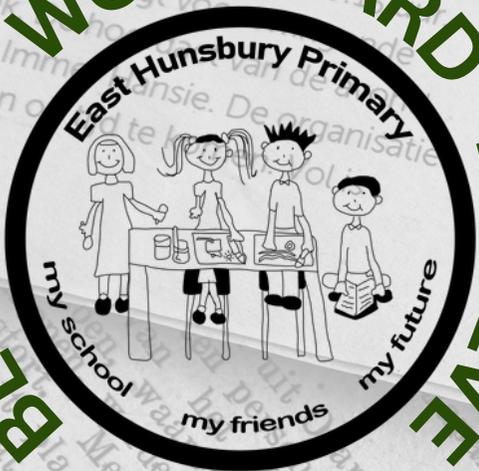


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Ice Cream Ahoy!

An ice cream van at Harlyn Bay in Cornwall got a surprise wash, when the incoming tide swept it out to sea! Onlookers captured videos of the van being tossed around by the waves. Beachgoers tried to rescue the stranded vehicle using a rope to pull the van ashore, but the sea had other plans. While the van couldn't be saved, luckily lots of the ice creams were! One tourist said, 'We managed to get most of the ice creams off, except a few raspberry ripples which fell in the sea.' Thankfully, the driver was safe and well, as he had left his van briefly to pop to the loo! One onlooker commented, 'The ice cream man was really embarrassed.'

Once the tide had receded, a tractor was able to drag the van back onto dry land. While ice cream is often seen as an unhealthy treat, diet experts say it's not all bad news. Ice cream can be a good source of calcium and protein, making it a better choice than many other sweet treats. So, next time you enjoy a scoop, remember it's not just tasty but has some benefits too!



Pictured: The Kelly's ice cream van at sea.
Source: @IMCORNWALL4EVER, on X.

Robo-Dog

Exciting news from China! Scientists are developing a new robot guide dog to help people cope with problems with their sight (visual impairments). This high-tech helper is designed to navigate busy streets, avoid obstacles, and even recognise traffic lights. The robot dog uses advanced sensors and artificial intelligence to guide its user safely. It can respond to voice commands and provide real-time feedback to ensure a smooth journey. This innovative invention aims to offer more independence and

safety to those who rely on guide dogs. Experts believe this robot guide dog could be a game-changer, offering a reliable and long-lasting alternative to traditional guide dogs. However, perhaps there is still a place for traditional guide dogs, that provide love, comfort and companionship to their owners, as well as supporting their sight needs.



Pictured: Robot guide dog taking a walk in Shanghai. **Source:** @ianbremmer, on X.

What is loneliness?



It's sad to feel lonely. We should remember to show kindness to everyone because we don't know who might be feeling lonely. **Oona, 7.**

Fastest Three Peaks

Imogen 'Imo' Boddy, an endurance athlete from the UK, has completed the National Three Peaks Challenge in less than a week! She ran the route in six days, five hours and 43 mins, breaking the previous record set in 1979. Imo now holds the female world record for the fastest time to complete the UK National Three Peaks Challenge on foot. The challenge involves not only summiting the highest peaks in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike), and Wales (Snowdon), but also running between the mountains. She covered an amazing total distance of 680km and an ascent of 3,064 metres!



Describing the challenge, Imo said, 'Ben Nevis was probably the easiest. Partially because it was the first one I did. It's probably my least favourite one but, because it was the first one, I was also super excited ... Scafell Pike was amazing. It was the toughest one, but also probably the most rewarding ... The best moment was crossing that finishing line! It was a massive team effort, so the first thing I wanted to do was to say thank you to my team.'

Have you ever set yourself a challenge? What did you do to stay motivated? Have you achieved your goal yet?



Pictured: Imo during the National Three Peaks challenge. **Source:** SportsShoes, on Facebook.

Airborne Hippo

A new study has revealed that hippopotamuses can get airborne! This fact might come as a surprise, as hippos are one of the largest land mammals and can weigh up to 3,200kg! Research by the Royal Veterinary College found that when the hippos are moving quickly, they can become airborne for up to 0.3 seconds at a time. Scientists, working on the study, said that little was known about how the animals moved around on land before, as they like to spend large amounts of time in the water. It can be difficult for humans to safely observe them. This study was conducted by analysing video footage. It showed that hippos exclusively trot when moving, meaning that diagonal pairs of their legs move forward at the same time, with a moment of suspension between each step.



Pictured: Hippopotamus and calf in Kenya. **Source:** Canva.

'We're thrilled to provide the first study purely focused on revealing how hippos walk and run,' said Professor John Hutchinson, the lead author of the study. 'We were pleasantly surprised to see how hippos get airborne when they move quickly - it's really impressive!'

Do you know any other interesting facts about hippopotamuses?

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It is good to help older people to have time together and spend time with others because they may be missing family who have passed away or do not live close by. We like the idea of the people not being lonely. It is nice to have something for the elderly to share together. Badger Class.

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