



This swarm shut down a construction site. It needed to be pushed out of the pipe before it could be rehoused

PROBLEMS FOR BEES

Other problems bees face, apart from food and housing issues, are also related to the changing environment. Many farmers try to protect their crops from hungry insects that nibble, munch and suck, and many garden owners try to protect their flowers. To do this, they both spray pesticides, which do what they are supposed to do: they kill insects. To a farmer or a gardener, the bugs that eat their crops or garden plants are ‘pests’, but there are also beneficial insects like bees that have a good effect. It is becoming more and more obvious that these poisons also harm us humans when they end up in our water and our food.

Climate change, too, makes the life of bees harder. With spring beginning earlier, plants may flower earlier than before, when bees may not be ready yet. After all, they had to huddle in their hives for months over the cold season. In winter, a colony usually has fewer than 10,000 workers and just one queen but no drones, as they all get kicked out of their hives before the end of the summer. When days get longer, it takes time to grow the colony to its full summer size, and if the blossoms are finished before the colony has achieved full strength, it may starve.

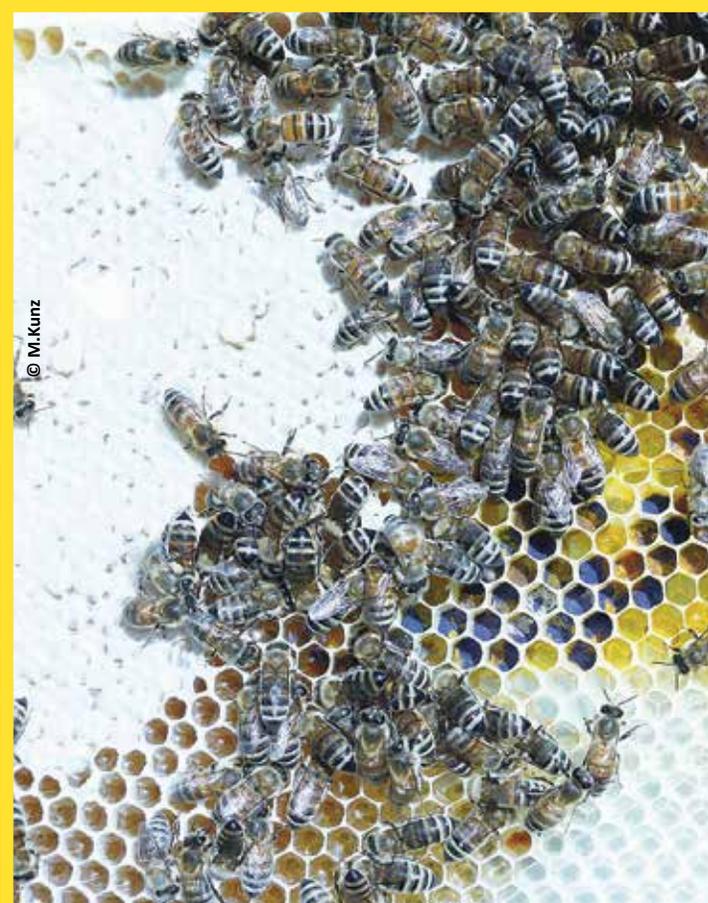
Then there are a growing number of pests and diseases that increasingly make life difficult for our bees. You may have heard of the Asian hornet, one of which can easily eat dozens of honeybees. Imagine what a colony of those can do in an afternoon to a hive of honeybees. These threats reach us as a result of internationally-traded goods and because of climate change.

Fortunately, when we look at the number of honeybee colonies in the world, we see their numbers are increasing. That’s because they are so resilient and because there are still plenty of areas where there aren’t so many people, and where agriculture is not as industrialised as in Europe.

Until the middle of the 19th century, bees were mostly kept in woven skeps, sometimes with mud covers. When it’s too hot, bees form a ‘fan’ outside and use their wings to blow cool air into their hive



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Here you can see honey stores (top left: white already with a lid; bottom left: open) and cells with pollen (centre). The hexagonal structure provides maximum strength with the minimum of material



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An *A dorsata* (a rock bee) on a cotton flower. The bee is the size of a European hornet

A stingless bee (bottom right) approaching an onion flower. Note how tiny it is!



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BEES AROUND THE WORLD

We’ve only talked about one honeybee species – *Apis mellifera*, the European honeybee. There are about a dozen other types of *Apis* honeybees, all of which live only in Asia, and all of which are in serious decline because their habitats are under threat.

And don’t get me started on bumblebees and the solitary bees (which do not form colonies). All in all, scientists count some 25,000 bee species globally. While very little detail is known about most of them, what is increasingly clear is that their numbers are declining as a result of human activities. So, if we want to help not just our honeybees, but bees, insects and animals in general, we need to protect trees, plants and rivers. In short, we need to protect OUR planet.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

FOR the first time in forever, *Frozen* fans are being invited to see behind the scenes of *Frozen 2* with a brand-new docuseries about the making of the hit animation.

Frozen fans are going to want to venture over to Disney+ this week to check out the new docuseries, *Into the Unknown: Making Frozen 2*. The new six-part series will give *Frozen* fans a never-before-seen sneak peek behind the curtain of the wizards at Walt Disney Animation Studios in action, as they use their magic to add the final touches to *Frozen 2*.

The series started shooting at the end of 2018 and was filmed continuously in the months leading up to the world premiere of *Frozen 2* in November 2019. The film-makers, voice cast, artists and songwriters all opened their doors for the cameras to reveal the astonishing amount of work that goes into making such an epic family film (spoiler alert: it's a lot).

First News was invited to a virtual press conference last week to learn more about the series from the film-makers, as well as Idina Menzel (the voice of Elsa) and Josh Gad (who plays Olaf). The team offered us a flurry of juicy *Frozen* goss – check out the best bits below!



FROZEN SECRETS DEFROSTED

Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Bobby Lopez – who wrote all the songs we love from *Frozen* and *Frozen 2* – appear in the new series. They spontaneously broke into song during the press conference, performing a rendition of *Some Things Never Change*, the first song that appears in *Frozen 2*.

Elsa's song, *Show Yourself*, caused a huge amount of stress for the film's animators, directors and composers! You'll get to watch this creative journey in the documentary series.

The cameras filmed Josh Gad as he recorded musical lines for Olaf in the recording booth. Josh recently admitted that the cameras "intimidated" him, so much so that he had to re-record his singing parts once the cameras had left! Josh added: "I'm not Idina! She performs in front of 50,000 people and is like: 'That was a small audience!'"

When asked about the new Disney+ series, Idina Menzel said: "Josh [Gad] and I, and the whole cast, we come in [to the studio], we do our own thing, we have a great time, but we get to be reminded of how talented all the other [film-makers and composers] are. They're always so collaborative and allow us to see their process – I'm just awestruck. And, you know, it humbles me being in something like this, where you see just how much work goes into it. Getting to admire everyone's talent made work fun."

One of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Bobby Lopez's biggest regrets from *Frozen* is that they never wrote a song for Kristoff (voiced by Jonathan Groff). For this reason, Kristoff was given his own ballad in *Frozen 2*, *Lost in the Woods*.

The new Disney+ documentary series was shot over the course of 115 days!



The topic of *Frozen 3* found its way into the conversation. Although there's no official announcement yet, it's nice to know that it's definitely a possibility!

Stream *Into the Unknown: Making Frozen 2* on Disney+ now!

THIS WEEK

1 Disneyland Paris has announced a phased reopening from 15 July 2020, starting with both theme parks, Disney's Newport Bay Club hotel and Disney Village. New health and safety measures will be introduced for cast members and guests, and the numbers of visitors each day will be limited. All Disney parks were forced to shut their gates in March 2020, in response to the global coronavirus pandemic. Disneyland Paris has been closed since 16 March.



2 Netflix has confirmed that a *Chicken Run* sequel is set to hatch on the streaming service in the near future.



Netflix announced the news on social media, saying: "POULTRY NEWS: Exactly 20 years to the day since the original was released, we can confirm there will be a *Chicken Run* sequel coming to Netflix!" Egg-cellent!

3 English National Ballet School has announced that this year's Summer Performance and Graduation Ceremony will be streamed online for the first time in its history via the school's website on Saturday 11 July from 7.30pm.

PIGS OF THE WEEK

NETFLIX and Pearl Studios have released the first trailer, as well as never-before-seen images, for their new animated musical, *Over The Moon*.

There's been a huge amount of buzz around the new musical movie recently. Not only did Netflix and Pearl Studios release first-look images and a trailer for the upcoming musical treat, but they also held a virtual press conference with the film's A-list cast. *Over The Moon* tells the story of a bright young girl who builds a rocket to go to the moon to prove the existence of a legendary Moon Goddess. She ends up on an unexpected quest there and discovers a land of fantastical creatures.

Over The Moon will be released on Netflix this autumn.



GABRIEL BATEMAN



THE actor tells us about his character Oliver in the new film, *Think Like A Dog*.

What is Oliver like?

Oliver is a sensitive, intuitive kid who is just basically a normal kid, besides the fact that he is an engineering genius. He has a really special connection with his parents and his dog and that is what really drives the film, his connection with those people.

Oliver invents a machine that allows him to talk to his dog. What would you like to invent?

Something that would help you talk to your dog, like in this film, would be pretty cool. There are so many cool things you could do. If flying is on the table or teleportation, I'd love to be able to do that!

Do you have any pets that you'd like to talk to?

I grew up with a lot of dogs but I don't have any dogs right now; right now I have a cat. I guess I would ask him if he is happy because you can't really tell all the time with animals. I'd ask him what he does like and what he doesn't like. It would be really interesting to understand how he thinks.

What was it like working with a dog on a film set?

You would think it would be hard but the dog trainers were so amazing that JC, the dog, was always doing the right thing and perfect to work with. Outside of that, just having a dog around in



a professional environment just lifts everyone's spirits. It's so nice to have a dog in an environment that can sometimes be tense or stressful.

What made you want to be in this film?

I just really liked the message that it sends about appreciating the little things. I think it tells a really beautiful story about family and the trials that you can go through and how appreciating simple things can help that. I also really liked Oliver as a character. I had never played a tech genius before so I thought that was really interesting!

Think Like A Dog is on digital download from 6 July and DVD from 20 July



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HOW TO ENTER

To enter, send a drawing and a short description of your dream piece of stationery to marketing@mapedhelix.co.uk with the subject line First News Stationery Design Competition. Include your name, age and school name in your entry. The closing date is 14 July 2020.

Terms and conditions: The winner will get a super-smart bundle of stationery products, worth £50 for themselves and a bumper class pack worth £150 for their school. All of the competition details and full T&Cs can be found at www.mapedhelix.co.uk

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THE GOLDEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER

MEET August, the world's oldest golden retriever.

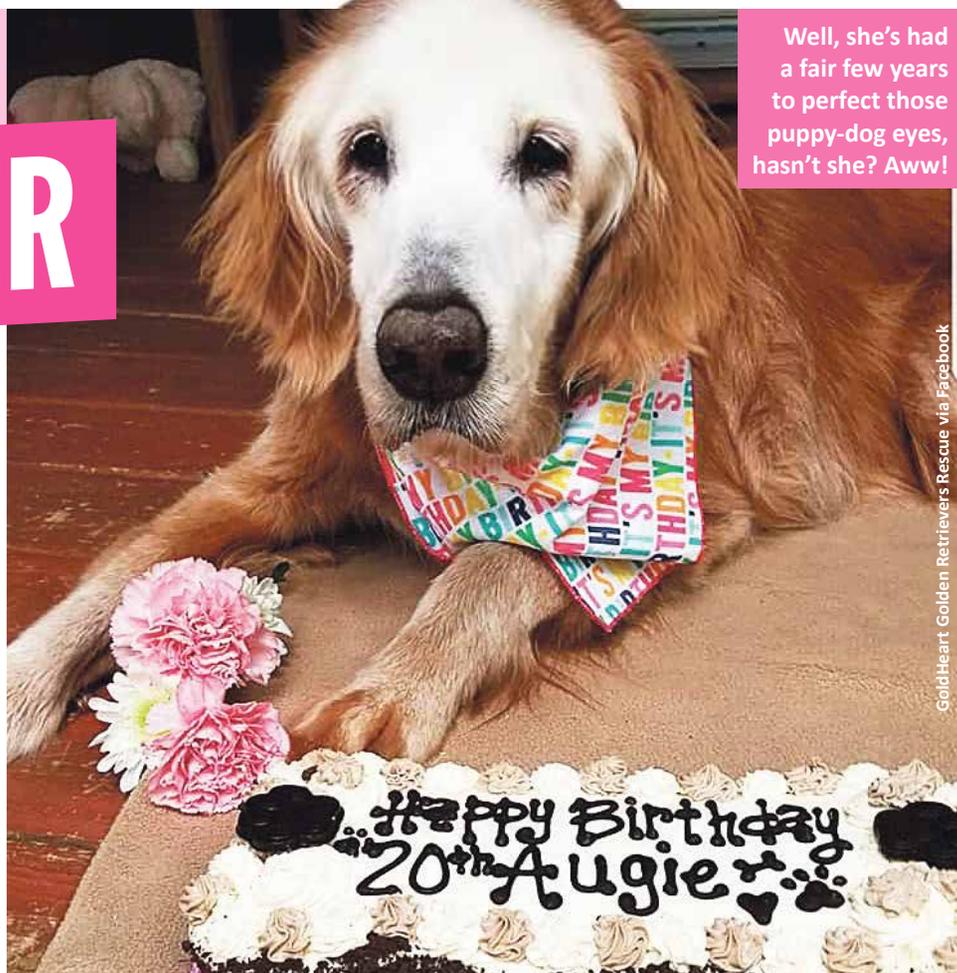
August, also known as Augie, turned 20 in April. That's pretty impressive considering the average lifespan for her breed is 10-12 years!

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue in Maryland, USA, says there are some accounts of retrievers reaching 17, 18 and even 19. But they reckon Augie is the "oldest known, oldest living golden retriever".

Augie was born on 24 April 2000 and lives with her owners Jennifer and Steve in Tennessee, USA.

Despite her age, Augie can still move around well (although she's apparently a bit shaky when she first gets up) and enjoys daily walks around the yard.

Congratulations, Augie. You don't look a day over 12!



Well, she's had a fair few years to perfect those puppy-dog eyes, hasn't she? Aww!

GoldHeart Golden Retrievers Rescue via Facebook

PERFORMING TO A PACKED HOUSE (OF PLANTS)



Gran Teatre del Liceu via Facebook

BARCELONA'S opera house recently celebrated the lifting of lockdown by performing to a packed house – of potted plants.

The Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona held a very special concert last Monday to celebrate COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in the bustling Catalan city. The live performance featured the UceLi Quartet playing for an audience of 2,292 potted plants.

However, the rendition of opera composer Puccini's *Crisantemi* was also livestreamed to human music-lovers. The plants were acquired from nearby nurseries and all 2,292 have now been donated to healthcare workers from the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona.



LIFELONG FRIENDS



@_woollyback via Twitter/Dolphin Research Center, 2

SNAPS of two besties – who just happen to be a dog and a dolphin – have gone viral online.

It's like something out of a Disney film, isn't it? Except this unlikely friendship is so much better because it's actually real!

A number of pictures of Gunner the dog and Delta the dolphin have warmed people's hearts this week, including these two here.

The pair met at a dolphin sanctuary in the USA.



Paper Boy!

Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer



WIN! CONSERVATION CRISIS

CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle and fill in the numbers one to nine?

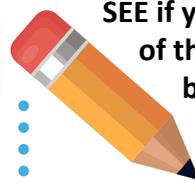
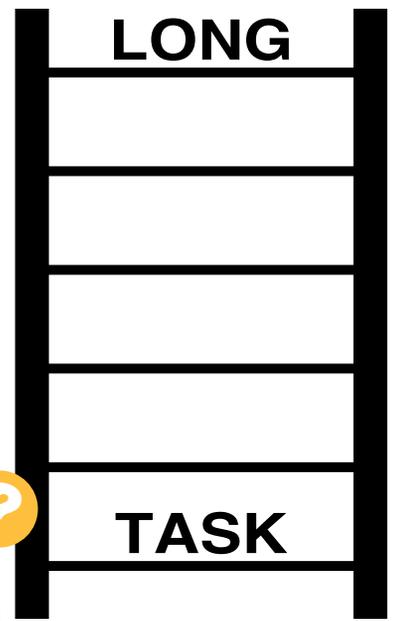
Send in your answers and one lucky winner will win a copy of *Conservation Crisis* – can you save an endangered species? Families can now play to really help save endangered species with *Conservation Crisis*, the board game that raises money for four animal conservation charities with every sale. Testing players' conservation skills as well as their moral compass, the game sees people tackle the real-life challenges of saving wildlife while balancing local communities' needs, and facing potential corruption.

Conservation Crisis is available from Amazon and www.tunzagames.com/shop.



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WORD LADDER



SEE if you can get from the top of the ladder to the bottom by changing one letter at a time to make a new word.

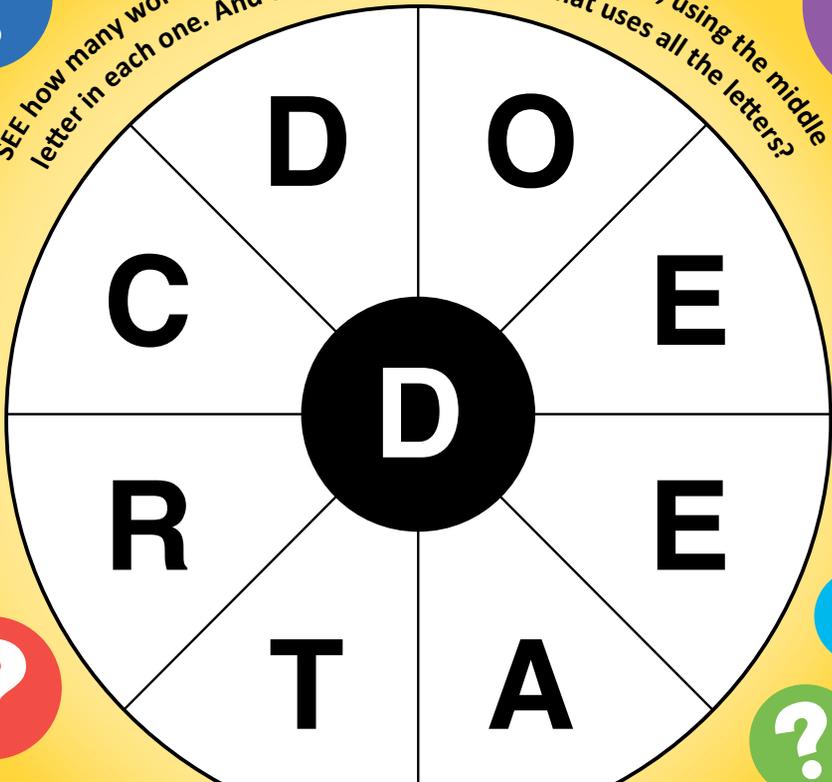
CROSSWORD

JUST for fun this week! Can you complete our crossword puzzle by using the clues below?

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WORD WHEEL

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?



ACROSS

- 1 Break in the middle of a play (8)
- 6 Birds of prey (5)
- 7 Metal object used to join things together (5)
- 9 Unit of land area (4)
- 10 A holiday in Africa to see wild animals (6)
- 12 Put inside (6)
- 14 Cut with scissors (4)
- 17 Large waterbirds (5)
- 18 A furry mammal with webbed feet (5)
- 19 E.g. a brother or mother (8)

DOWN

- 2 More recent (5)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 4 Related to sight (6)
- 5 Insect stage (5)
- 6 Title (7)
- 8 Cry softly (7)
- 11 George ___ : author of *Animal Farm* (6)
- 13 Guide or control the movement of a vehicle (5)
- 15 Game of luck (5)
- 16 Put in order (4)

21. BOREDOM BUSTERS!

HOW TO ENTER: Send your finished puzzles by email to win@firstnews.co.uk. Don't forget to put **Puzzles 733** in the subject box. We're afraid that we can't accept postal entries for now. The closing date for puzzle entries is **Thursday 9 July 2020**.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

JUST for fun this week! Can you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *Artemis Fowl*?



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WORDSEARCH

CAN you find the ice cream flavours in our wordsearch? Remember that the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.



- Chocolate
- Mango
- Vanilla
- Strawberry
- Mint chip
- Caramel
- Coconut
- Lemon
- Cookie dough
- Pistachio
- Orange
- Raspberry ripple

WIN! TICKETS TO HORRIBLE HISTORIES CAR PARK PARTY

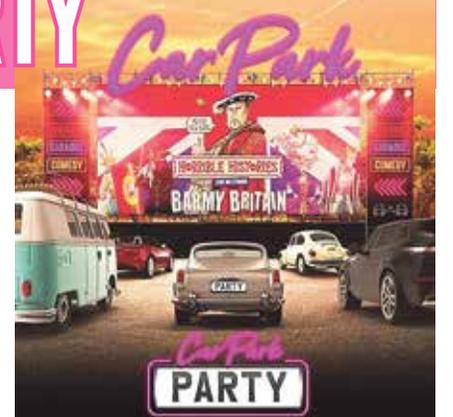


SEE *Horrible Histories – Barmy Britain* live at Car Park Party nationwide!

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead! So it's time to prepare yourselves for *Horrible Histories* live on stage in this acclaimed show.

Can you beat battling Boudicca? Will you lose your heart or head to horrible Henry VIII? Dare you stand and deliver to dastardly Dick Turpin? It's the horrible history of Britain with the nasty bits left in! Eight readers will win a family car ticket for the venue of their choice! To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question:

How many wives did Henry VIII have?
 a) six b) seven c) eight



Horrible Histories – Barmy Britain will be at Henley on Thames (11 July), Northampton Saints (18 July), Newbury Racecourse (25 July), Dudley-Merry Hill (24 July), Manchester Trafford Centre (26 July), Chelmsford City Racecourse (1 August) and Powderham Castle, Exeter (15 August).

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Spot the difference: Cartridge missing from strap, shoulder pad is blue, light on wall removed, wooden support missing from canopy, weapon over shoulder is bigger.
Word ladder: hard, card, cord, core, cope, copy.
Word wheel: bodyguard.



FAST AND FURRY-OUS!

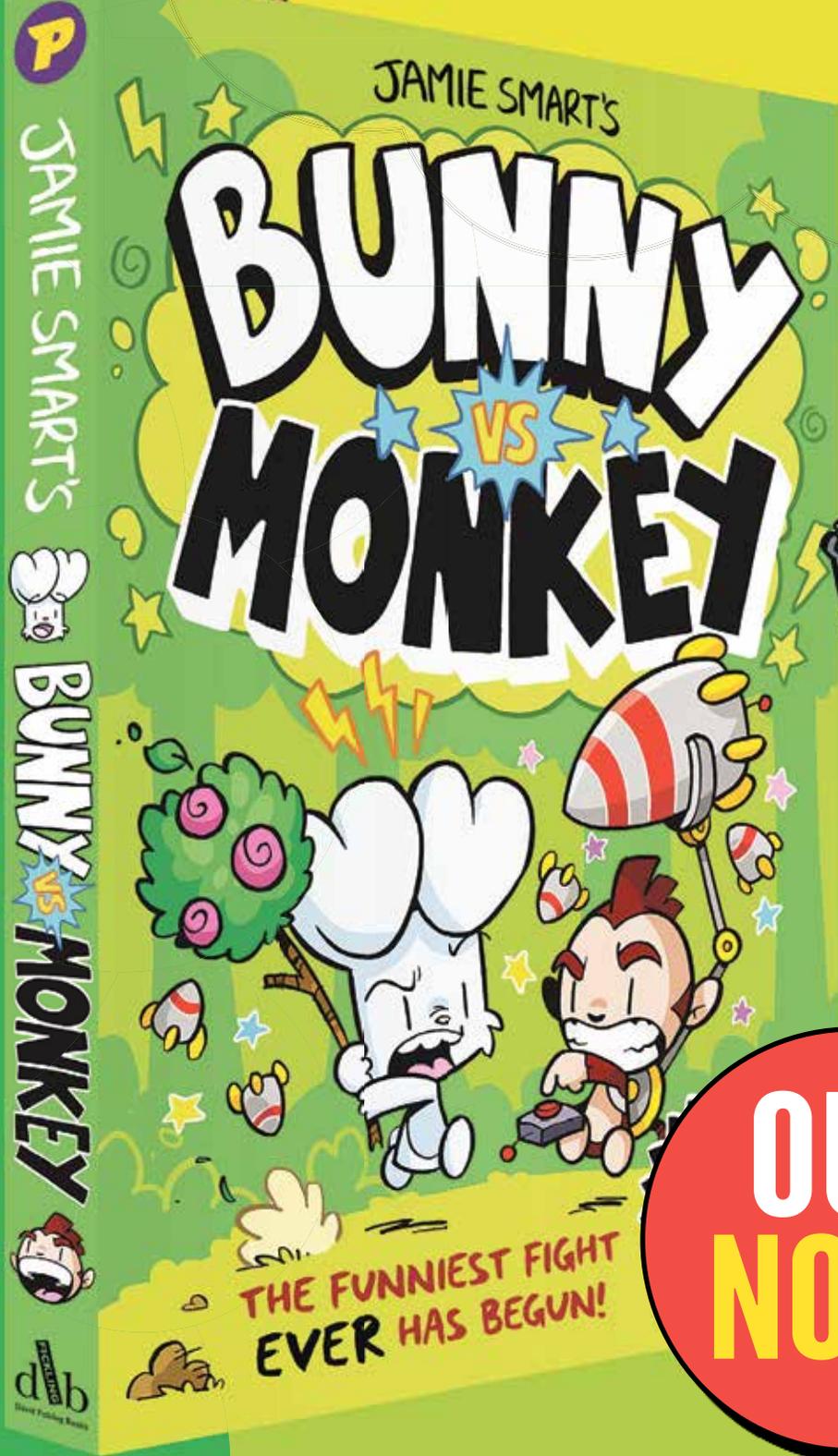


WELCOME to the woods. It's chaos in there!

Bunny and his friends Weenie the Squirrel, Pig (the pig), Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor lived a peaceful life in the forest – until Monkey's rocket crash-landed and he decided to take over!

Now Monkey is causing mayhem, Bunny is determined to put a stop to it, and... *what's that?*

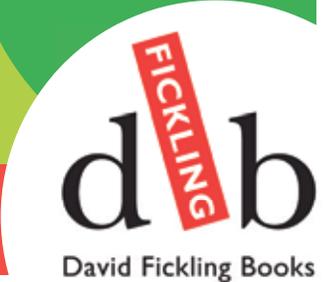
It's an out of control shark tank, ruining a lovely picnic!



“PERFECT FOR FANS OF DOG MAN”
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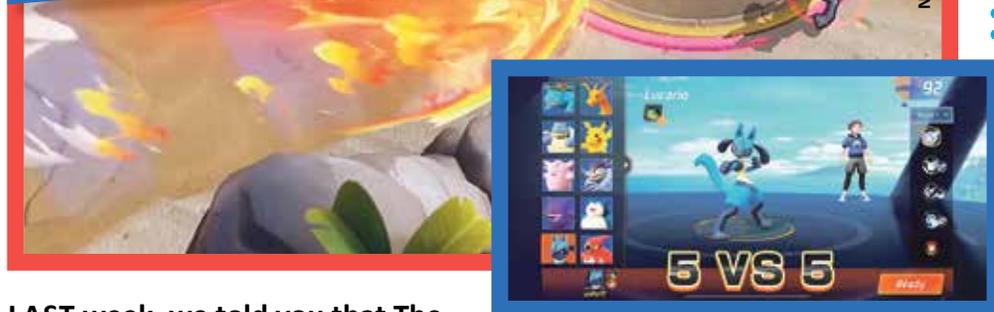
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Join best-selling comics sensation Jamie Smart for this hilarious collection of stories, available in a new chunky format for the first time!



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POKÉ-FANS UNITE



LAST week, we told you that The Pokémon Company was teasing a big new announcement.

After a week of hype, fans were expecting something huge. There were rumours of new remakes of older Pokémon games, or maybe a sequel to the Switch's *Let's Go Pokémon* series.

The big day came and, instead, *Pokémon Unite* was revealed. Poké-fans flocked to the trailer, giving it a record number of dislikes for any Nintendo video. *Unite* is a free-to-start, team-based multiplayer game that's coming to both Switch and mobile devices. While it was clear that lots of people weren't happy because the game wasn't what they hoped for, many were also upset that The Pokémon Company was working with the Chinese tech group, Tencent.

Tencent already owns big chunks of the gaming world, including a large part of Epic Games, which makes *Fortnite*. Lots of gamers are worried about Tencent having too much influence over the world of videogames.

POKÉMON WOAH!

IN less controversial Pokémon news, a man in Taiwan has gone viral for playing 64 copies of Pokémon GO at once!

The picture, shared on social media, shows the *Pokémon GO* grandpa, Chen San-yuan, on a bike fitted with seven rows of phone holders.

While there's no doubt that Chen is catching an awful lot of Pokémon on his journeys, we're a bit worried about whether he can see where he's going!



BUG BOUNTY HUNTERS

SONY is offering up to £40,300 to anyone who spots bugs in the PS4.

The company joins Microsoft and Nintendo in offering cash to those who spot weaknesses in its systems.

Sony says that the bigger the bug found, the more it will pay.

Apparently, the bounty system has been going for some time, but it's only now that Sony is opening it up to the wider public.



THE DARIUS COZMIC COLLECTION ARCADE AND CONSOLE



THE Darius Cosmic Collection is a fascinating look at videogame history.

This new collection is split into two bundles, one containing the Darius games that were only playable at the arcade, and the other for games released on console.

It's pretty unlikely that you've heard of the *Darius* games, but your parents might have...

The first *Darius* game was released back in the late '80s. You pilot a spaceship while fighting evil aquatic creatures with missiles and bombs on a journey between planets. The game stood out then for having a very long screen, three times the length of a standard arcade game.

This unique design, along with its strange and spooky sci-fi soundtrack, tough gameplay and

choice of which level to tackle next, still makes the *Darius* series more interesting than many other games, even all these years later!

For a collection of classic games, the £35 price tag is more than most would be willing to fork out, but if you've got family members who want to relive their days in the arcade, it's worth giving these games a shot.

You can even turn on 'scan lines' that make the games look like they did on arcade machines!



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a) 1966 b) 1968 c) 1969

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Which of these is not the name of a shark?
a) whale shark b) nurse shark c) fireman shark

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WRITE A STORY WITH CRESSIDA COWELL

A FEW months ago, Cressida Cowell, author and Waterstones Children's Laureate, started a new story in *First News*. Then she handed things over to YOU to write what happened next. Every week the story has continued, written by our readers, 250 words at a time. Read every part of the gripping tale at:

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SO FAR IN THE STORY...

Young spellcaster Ferocity and her smoke-producing pet boggart, Guggalugs, were taken from their home by child-snatching Tappers. After escaping, the pair met Trick, a mysterious boy. The three then travelled to Trick's home, Perum Hollow, to speak with the boy's grandfather. On the journey, Ferocity found a strange copper piece, which Trick's granddad revealed to be one of four key-pieces that helped seal evil away from the world. Trick and his grandfather each had another, leaving one left to find. They set off to find it and, while on the way, ran into Trick's mum, Ariella. Soon after, Trick's grandfather used his granddaughter Aida's magic to send a dark creature to a cave where Ferocity and her friends rest. Just as Ferocity began her plan of attack on the creature, someone else caught the monster's eye...

PART 14: BY EDEN BRESLIN

The beast charged towards the girl, snarling ferociously, green slime dripping from its long, yellow fangs. But the girl didn't look afraid. Calm as ever could be, the girl raised her hand, all five fingers pointing to the sky.

A blue glow suddenly slithered down from the sky itself, winding itself round each finger like a snake. The beast was just inches away from her... then suddenly, time seemed to stand still. The icy blue glow that had wound itself around her fingers froze, then suddenly exploded into a bright aurora of blue light.

Then, all in one second, it became a raging torrent of water that shot from the palms of her hands like lasers.

It hit the beast in the face like the blow of a boulder. There was a terrified howl, a scream, then a BANG! Typhon had vanished.

The water flowing from the girl's hands slowed to a trickle, then finally to a stop. Ferocity thought her lower jaw would fall off.

'What...' she gasped, breathless, 'was that?'

'A torrent spell,' the girl replied, walking into the cave. 'Takes practice.'

Ariella and Trick were both staring at the girl, even more shocked than Ferocity. 'Aida!' they both cried. Ariella came forward to touch her daughter, but Aida moved away.

'No,' she said quickly. 'We must leave now.'

She took a deep breath before looking Trick in the eye. 'Grandfather's out to get you, brother.'

PART 15: BY YOU!

IF you took the time to send us your story, thank you!

We enjoyed reading them all, and love how talented you all are! If your story wasn't chosen this time, don't let that stop you having another crack at it. We could choose you to continue the story in next week's issue!

You can submit the next part of the story by email at newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk, popping **Story** into the subject line, or at first.news/cressidacowell.

We'll be deciding on the next part of the story every Monday, so make sure you send us your story by then!



WORDS FOR LIFE



PIP Jones is the author of the *Squishy McFluff* series, the first of which won the inaugural Greenhouse Funny Prize in 2012. *Squishy McFluff: On With The Show* is the eighth book in the series. Pip told us what storybook character she would be:

“ Toughie. I'm drawn towards saying Moomintroll, because he's such a sweet little guy – brave yet sensitive, and curious too. Also, who wouldn't want to dwell in books that beautiful? I'd really miss Snufkin all winter, though. ”



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YOUR READS!

HOW TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD KEILLY SWIFT

reviewed by Jessie Wheeler, aged nine

I really enjoyed the book because it tells children so many important things, like how to help the environment, set and achieve goals, be healthy and be a good friend when somebody needs it.

It has loads of ideas for how to become an environmental or animal activist, like going on a protest march, making a big and bold poster design or handing out leaflets.

The pages about fundraising made me really want to raise some money for charity! I also really liked the section about standing up to bullying.

The book has so much information about doing what you feel is right, both for yourself and for other people. I loved it!



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STABILO Advertisement feature

STABILO SEEKS UNSUNG HEROES

STABILO is launching a brand-new competition to recognise local heroes!

To enter, simply write a letter, poem or rap about a local hero who has helped you or someone you know during lockdown. COVID-19 has impacted the world and lockdown has been tough on all ages, so if you know someone in your local community who has kept spirits high and has been helping those in need, then we want to hear all about them! This unsung hero could be a family member, delivery driver or a key worker, to name just a few.

The lucky winner will win a bundle of STABILO goodies AND a class pack for their classmates that includes EASYoriginal, EASYgraph and EASYcolors for each child in their class. Runners-up will receive a STABILO goodie bag, including EASYoriginal, EASYgraph, EASYcolors and a pack of STABILO Cappis.

GOOD LUCK! And remember, not all heroes wear capes!

How to enter: Simply visit www.stabilofirstnews.co.uk and download the entry form. Fill in your details, get your guardian to sign it, and then use the space provided to write your letter, poem or rap in no more than 250 words. All entries will be judged by a team of writing experts from STABILO. Entries must be received by **10 July 2020**.



VIRTUAL CHOIR

by Frankie MacKinnon

TO me, isolation means spending time with my family, missing my friends and trying things that I've never tried before.

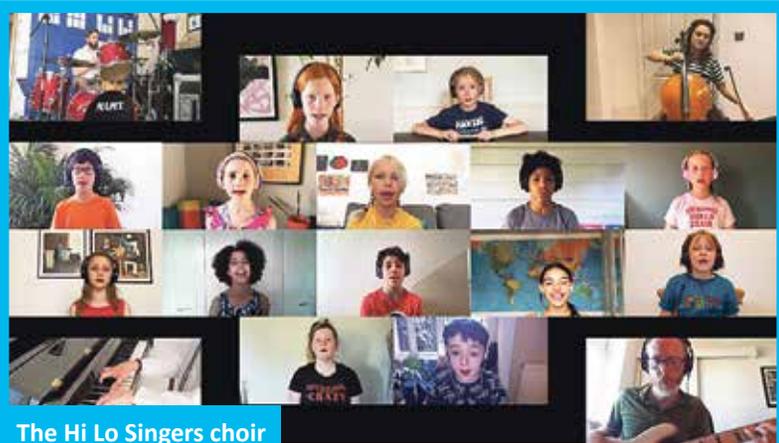
So when I was asked to sing for an online choir, I was very excited. I've always loved singing. Some people dance, some people draw, some people write, but I sing to express myself. I'm always humming one song or another. At first, I was a bit nervous. Okay, very nervous! But after I began,

it was just like singing in the shower again. When my mum showed it to me, it was great to see myself singing with all of those other kids, all in different houses, isolating in different ways.

Hi Lo Singers organised the choir and the backing band. There was a pianist, a drummer, a guitarist and cellist. It was amazing to see the choir come together!

The charity that we are singing for is Young Minds. It is more important than ever during the crisis that we help them continue to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. In the lockdown, Young Minds have done a brilliant job of caring for many children and keeping their spirits up.

There are lots of children who are still in isolation and may not go back to school for a long time, so it is great that we are caring and looking out for one another in this difficult time.



The Hi Lo Singers choir

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WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU/YOUR SCHOOL IS UP TO

Write in to let us know what you've been up to on lockdown! Have you been getting creative? How have you been keeping fit? If you're back to school, how has that made you feel? Why not share your experiences with First News readers?

Email your report (including pictures) to yournews@firstnews.co.uk

Don't forget to include your name and age (and your school's name and address for school news reports). By writing in, you give consent to First News printing details and photographs of those involved in the report.

NEWSPAPER REPORT

by Noah Matcham

I have been studying newspapers and had to write my own report about the lost city of Pompeii.

I used different issues of *First News* to learn all about the components of a newspaper. I made a poster of funny headlines and another one creating the report. Here is my report about the Mount Vesuvius eruption:

On 24 August, the people living in Pompeii were working and going about their lives when Mount Vesuvius erupted after 2,000 years of silence. Lava and poisonous gases shot out of the volcano and the sky went black. Some people wanted to stay in their homes and some

people wanted to run away. Around 2,000 people died.

A 14-year-old boy called Felix survived the eruption. He said: "I was helping in my

family's bakery when I heard a deafening boom. I went out of the bakery and then I realised it was the volcano starting to erupt."

Felix told his family to grab things they wanted and run. "I told everyone that we saw to run with us. Some of them stayed in their houses. I turned around and saw lava coming from the volcano."

At midnight, the volcano sent lava heading towards Pompeii, travelling quickly. Seven hours later the city was buried in lava and ash.

Some people have been trying to find survivors in the rubble and ash. Their homes have vanished and there is nothing left in the city.

"I want to find a new home further away from the volcano because I'm worried it will erupt again," Felix said.

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Noah and his report

CAMPING OUT

by Stewart, Highfield and Brookham Schools

FOR the entire month of May, I camped out in a tent in my garden to raise funds for NHS Charities Together.

Although a night or two camping might seem fun, 31 days of doing this with some chilly nights at the start of the month was quite an undertaking!

So far I have raised £705 for NHS Charities Together.

The organisation provides extra vital funds and services to NHS hospitals,

ambulances, mental and community health trusts and health boards.

This funding is above and beyond what the Government provides, and is spent on enhancing care and patients' experiences. Many pupils from my school have taken part in charitable projects and fundraising, including shaving their heads, making PPE, baking cakes for doctors' surgeries and donating food to the elderly and vulnerable.



Stewart in his tent

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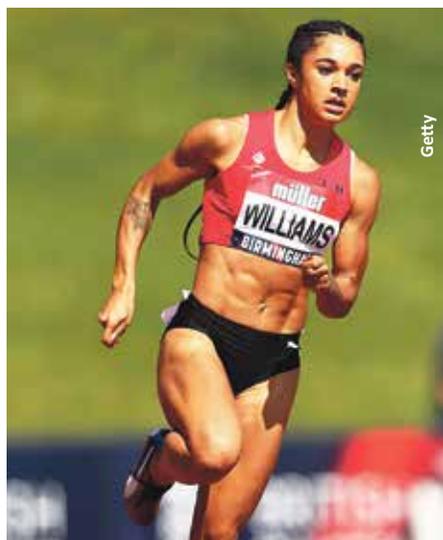
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SPORT IN NUMBERS

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and 5 September is when the British Athletics Championships will now be held. The event was

due to take place in June but has been rescheduled twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Spectators won't be allowed to attend. Jodie Williams (below) will be hoping to keep the 200m title she won last year.



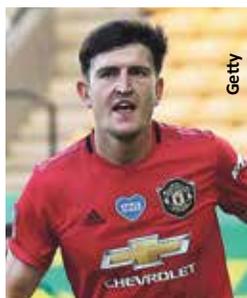
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Premier League teams make up this year's FA Cup semi-finalists. In the quarters, Arsenal beat

Sheffield United, while Newcastle lost at home to Manchester City. Chelsea won at Leicester and Manchester

United beat Norwich thanks to a goal by Harry Maguire (right). Arsenal will play Man City and Man United will play Chelsea.



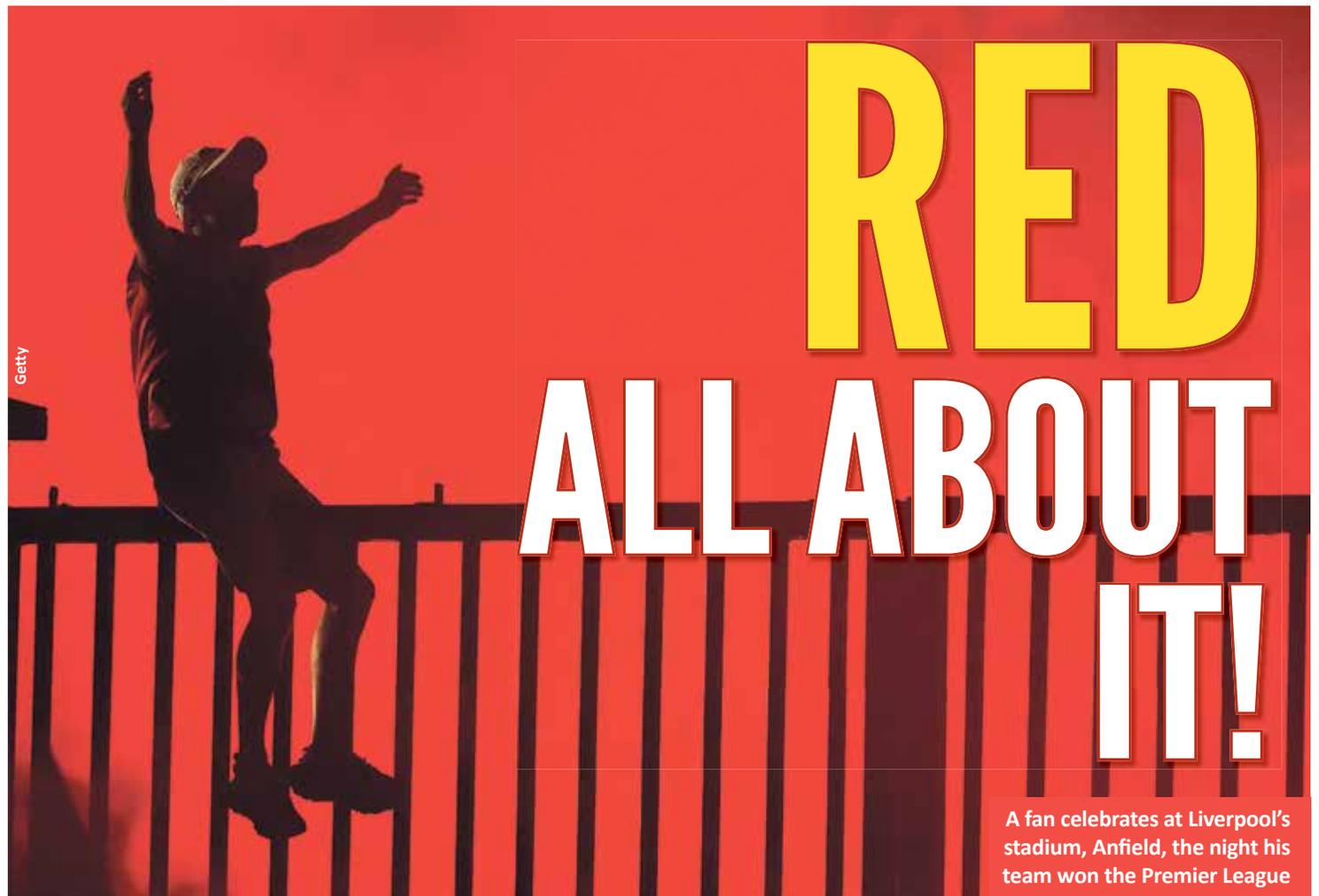
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strokes was Meghan MacLaren's winning margin in the second event at the Rose Ladies Series. The English golfer topped the leaderboard, ahead of 50 other players. There are a total of seven tournaments in the series.



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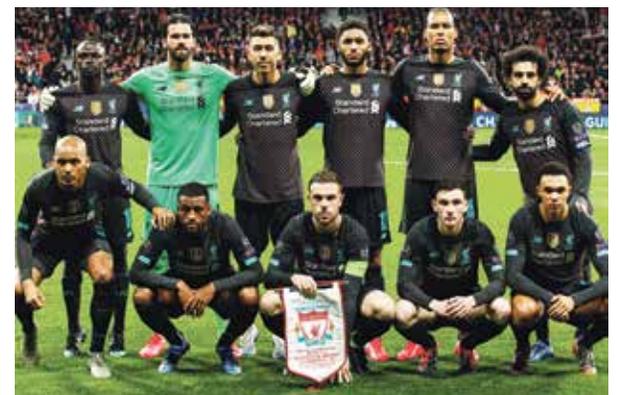


LIVERPOOL are champions of England for the first time in 30 years.

They last won the title way back in 1990, but this is the first time the Reds have won the Premier League (it was still called the First Division back then). They clinched the trophy after Manchester City's defeat at Chelsea made it impossible for them to catch up with the Reds.

Jürgen Klopp's side (right) have had an incredible season, winning the title with a record-breaking seven games to spare. They have now won the top division 19 times in their history, just one short of Manchester United.

As First News went to press, these three players had appeared in every Premier League game for Liverpool this season: from left, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Virgil van Dijk (who has played every minute), and Roberto Firmino



Liverpool have now won the title in eight different decades: the 1900s, 1920s, 1940s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2020s. Before this year's triumph, their last win was in 1990 (left), when the top flight was known as the First Division

Thousands of Reds fans gathered at Anfield (right) and in Liverpool city centre to celebrate the Premier League win, despite COVID-19 lockdown rules. Some police officers were attacked with glasses and bottles. In a joint statement by the club, police and Liverpool City Council, fans' behaviour was described as "wholly unacceptable"



Some 17 goals have been scored by forward Mohamed Salah so far this season. Sadio Mané has got 15 and Roberto Firmino has netted eight

