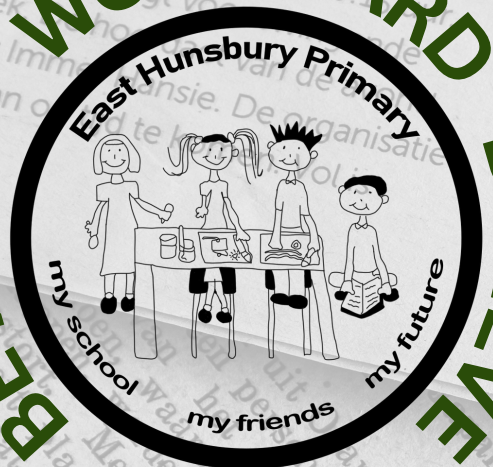


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Flower Festival

In Bulgaria, the town of Kasanlak is considered the heart of the rose valley. Here, conditions are almost perfect for growing beautiful roses. The country grows thousands of roses every year, which are used to make rose oil and rose water. These go on to be used in a range of luxury products, such as skincare and perfume. Around the time of the rose harvesting, usually in early June, Kasanlak and the nearby towns and villages host a flower festival! The process of growing and harvesting roses is a long and arduous one. So, the festival is a celebration of

all the hard work that goes into cultivating these pretty flowers. The roses are very delicate so even slight changes in weather can easily ruin them. The flowers must also be picked before lunchtime to avoid the heat of the sun drying out the precious petals. Three main events make up the festival itinerary - the electing of Queen Rose, the harvesting ritual in the rose gardens and the parade along the streets of the town.



Pictured: Picking roses in the Rose Valley, Bulgaria. **Source:** Canva.

Orca Encounters!

Reports have recently highlighted an issue that orca whales seem to be attacking small boats and fishing vessels off the coasts of Spain, France, Morocco and Portugal. The whales have intentionally collided with nearly 700 boats, causing at least seven of them to sink and damaging many others. While orca are known to work in groups to hunt prey, they are rarely aggressive towards humans, so the behaviour is puzzling for experts. A team of marine biologists has been observing a pod (group) of whales and they are beginning to believe



Pictured: A pod of orca whales. **Source:** Canva.

that the orcas are, in fact, teenagers, who are just being playful. A teenage orca can measure up to 4m long and so, even a playful nudge to a boat can be quite forceful and can cause damage, even if the whales do not mean it that way. The researchers suggest staying away from areas where orcas are living, and the behaviour should subside.

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



I want to be more prepared for risks in the future. That way, I can keep myself and my friends safe. **Sadie**

Our BIGGEST Live Assembly

Will you be joining us as we aim to create the biggest live online school assembly? There will be children taking part from classrooms and assembly halls across the country! We will be joined by special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE, to learn all about the journey to become a world-class athlete, ahead of the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, starting in Paris this month. Stef will tell us about her experiences as a sports person, and of previous games.



Stef is a British Paralympic long jumper and sprinter. She is a World Champion, four-time Paralympian, triple Paralympic medallist, and five-time world record holder. She has also been an actor, model, and reality TV star. Stef has lots of exciting things to tell us, and you will also be able to ask her questions!

Can you think of a question that you would like to ask Stef?
Do you have a favourite Olympic sport? Will you be watching the Paris 2024 Olympic Games?



Pictured: All about our live online assembly.
Source: Picture News on Facebook/Stef Reid.

Album made from River Plastic

Coldplay's new album is going to be their most eco-friendly album yet - made from recycled plastic collected from rivers! Coldplay, working with Ocean Cleanup, have announced that when their 10th record is released in October, the vinyl copies will each be made from nine recycled plastic bottles. The British rock band's upcoming album, Moon Music, will be a world-first for sustainable vinyl production. Coldplay are one of the best-selling music acts of all time, with over 100 million albums sold globally. This is not the first time that the band have considered their impact on the environment. They actively reduced the carbon footprint of their last tour by making changes to be more environmentally friendly, such as, using solar powered lights and sustainable aviation fuel.



Pictured: Coldplay. **Source:** Coldplay on X.

Do you think that it is important for everyone to try to recycle more and reduce waste?
Can you think of any other ways that famous and popular bands could help the environment?

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



Yes. I think everyone should have a first aid kit and a torch in case of an accident or the power going off, so everyone can be well looked after.
Muhammad

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Crisp Confessions!

Crisps are a beloved snack in the UK, with an estimated six billion packets eaten every year! Walkers is the UK's leading crisp supplier, founded back in 1948 in Leicester by butcher, Henry Walker. The company initially sold only one flavour – ready salted – for 3p per bag. Six years later, they released cheese and onion for the first time. Fast forward to today, Walkers have produced nearly 200 different flavours! Prawn cocktail, cheese and onion and ready salted are all flavours you have most likely tried before. But what's the weirdest crisp flavour you've ever tried? How about spag bol, milk chocolate or Christmas

tree flavour? Market competition is fierce, and crisp companies are constantly working to come up with new concepts and flavours to tempt customers. Picture News' very own consultant, Chloe, says, 'Have you even lived if you haven't tried Pickled Onion Monster Munch?!' Which leads us to ask - what's your favourite flavour?



Pictured: Ready salted crisps. **Source:** Canva.

Stay Safe in Summer

The sun is an essential part of life on Earth, providing light, warmth and energy. Sunlight can be good for humans, as it helps the body to produce vitamin D that keeps our bones strong, and it boosts our mood! However, it can also be harmful to our skin. Did you know that our skin is an organ? In fact, it is the largest organ in the human body! It acts as a barrier to protect the inside of our bodies from the outside world, so it is important that we take care of our skin. In the summer months, we can use sun cream to help protect our



Pictured: Applying sun cream. **Source:** Canva.

skin against the sun's harmful UVA and UVB rays. Experts recommend using about two tablespoons of sun cream per application and remember to apply both before and after swimming. You can also wear a hat, sunglasses and extra clothing.

What makes a good friend?



My best friend ... gets excited for me when my favourite song comes on, and I do the same for him. That's why he's my best friend. **Jeni**

'World's Ugliest Dog' Contest

Wild Thang, an eight-year-old Pekingese has been crowned the 'World's Ugliest Dog'. Wild Thang has entered the competition, held at the Sonoma-Marín Fair in California, USA, five times. He has been awarded second place three times, before winning the competition this year and taking the top prize of \$5,000 (£4,000)! There were nine contenders this year, mostly rescue dogs, who are now living with their forever families. The event's website says that it is, 'not about making fun of "ugly dogs," but



having fun with some wonderful characters and showing the world that these dogs are really beautiful.' The competition has been running for nearly 50 years and 'celebrates the imperfections that make all dogs special and unique.' Rome, a 14-year-old pug, who uses a wheelchair, came in second place. Rome's owner, Michelle Grady, said, 'I love that [the competition] represents dogs that are imperfect – imperfectly perfect.'
Do you think it is a good idea to celebrate all kinds of pets?
Can you think of any other ways to promote pet adoption?



Pictured: Winners at the World's ugliest Dog contest (above left) Wild Thang and Ann Lewis (above right). **Source:** Sonoma-Marín Fairgrounds & Event Center on Facebook.

26-hour Live Lesson

Would you like to be part of a 26-hour long live lesson? Shaun Keeling, from Causeway Green Primary School, has been in touch to tell us that is exactly what happened at his school. He told us that the science-themed teach-a-thon was held to raise money for the children to have greater access to technology both at home and school. The 26-hour live streamed lesson was full of fun and experiments! The pupils of Year 6 learned about hearts, Year 5 experimented with air resistance, there was a science of singing lesson and even a visit from the Mayor! When they became really tired, they taught about the science of sleep. Mr Keeling explained further, saying, 'There was also a scientific ghost hunt at midnight and plenty of exciting explosions...and even a Banana bread sequel. It was a joint effort with us raising nearly 3000 pounds for Anglesey Primary School and Causeway Green Primary School in the West Midlands.'



Pictured: Year 5 conducting an air resistance experiment. **Source:** Shaun Keeling, Causeway Green Primary School.

Shaun and Sam Jordan began teaching at 9am on Friday 14th June and didn't stop until Saturday 15th June at 11am!

Would you like to attend a lesson this long?
How tired do you think these teachers were after teaching for over a day?
They must have been exhausted after all that teaching. Well done from everyone here at Picture News!

What makes a good friend?



A good friend is fun because they share the same interests. They help each other and always have your back. They are kind and helpful and treat you with respect. They help to pick you up when you feel down. Class LW

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