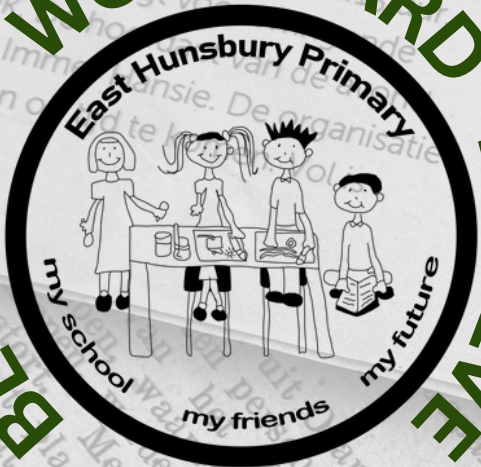


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Bring in the New Year with a BANG



Pictured: Fireworks at Sydney Harbour Bridge, Australia. **Source:** Canva.

Every year, cities around the world celebrate New Year's Eve with spectacular firework displays. People gather to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new one with bright colours and sparkling lights. In Sydney, Australia, fireworks light up the famous Harbour Bridge and Opera House. In London, the sky over the River Thames glows with fireworks near Big Ben and the London Eye. In New York City, fireworks follow the famous ball drop in Times Square, where people count down together. Ella Brown, a firework organiser in London, said,

'Fireworks bring people together in a magical way. It's wonderful to see everyone smiling and cheering!' Some places also have special traditions, like eating lucky foods or banging pots and pans. However you celebrate, New Year's Eve is a time for joy and new beginnings!

Do you enjoy watching fireworks for New Year?

Carbon Catcher

Scientists in California have created a special new material to help the planet! It's called COF-999 and is a fluffy, yellow powder that can quickly remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air. CO₂ comes from things like cars and factories. Too much of it makes the Earth hotter, which is bad for animals, plants, and people. This new material works faster than others and can be used again and again, making it extra useful. Dr Samantha Lee, one of the scientists, said, 'This material is an exciting step forward in slowing climate

change. It's like giving the planet a big helping hand!' The new material could play an important role in protecting the Earth and all the creatures that live on it. What a clever way to make the world a healthier place!



Pictured: Magical carbon catcher, COF-999. **Source:** Canva.

Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?



I think everyone should have the opportunity to be a star and shine in their own way.

Shannay

Room with a View

Roswell Park Cancer Center in Buffalo, New York, USA, is being transformed one view at a time. Ten new window murals have been painted directly onto the walls of treatment rooms at the hospital, with the aim of assisting patients to use their imagination and escape into nature. Inspirational artist and cancer survivor, Colleen Wall, designed the window wall art creating views of sunny, peaceful places, with motivating ideas and words of encouragement.



Pictured: LandEscape window murals painted in Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.
Source: Colleen Wall Arts on Facebook.

‘Spending long periods of time in a hospital room can feel isolating,’ said Colleen Wall. ‘These window paintings are meant to help patients feel as though they are not confined to a sterile room but instead can take an imaginary journey outside into nature. It’s my way of sharing the hope that helped me through my own challenges.’

Do you think this is a good way to cheer up a room with no windows?

What art would you enjoy on your wall?



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Source: Colleen Wall Arts on Facebook

Symbol of Peace!

We want to send a big thank you from all the team to everyone who took part in the Picture News Christmas Campaign for 2024. We challenged every school to create their own Origami Peace Doves, for children to express what peace means to them. Following a year of turbulent events around the world, this activity aimed to unite all children in their hope for peace. We have absolutely loved looking through all the pictures of your peace doves! It is not too late to share your Origami Peace Doves with us on social media, or by emailing:

help@picture-news.co.uk

Do you think this is a good way to spread messages of peace?

Can you think of any other ways?



Pictured: Origami Peace Doves.
Source: Picture News on Facebook.

Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?



Yes, because everyone should get a chance to make their dreams come true.

Alyza

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