ‘sees’ with his pen. He can express emotion and thought with a single line and I’m always keen to tell him all this.

Tony: Michael is one of the nicest guys on the planet; enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and a joy to work with.

■ When working on a project like this, where do you start?

Michael: This was a talking, writing, talking, talking process. If I work on a project, it’s my job to take on board what the editors want. To write this is a special job that means co-operating with several people to make sure that it comes out right for everyone concerned. The main part of the writing process was for me to sit in the publisher’s office [Scholastic] and write sections, send them across to the editor, discuss them, write more, discuss these and so on until we got to the end. It reminded me of what I’ve heard about how scriptwriters in Hollywood work.

Tony: I start by reading the text. Next, I draw the main characters, then start at the beginning and finish at the end.



■ Do you have a special place where you like to work?

Michael: I like writing in my office, but so long as I can find a space to concentrate – the kitchen, on a train, or in Scholastic’s offices – then I’m happy!

Tony: My studio, at home.

■ In the new story, Harry Gruber is about to star in his school production of *A Christmas Carol*. Were you ever in a school play or performance?

Michael: Oh yes, I was! My favourite was in a production of *Much Ado About Nothing* where I played an insignificant character called Conrad. Even so, as I was one of the youngest in the cast, it was a thrill to be acting alongside the sixth formers, who I thought were all clever, wise, and good looking. I was 100% sure I would become an actor!

Tony: I was in most of my school plays. I was at a boys’ school and, being of slight build, I always played the girls or women. Funnily enough, nobody took the mickey!



■ If you had to be visited by a ghost, would you prefer the ghost of Christmas past, present or future?

Michael: I spend a lot of time thinking about my past, so I think I’ll have the future one, please. Like most people, I’m intrigued by what people will make of me when I’m gone. The ghost might tell me!

Tony: Oh, the future. I have had all the presents from the other two.

■ What do you like best about Christmas?

Michael: I love chestnut stuffing and Christmas pud.

Tony: I love what Christmas does to everybody around me. There is something special in the air. Anticipation.

■ What’s on your wish list this year?

Michael: Arsenal to get their act together.

Tony: That it is as good as all the others, and we have snow. Also, lots of Jelly Babies!



■ What can we expect from you in 2018?

Michael: More books, more school visits, more teaching at Goldsmiths, University of London, and more broadcasts on Radio 4! Apart from that, not much.

Tony: Some unusual books and, hopefully, another trip to Disneyland!



Bah! Humbug! by Michael Rosen and Tony Ross is out now.

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GET ready for some festive fun with th

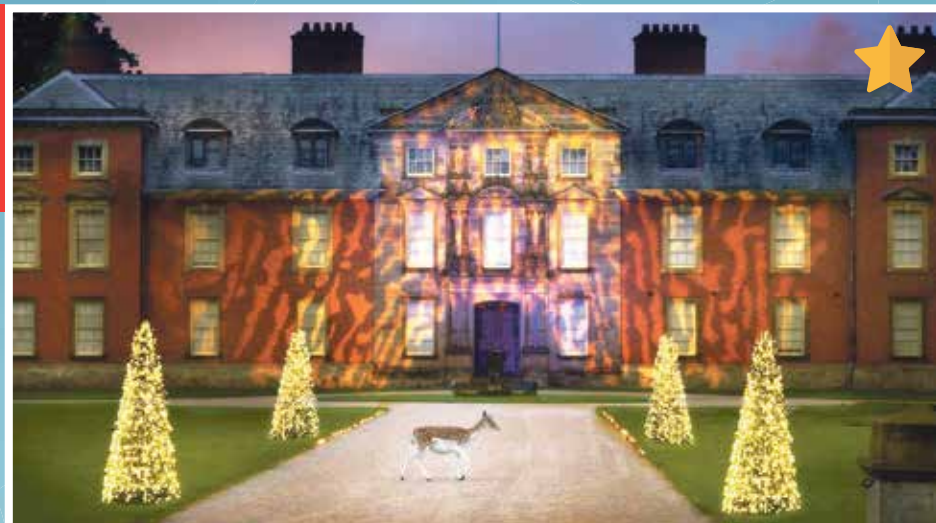


GO TO LAPLAND (WITHOUT LEAVING THE COUNTRY!)

Help the elves make toys, decorate gingerbread with Mother Christmas, write letters at the elves' post office, go ice skating and of course meet the big man himself, Father Christmas, in a magical three-and-a-half-hour experience at Lapland UK in Ascot.

FOLLOW THE TRAIL

The Christmas trail at Dunham Massey, Manchester, has over 100,000 lights and 22 individual scenes that lead visitors through the gardens of the Georgian house. There's even a Selfie Station by the Wishing Tree!



HEAD TO HOGWARTS

The Warner Bros Studio Tour London is getting a magical makeover this Christmas for *Hogwarts In The Snow*. You can see sets from the *Harry Potter* movies dressed for the festive season and the Great Hall decorated for the Yule Ball, as seen in *Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire*. You can also learn some movie magic as you discover how film-makers created fire, ice and snow that never melts.



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SEE ELSA LET IT GO... ON ICE!

Disney On Ice presents *Passport To Adventure* is touring the UK this winter and is at the O₂ in London from 20-30 December. The spectacular ice show will take you to the magical worlds of *The Lion King*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Peter Pan* and *Frozen*.

Go to [first.news/disneyonice](https://www.first.news/disneyonice) to have a sneaky peek behind the scenes of the show.



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These fantastic Christmassy days out!

LOVE LEGO

Not only can you go on loads of rides at LEGOLAND Windsor Resort this festive season, you can also head to Christmas Land where you can meet Father Christmas and get a LEGO Christmas gift, visit Miniland to see miniature festive additions to London and Scotland, build LEGO Christmas decorations, take part in a LEGO scavenger hunt or head to Mrs Christmas' Toy Shop to build your own LEGO snowflake.



HAVE AN ICE TIME IN LIVERPOOL

The enchanting Liverpool Christmas Ice Festival at Pier Head features the UK's largest ever real ice slide, an open air ice rink and an ice bar where even the tables and chairs are made of ice (children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult to get into the ice bar). Remember to wrap up warm!

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Now in its 11th year, Hyde Park's Winter Wonderland is a Christmas fan's dream. Featuring the UK's largest outdoor ice rink, a Magical Ice Kingdom, Zippos Circus, Giant Observation Wheel, The Sooty Christmas Show, Angels Christmas Market, lots of fun rides, plus the chance to see Father Christmas in Santa Land, it'll take all day to get round everything!



BAG A FESTIVE FIND

Set against the backdrop of Belfast City Hall, the Belfast Christmas Market is full of stands featuring festive food, handcrafted goods and bespoke products. What a great place to start your Christmas shopping.



LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS

Longleat's Festival of Light features thousands of giant Chinese lanterns that transform the estate into a winter wonderland. The festival display has scenes from *Snow White*, *Cinderella* and *Beauty And The Beast* plus a 25.5m Rapunzel's tower and a floating galleon on the lake. There'll also be a giant enchanted and animated Christmas Tree and Santa Trains transporting visitors to see Father Christmas.



LOOK OUT FOR SANTA'S REINDEER

You can go and look for Rudolph and his friends at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge in Staffordshire. Home to England's largest working reindeer herd, there are over 150 reindeer roaming freely across the 30-acre site, which you can visit on certain days over the Christmas period.



CHRISTMAS TV



CHECK out our festive preview of the best things on the box this Christmas...

DOCTOR WHO

Twice Upon A Time will be Peter Capaldi's last turn as the 12th Doctor. This Christmas he's teaming up with the first Doctor for a final adventure before he regenerates into Jodie Whittaker. Rumour has it Jenna Coleman may make an appearance. **BBC1**



THE HIGHWAY RAT

Ex-Doctor Who star David Tennant is voicing a naughty rodent in an adaptation of the Julia Donaldson book, *The Highway Rat*. The half-hour animated special tells the tale of a ravenous rat tearing along the highway in search of treats, which leads him to a sticky end. **BBC1**



STRICTLY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

This year's *Strictly Christmas Special*, starring returning contestants including Kimberley Walsh and Judy Murray, will include a festive feature from inside Buckingham Palace, with a tea dance hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. **BBC1**



CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF

Prue, Paul, Sandi and Noel are returning for two festive *Great British Bake Off* episodes. In each show, four former bakers will return to the tent to go head-to-head in three seasonal challenges. **CHANNEL 4**



RATBURGER

David Walliams' novel *Ratburger* is being brought to life on Sky One. It's about a girl called Zoe who befriends a dancing rat called Armitage, who her stepmother and burger chef Burt want to put in ratburgers. David will star in the show, alongside Sheridan Smith. **SKY ONE**



IT'S CHRISTMAS – LIVE FROM THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

This Christmas concert's all-star line-up is guaranteed to get you feeling festive. Hosted by Jason Manford, the show will feature acts including The Vamps and Fleur East performing Christmas classics. **THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER, SKY ONE**

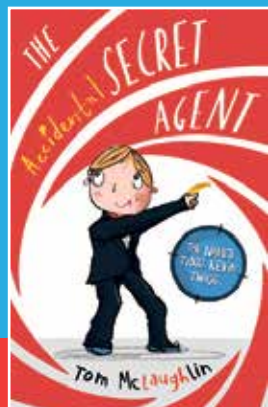


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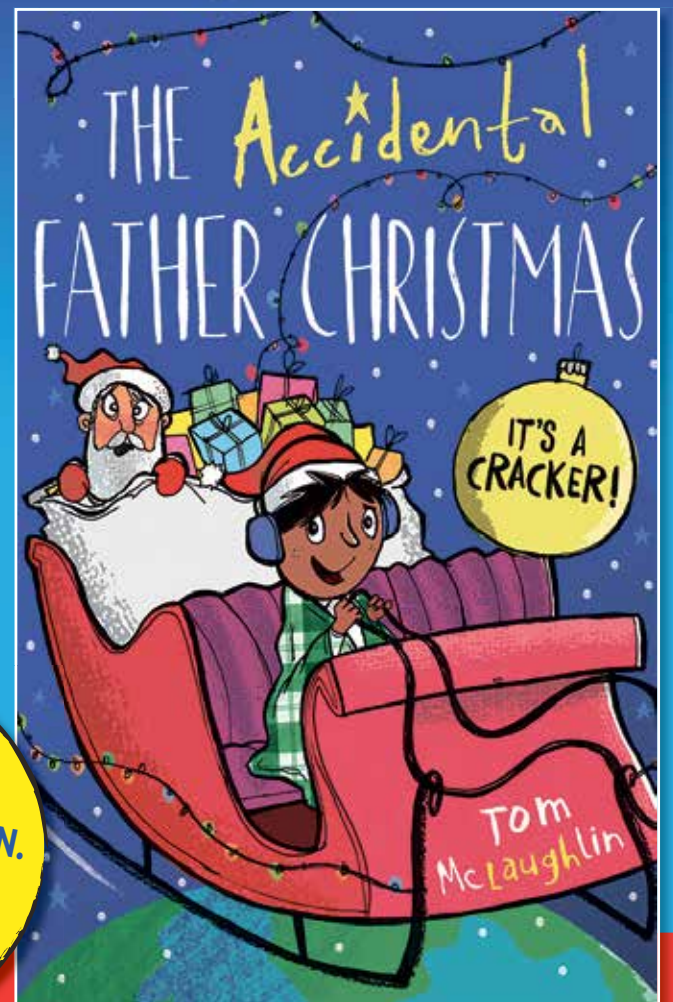
AN Accidental ADVENTURE!

WHAT would you do if you accidentally caught Father Christmas? It's Christmas Eve and Ben is about to find out...

Check out this laugh-out-loud adventure series where children find themselves in the craziest of jobs!



NEW FROM TOM MCLAUGHLIN. FUNNY BY NAME. FUNNY BY NATURE.



UNWRAPPING A CHRISTMAS CAROL



THIS Christmas, the Charles Dickens Museum in London is celebrating and exploring the creation of the classic tale, *A Christmas Carol*. We decided to find out more.

The story

Ebenezer Scrooge is a grumpy old man who is cold-hearted and mean. He also despises Christmas! On Christmas Eve night, he is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet To Come. The ghosts help to show Scrooge the error of his ways, taking him on a journey of discovery. After their visits, he becomes a much kinder and friendlier man.

The author

Charles Dickens was a famous English author who lived between 1812-1870. He is responsible for classic stories such as *Oliver Twist*, *Great Expectations* and *Nicholas Nickleby*.

In 1837, Dickens moved to 48 Doughty Street in London with his family, and it was here where he first achieved international fame.



Festive exhibition

The Charles Dickens Museum is celebrating the famous story with a new exhibition called *A Ghost Of An Idea: Unwrapping A Christmas Carol*.

The exhibition explores the inspiration behind the tale and looks at its success and legacy. There are lots of artefacts from Dickens' life, including hand-tinted pictures by illustrator John Leech for the first edition of *A Christmas Carol* in 1843, first editions of the story and presentation copies that Dickens gave to his friends.

Dickens's rooms will also be dressed for Christmas, with traditional candlelight and decorations.

A Ghost Of An Idea: Unwrapping A Christmas Carol runs from now until 25 February 2018 at 48 Doughty Street, London.



Fun facts

Check out these amazing facts about *A Christmas Carol*.

- It was written in six weeks in the autumn of 1843, to make sure it could be published before Christmas.
- It sold all 6,000 copies in the six days between its release and Christmas Eve that same year, and has never been out of print since!
- The book was inspired by a damning parliamentary report and growing awareness of child poverty.
- It has been made into many movies, including *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and Disney's *A Christmas Carol*.



The Man Who Invented Christmas

Talking of popularity, an exciting new movie inspired by *A Christmas Carol* is hitting cinemas this December. *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is all about how and why Dickens came up with the story.

The Charles Dickens Museum will host the original costumes from the film, as well as examples of its set and costume designs, props and other production material. Among the highlights will be the costumes worn by Dan Stevens, who plays Charles Dickens, and Christopher Plummer, who plays Ebenezer Scrooge.

The film is out in cinemas from today (1 December).



WHAT'S IN THE SHOPS THIS CHRISTMAS?

IF you're stuck for what to buy your loved ones this Christmas, here are a few ideas to help.

THE YOUNGER ONE

RUBIK'S CUBE JUNIOR ANIMAL
ARGOS £9.99

A new kind of challenge for the youngest Rubik's Cube fans. Twist and turn these crazy animals to create wacky, mixed-up characters, then keep twisting and turning until you solve the puzzle and turn them back into their original form.



THE TEEN

SALT WATER FUEL CELL SPIDER KIT
AMAZON.CO.UK £10.82

This toy spider is a clever creepy-crawly, as it doesn't work off batteries or electricity. This spider is fuelled purely by salt water! Once it's ready, simply pop some salt water into the fuel cell and off it goes. It'll wander around for hours!



THE GROWN-UP

IMPOSSIBLE RICE PUZZLE
FIREBOX.COM £19.99

Test your grown-ups' patience with this impossible rice puzzle. You know it's not going to be easy when the puzzle comes with its own spatula and glue, so you can keep your completed puzzle forever. Not only is the rice puzzle made up of 300 almost identical pieces, but it also comes with a set of chopsticks to add an extra challenge. Who will be able to complete it?



THE YOUNGER ONE

LEGO DUPLO SANTA'S WINTER HOLIDAY
JOHN LEWIS £16.48

Bring some Christmas magic to your LEGO DUPLO with Santa's Winter Holiday play set! Fly Santa around in his sleigh and watch the sledding. The set includes three DUPLO figures plus two animal figures, Santa's sleigh, reindeer figure, fir tree, snowman, sledge and a buildable slope.



THE TEEN

POLAROID MAGNETIC FRAMES
FINDMEAGIFT.CO.UK £6.99

These very cool Polaroid magnetic frames will bring a hit of retro nostalgia to your home by displaying digital photo prints in the magnetic frame. In this pack of eight frames you also get a black marker pen so that you can personalise each picture with a message.



THE GROWN-UP

HOOTY SNOWY HEATABLE OWL
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This Hooty Snowy Heatable Owl will keep your grown-up all toasty warm this winter. Simply pop the owl in the microwave for two minutes and the snuggly owl will reward you with a warm and soothing lavender-roma hug.



GIFTS FOR THE PETS

CHRISTMAS REINDEER BIG SQUEAK DOG TOY
PETS AT HOME £6.00

The elves have been busy in the workshop creating the most playful and magical toy range for your pups. What could be better than this Reindeer Big Squeak Dog Toy? With its plush-covered exterior and an added squeak, it's the perfect gift for your furry companion this Christmas.



CUPID & COMET CHRISTMAS WOVEN WONDERS FESTIVE TREE
FETCH.CO.UK £2.99

Made from woven palm leaf, the Cupid & Comet Woven Wonders Festive Tree is the perfect gift for your small pets this Christmas. Ideal for rabbits, hamsters and other small animals who love to chew!



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JOHN LEWIS £10.00

Get your pets involved in the festivities this year with this great kit, featuring lots of seasonal props and disguises for your furry loved ones. Festive photos will never be the same again!



WORDSEARCH

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

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WHAT ON EARTH?

ALL of these are associated with Christmas. Can you guess what they are?



WIN! iFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING

FLY like a superhero this Christmas with iFLY indoor skydiving!

Ever wanted to fly like a superhero? Now you can, thanks to iFLY indoor skydiving!

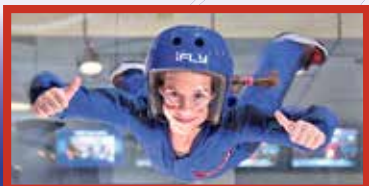
With wind tunnels in Manchester, Milton Keynes and Basingstoke, one lucky winner and family can experience the feeling of freefall as you float on a smooth cushion of air. There's no parachute, no jumping and nothing attaching you to planet Earth!

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One lucky winner will win a Family Flight package, which includes ten flights that can be shared among up to five family members.

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



iFLY centres can be found in how many UK locations?
 a) Seven b) Five c) Three

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ENTER NOW! MARK YOUR ENTRY FLY

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WIN! CHRISTMAS STAMPS

THIS year Royal Mail are welcoming in the festive season with two distinct themes for the Christmas 2017 issue.

Royal Mail have revealed the two winning entries in their 2017 Christmas Stamp Design Competition, which were chosen by HRH the Prince of Wales.

The designs, Santa Claus on his sleigh on a starry night by Ted Lewis-Clark, aged ten, and Snow Family by nine-year-old Arwen Wilson, were chosen from more than 200,000 entries.

Ted's Santa design will appear on the 1st Class Christmas Stamp and Snow Family by Arwen will feature on the 2nd Class Christmas stamp.

15 lucky winners will each win a Christmas 2017 Presentation Stamp Pack.

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



Which of these is one of Santa's reindeer?
 a) Scarlett b) Comet c) Sleepy

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COLOUR YOUR OWN SANTA!

COLOURING is proven to reduce anxiety and help people de-stress, so why not take some time out from your Christmas shopping to colour in this festive picture? It'll help you relax and set you up for a cool Yule!



Words for Life

JOSHUA Seigal is a poet, performer and educator. He recently took his one-man show to the Edinburgh International Book Festival and the Cheltenham Literature Festival. He told us what the best thing about reading is.



“
Learning new words.
My favourite word is
'sesquipedalian', which
means someone who
likes long words!”

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

BOOK REVIEW

CONNIE GLYNN

Undercover Princess
Reviewed by Hattie, aged
nine, Manor House School



I have just finished reading *Undercover Princess* by Connie Glynn, which is the first book in the Rosewood Chronicles.

This book is a great example of friendship and bravery. Two girls, who both attend Rosewood (a normal boarding school) are completely different: one likes her room messy and disorganised, while the other girl's is neat, spotless and she is almost (kind of) perfect. The two girls learn that, even with their different rooms, they are in fact very alike.

I thought that the book was clever because the characters get jumbled up in places as part of the plot, but I could still tell who was who. The author gave me just enough information to follow the story, but she kept me guessing, which was fun.

If you have read *Malory Towers* or the *Scarlet And Ivy* series, then I think you would really enjoy this book, too. I'm already looking forward to the next one in this series!

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WELL DONE TO ALL THE KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS WHO ENTERED THE SUPER SALAD ADVERT COMPETITION. THE JUDGES HAD A TOUGH TIME CHOOSING WINNERS FROM EACH YEAR GROUP. CONGRATULATIONS TO ISABELLE, MAYA, BROOKE & POLINA.

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WONDER-FUL!

TEARJERKING movie *Wonder* tells the story of August (Auggie), a young boy with facial differences and what happens when he starts school for the first time, aged ten. We met up with huge Hollywood stars Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson, plus Jacob Tremblay (who plays the lead role in the movie), when they came to London, to find out more...

■ **Jacob, you spent some time with children who suffer from the same condition as Auggie. Can you tell us a bit about that?**

Jacob: My parents and I were learning about facial differences online and we found a group of children in a kids' hospital in Toronto, so I reached out to them and I asked them if they could send me letters of experiences and tips. Just anything they could share with me or wanted me to know. Later I got back all these letters. I put all the letters in a binder and I had it with me every day on set and I would read it before I did some emotional scenes. And also, before I filmed *Wonder*, I went to a retreat where families of kids who have facial differences get together and just have a good time. They invited our family and I got to go to Florida and I made lots of friends. It was very fun.

■ **You spent a lot of time in make-up to play Auggie, then you had to forget about the make-up to play him. How was that?**

Jacob: It was challenging but I would do it again in a heartbeat.



■ **Julia and Owen, you play pretty cool parents in the film. Do you think you're cool parents in real life and do your kids think you're cool?**

Julia: They're two very different questions because I was going to say we're incredibly cool parents, but would our children say we're cool? I don't know, it would depend on the day.

Owen: That does seem to be part of being a kid, is that at some point you start to roll your eyes at your parents. And sadly with me, it's already begun at six. But I think I'm a pretty cool parent.

■ **Do you ever recall a moment in your life when somebody's kindness has made your day or your kindness has made somebody's day?**

Julia: I think yesterday, that nice man whose birthday it was, who came in and talked to us, he put a smile on our face for the rest of the day. He told us such a sweet story about being at school with a classmate when there was an accident. He was new as a senior and a guy was kind to him. He reached out to the guys four years later and told him that, even four years later, it still means something to him that he was the only person that was truly kind to him. We were all in tears; it was so sweet.

■ **What's your favourite funny moment from behind the scenes?**

Owen: It actually didn't end up being behind the scenes because we used it in the movie. When Julia's character gave me her manuscript and then I give her a present and she opens it – that was behind the scenes, but you got to see her reaction to it in the movie. I was excited that day and had an idea.

Julia: He wasn't supposed to give me any present, so it was pretty funny.



Jacob: Of all the funniest things that happened on set, most of them have to do with Owen and some of them have to do with just us kids messing around. During one scene Owen stubbed his toe and he fell to the ground, which was pretty funny. I don't know why I laughed at him getting hurt, but it was funny.

■ **What advice would you give to someone who is struggling at school and trying to fit in?**

Owen: It's such a great thing what Izabela [who plays Auggie's sister] says in the movie. Maybe you want to say some version of that.

Julia: She says: "It's impossible to blend in when you were born to stand out." But that's so hard to feel when you feel really small in class with giants, or whatever the feeling is!

Wonder is in cinemas now.

THIS WEEK

1 Taylor Swift's *Reputation* has become the fastest-selling album by a female pop singer this year. Taylor sold more than a million copies of the album in a week. She has also announced a UK and Ireland stadium tour, kicking off next June. Tickets are on sale now.



2 Enid Blyton book *The Magic Faraway Tree* is going to be made into a film. The movie, being made by the same production company who did the *Paddington* films, is going to be a live-action adaptation of the book series. The story follows a group of children's adventures at the top of a tree in an enchanted forest.

3 Pixar has released the first trailer for *Incredibles 2*. The sequel to the 2004 film brings back superhero family the Parrs and picks up right where the first movie finished, when baby Jack-Jack revealed he also had superhero powers. Watch it at first.news/incredibles2.



4 Rita Ora crashed the blind auditions for *The Voice Germany* and all four coaches turned around – but none of them recognised her! The singer, who was a coach on *The Voice UK*, sang her own hit *Your Song*, but after the coaches turned around they needed a bit of convincing that it was the real Rita.

SADDLE UP

DISNEY Channel's new show, *Royal Ranch*, starts this week. Here's everything you need to know about it...

- *Royal Ranch* tells the story of Finny, a talented horse rider who agrees to teach horse riding to the mischievous twins of an exotic royal family.
- Mia Jenkins, who was Alex in *The Lodge*, stars as Finny.
- As well as having to deal with the cheeky twins' crazy pranks and odd royal ways, Finny also uncovers a big family secret. Ooh!



Royal Ranch is on Disney Channel, 1 December at 4.55pm

WIN! A SELECTION OF WARNER BROS CHRISTMAS DVDs

FROM dancing penguins to a talking snowman, enjoy some of the most loved kids' films from Warner Bros this Christmas.

Win a bundle of classic titles on DVD from the Christmas collection, including *Happy Feet*, *A Christmas Story* and *Jack Frost*, available on Blu-ray and DVD now.

Three lucky winners will each win a Warner Bros Christmas DVD collection.

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

Mumble loves to dance in *Happy Feet*, but what animal is he?

- a) Penguin b) Elephant c) Lion



FESTIVE FUN ON FIRST NEWS LIVE!



CHECK out our online advent calendar at first.news/kids for a festive treat every morning!

Discover a Christmassy video, gallery, story or surprise every morning on our website every day at 8am right up until Christmas Day.



The fun's already begun! Head to first.news/kids now.

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CAN you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from Lu Over The Wall? Send in your answers and one lucky winner will win a Lu Over The Wall poster and Blu-ray player. Lu Over The Wall brings humans and merfolk together with surprising outcomes. Stunningly presented and all wrapped in a cheery, family-friendly setting, it's in cinemas from 6 December.



WIN! TOTO THE NINJA CAT

CAN you complete our sudoku and fill in the numbers one to nine? Send in your answers and two lucky winners will win a copy of Toto The Ninja Cat And The Great Snake Escape. Toto the cat and her brother Silver live footloose and fancy-free in a townhouse in London. Toto is almost totally blind and learned to trust her senses from a ninja cat-master in Italy, where they were both born.



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WIN! MAPED HELIX COLOR'PEPS BUNDLES

MAPED Helix are giving you the chance to win an exclusive bundle of exciting Color'Peps prizes, to help you put pen to paper and get creative with your pictures this Christmas!



From brightly-coloured pencils and felt pens to fantastic fineliners with exciting stencils, this pack has everything you need to create colourful artwork, whether you're at school or at home.

Ten lucky winners will each win a Maped Helix Color'Peps bundle, including Brush felt tips, Aqua Watercolour pencils, Duo Tip felt tips, Long Life felt tips, Duo colour pencils and Graph'Mania fineliners.

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

For more information, visit www.mapedhelix.co.uk

Scarlet is a shade of...
a) Pink b) Red c) Orange

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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.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the difference: brick is different colour, man has been added, neck tie is larger, extra bricks have been added, nose is larger.

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FirstNews QUIZ

WHAT HAVE WE
LEARNED THIS WEEK?

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

1 Who recently won the Special Award at the BAFTA Children's Awards?

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2 An animal called Fudge travelled 300 miles after hitching a lift in a van. What kind of animal is Fudge?

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3 How tall is the UK's tallest living Christmas tree?

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4 A new Little Miss character has been revealed. What's her name?

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5 Who is the Deputy Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office?

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6 In which year was A Christmas Carol first published?

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7 Which company was founded by Jeff Bezos?

.....

8 Who wrote The Magic Faraway Tree?

.....

(1) Jacqueline Wilson (2) cat (3) 37 metres (4) Little Miss Inventor (5) Steve Wood (6) 1843 (7) Amazon (8) Enid Blyton

FOCUS ON YOU

WORRYING ABOUT APPEARANCE

A LOT of people have mixed emotions about their body image. They have some parts they like, some parts they hate. It's completely normal to compare yourself to the people you see in magazines and social media, and to wish you could have similar features to them.

Sometimes, though, this can become an unhealthy habit. You can begin to pick at every little thing you dislike about yourself and attempt to change it.

You might also be affected by comments from others, such as references to your weight or the way you dress. People may think that they are doing it to help you, but it can sometimes be really hurtful. It might make you want to change the way you look just to please other people, even if it makes you feel uncomfortable.

Unfortunately, a lot of people get bullied for how they look. Young people who are being bullied for their appearance can really feel bad about themselves and sometimes take extreme action to try and change or manage their feelings. Some people can develop eating disorders, such as bulimia or anorexia.

Appreciating yourself and your differences is very important.

Remember that everybody is different in terms of shapes and sizes, and the things that you feel are your imperfections make you who you are. No-one is perfect, even the models you see in your everyday life. A lot of the images on social media may be filtered or changed to make them look better. Lots of celebrities also have a team of people to help them get ready. It's okay to have role models and to say someone is pretty, but you are your own unique person and that is what makes you special.

If you're getting bullied about how your body looks and it's making you uncomfortable, Childline is always there for you.

Written by NSPCC ambassador, Nikita.



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 us on **0800 11 11**.

CHANGING FACES

by Marcus Powell

JUNIOR JOURNALIST

I WAS born with a rare facial cleft, Tessier lip and cleft palate, and so far I've had over 20 operations.

But I don't let this define me or hold me back! I am very lucky as I recently got to attend the premier of *Wonder*, the movie about a boy with a facial disfigurement, with the amazing charity Changing Faces.

The movie was quite emotional, as it is very close to my life so far. One moment my mum and I were crying and then the film had us laughing out loud. The author, RJ Palacio, has written such an insightful book, and the director Stephen Chbosky has made it into the most heartfelt, inspirational movie EVER!

We also got to take part in a global press conference and listen to journalists' questions and answers from the stars, author, director and producers.

I got to meet the film's child star, Jacob Tremblay, and ask him some questions. Someone mentioned to him that I'd had lots of operations and Jacob said: "You're a real tough cookie", which made me smile.

The whole weekend was out of this world. One I won't forget EVER!

Marcus is a young champion for the charity, Changing Faces, which works with young people, their families and schools, providing information and advice, as well as campaigning against discrimination and prejudice.



Marcus with Jacob Tremblay

THINGS I HAVE DRAWN

by Dominic Curtis

JUNIOR JOURNALIST

I LIKE drawing stuff. A couple of years ago, when I was six, my dad decided to turn some of my drawings into pictures using his computer. They looked really funny.

Then he set up an Instagram account called Things I Have Drawn and we started putting my drawings and Dad's funny pictures on the internet.

Last year it all went crazy and lots of people wanted to follow us. Now we have over 120,000 followers. Amazing!

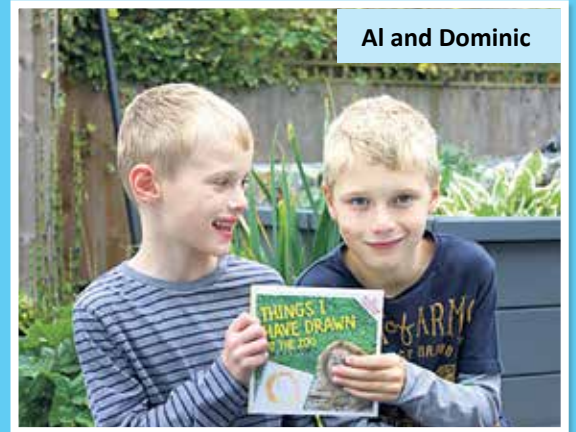
When it went crazy, some newspapers and TV people wanted to talk to us about it, and so I had to go into the TV studios to be interviewed. It was really cool.

A publisher asked if we would like to turn our pictures into a book, which was really exciting. So we have been working hard on new pictures and even my little brother Al has drawn some.

Our book is ready now and it is in loads of bookshops around the country. It's called *Things I Have Drawn At The Zoo*. I can't wait to see it in a shop.

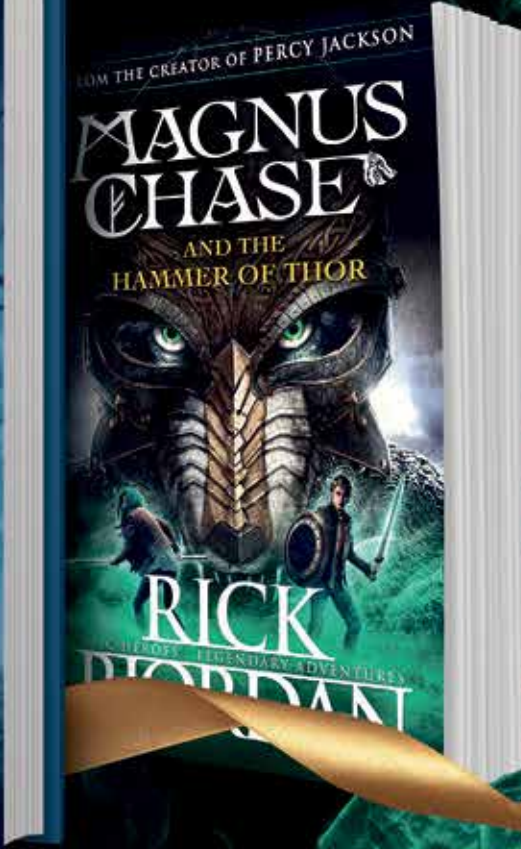
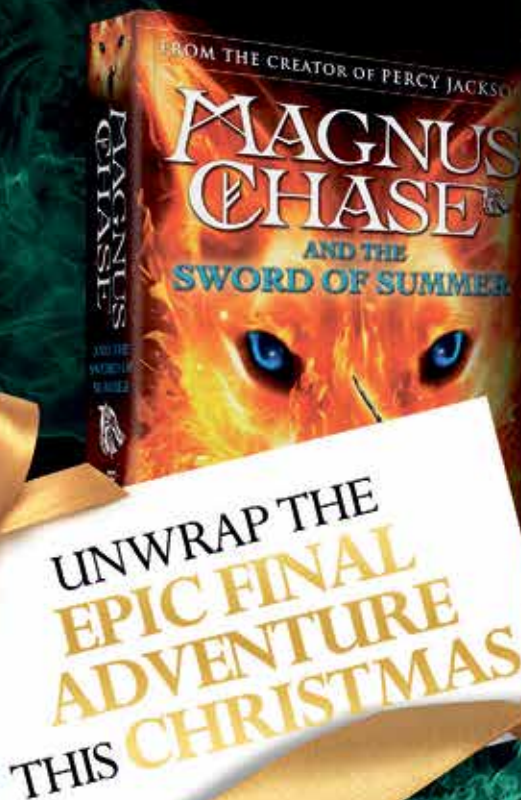
We have even made an advert for the book. Me and my brother and Dad had to go to Soho in London to record our voices in a studio. It was a great day and the advert makes me laugh. It will be on at the cinema.

It has been fun doing the book with Dad. I don't know if we will do another one, as Dad said my drawing is getting too good!



Al and Dominic

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SPORT IN NUMBERS

1995 is the last time England reached the final of the Rugby League World Cup. Tomorrow (Saturday 2 December) they will face hosts Australia in this year's final, after beating Tonga in a 20-18 semi-final thriller. At the Women's World Cup, England were thrashed 52-4 by New Zealand in their semi.



10 tennis Davis Cups have been won by France. The tenth was secured at home after they beat Belgium 3-2 in the final, with Lucas Pouille beating Steve Darcis in the decider. Some 27,000 fans watched the final in Lille.

8 tries were scored by Scotland (below) in their 53-24 win over Australia in rugby union's autumn internationals. The result is the highest points tally and margin of victory ever for the Scots against the Wallabies. Australia fought back from 10-0 down to lead 12-10, before Sekope Kepu was sent off and the game turned around.



363 is Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton's final points tally this season, after he came second at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The Brit, who races for Mercedes, won the title in October. Since then, he has finished ninth, fourth and second in the last three races of the year.



AUSSIES AHEAD

David Warner (right) and Cameron Bancroft of Australia celebrate victory during day five of the first Test

AUSTRALIA beat England by ten wickets in the first Test in Brisbane to take a 1-0 lead in the Ashes.

There are still four matches to go and everything to play for, but history doesn't favour England – they have only lost the first Test in Australia and gone on to win the Ashes on two occasions. This loss was also England's sixth Test defeat in Australia in a row.

Australia finished on 328 all out in their first innings, and 173-0 in the second, while England hit 302 and 195 all out. Australia's star was captain Steve Smith, who scored 141 not out in the first innings. James Vince was England's top

scorer, but was run out on 83 runs in the first innings.

The next Test, a day-night fixture, will begin tomorrow (Saturday 2 December) in Adelaide. Smith said: "The first Test is important and it's nice to get it out of the way but we've got a big ask on our hands at Adelaide."

The Women's Ashes series finished in an 8-8 points draw after England beat the Aussies in the final Twenty20 fixture, but Australia still won the trophy. Danielle Wyatt scored England's first Twenty20 international century.

SILVER HAYES!



Katie Summerhayes in action at the ski slopestyle World Cup

BRITAIN'S Katie Summerhayes scooped a silver medal in the ski slopestyle on a busy weekend for Team GB's Winter Olympic hopefuls.

Summerhayes, who competed at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, produced her best result in nearly four years as she finished second at the ski slopestyle World Cup in Austria. She scored 77.00, just three points behind gold medallist Jennie-Lee Burmansson of Sweden.

Skier Alex Tilley had one of her best-ever races at the FIS Alpine World Cup in the USA. She came ninth after the first

run of the giant slalom, but ended up 21st overall.

At the ski cross Europa Cup in Austria, Brit Emily Sarsfield placed 12th and 15th. At the skeleton World Cup event in Whistler, Canada, Laura Deas finished 11th, and is sixth in the overall standings.

The 2018 Winter Olympics begin on 9 February in PyeongChang, South Korea.

