



Polar explorer: Meet Brodie, the UK's newest polar bear cub, finding his way around his enclosure at a Scottish wildlife park. See The Zoo Shed on page 4 for full story

Even toddlers now view social media

» 13-plus rule being ignored by children

Children as young as three and four are viewing social media sites, according to the latest survey of the UK's media habits.

TikTok is the most popular site with children, and the survey by media watchdog Ofcom shows that 16 per cent of children of those ages have watched videos on the site.

TikTok, along with other services such as Instagram, have a rule saying nobody aged under 13 should use the site.

Between the ages of five and seven, a third of all children have viewed TikTok, although in many cases this is when they are shown something by parents.

From the ages of eight to 11, it is estimated a third of children actually have an

account on the site, but a TikTok spokesman said: "Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our community, especially young people. TikTok is strictly a 13-plus platform and we have processes in place to enforce our minimum age requirements."

Bullying can be one of the most serious issues on social media sites, and children's charity Childline has advice on what to do to deal with it.

It says that if you have seen or experienced bullying on social media, it is important to report what's happened to the site or app, block the people bullying you and tell someone you trust, such as a parent, carer or teacher.

Among the other statistics revealed by the report is the amount of 'multi-screening' by young people aged three to 17.

The report says only four per cent of people of that age will watch television without using other screens as well.

Education revolution: more school, more work, less holiday

Exclusive report

by Olaf Pirlo

Children in primary and secondary schools are set to have major changes to their school lives.

The United Kingdom government wants children to prepare for when they start work as adults by following a school calendar similar to their parents' working pattern.

The changes will include:

■ The school day will run from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

■ There will only be a 30-minute break for lunch, with no other interruptions to classroom work. It will mean a 37½-hour working week, the same as an adult's.

■ Holidays will be reduced to four weeks each year, two weeks in the summer and one week each at Christmas and Easter.

■ Half-term holidays will be scrapped.

The moves will also help parents who have to arrange childcare while they are still at work.

The changes have been agreed after reports from Le Premier Avril education research centre in France.

The organisation's leader, Phil Farrisett, said: "When children grow up and start work, they can find it a shock to the system. This will prepare them much better – and give them longer to learn more stuff."

The changes will be introduced on April 1 next year.

Now solve the clues for 1 and 9 across in the crossword on page 6

NEWS IN BRIEF

Queen at service to honour Philip

The Queen made her first public appearance since last October when she attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of her late husband Prince Philip.

Right up until the morning of the service in Westminster Abbey, there had been doubts the 95-year-old monarch would be well enough to attend.

The Queen has suffered recent illnesses – including Covid – and palace officials said she has “mobility issues”.

But she was able to travel from Windsor Castle and entered the Abbey using a walking stick.

Prince Philip died last April, two months short of his 100th birthday. He married the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, in the Abbey in 1947.



Faces in the news:

Clockwise from top left: The Queen, former cricketer Shane Warne, deaf actor Troy Kotsur and footballer and campaigner Marcus Rashford

Warming up

Global warming means weather experts have had to change the definition of a heatwave.

Higher average temperatures have seen the Met Office change how they officially measure a heatwave.

Temperatures have to reach a certain level for three consecutive days to be classified as a heatwave.

That has been increased by one degree in eight English counties: to 28°C in Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Surrey; to 27°C in Lincolnshire; and 26°C in East Yorkshire.

Warne remembered

More than 50,000 people packed the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the state funeral of Australian cricket legend Shane Warne.

The great leg-spinner died in early March, aged only 52, and was honoured with a state funeral by the government.

An estimated billion people around the world watched the service on television, and the ground's Great Southern Stand was renamed the Shane Warne Stand in his honour.

Oscars for Coda

Coda, a film about a hearing child with deaf parents, has won three

Oscars at the annual film awards.

It won the best film award, best screenplay for Sian Heder and best supporting actor for Troy Kotsur, only the second deaf actor to win an Oscar after co-star Marlee Matlin.

New Rashford book

Marcus Rashford has revealed his first children's fiction book.

The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Beast Beyond the Fence, written with Alex Falase-Koya, will be published in May.

It follows a hugely successful motivational book, You Are A Champion, already written by the Manchester United and England football star.

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OUT NOW HISTORY SPECIAL



This is the final edition of The News Shed for this term - but a bonus historic edition is also available, focusing on the Titanic disaster 110 years ago. The News Shed returns on April 22

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Kites, witches and soaking with buckets

» Easter traditions around the world

Many people like to celebrate Easter with hot cross buns and plenty of chocolate eggs.

Egg hunts are an Easter tradition in other countries too, but there are some weird and wonderful customs around the world:

France

People in the town of Haux traditionally make a massive omelette on Easter Monday. It uses up to 4,500 eggs and feeds 1,000 people.

Bermuda

Home-made kites are flown on Good Friday. It is said to have started when a Sunday school teacher used a kite to try to explain Jesus's resurrection to his pupils.

Sweden

Children dress up as witches to go around their local area, as many people do at Halloween.

Spain

Easter is celebrated for the whole of the last week in Lent with parades in practically every town and village featuring floats depicting Bible scenes.

Germany

As with many countries in northern Europe, bonfires are a big feature of Easter in Germany. On Maundy Thursday, it is traditional to eat something green.

Italy

The Pope leads a huge mass at the Vatican on Good Friday. In Florence, it is less serious on Easter Sunday when an old wooden wagon full of fireworks is set alight in a town square.

Central and eastern Europe

Be careful if you are out and about in countries such as Poland, the Czech Republic or Slovakia, where people dress up in traditional costumes and then soak each other with buckets of water!

Greece

Islanders on Corfu like to throw old pots out of their windows to smash on the ground outside.

Nature trails which lead to an Easter egg

The National Trust is laying on special Easter egg trails in nature at many of the historic sites it looks after.

Children can collect an activity sheet and follow a trail and carry out nature-inspired activities before collecting their chocolate egg at the end.

The special events are being run throughout the Easter holidays at National Trust sites in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Among the properties preparing the trails are Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire, Quarry Bank near Manchester and Bodiam Castle in East Sussex.

WORD

IN THE NEWS

A weekly feature in which we turn the spotlight on a single word which has been used in the news, looking at its meaning and where it came from.

EASTER

Good Friday this year is on April 15 and Easter Sunday on April 17.

Definition

Easter is a Christian festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Derivation

Although *Easter* is a Christian festival, the word is believed to come from the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England called *Eostre*, who was celebrated in the Spring.

NUMBER

IN THE NEWS

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The percentage of the world's electricity produced by wind turbines or solar panels in 2021.

WE HOPE ALL OUR READERS HAVE A GREAT EASTER HOLIDAY. THE NEWS SHED WILL BE BACK FOR NEXT TERM ON APRIL 22

Welcome for UK's newest polar bear

» Brodie takes first steps in the open air

The United Kingdom's youngest polar bear cub has been named and taken his first steps outdoors.

Brodie was born to mum Victoria at the Highland Wildlife Park in Scotland in December, and has now been seen outside for the first time.

His name was chosen by the winner of a prize draw run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. The draw also raised more than £70,000 which will go towards building a Wildlife Discovery Centre at the park in the Cairngorms.

Brodie, a traditional Scottish name, was chosen by the prize draw winner from a list of names drawn up by keepers at the wildlife park.

Visitors can now see Brodie, but staff have warned he will only be visible for a short time at first.

Vickie Larkin, carnivore team leader at Highland Wildlife Park said: "We are so excited for visitors to finally see little Brodie and want to remind everyone they must book their tickets in advance.

"He is doing very well and is growing more confident every day. It is important to be aware Brodie may only be visible for short spurts to begin with as he starts to explore his enclosure and grow stronger on his feet. After a lap of his enclosure, our wee cub enjoys a good snooze in the den with mum.

"Like the other polar bears here at the park, Brodie will act as an ambassador for his cousins in the wild. Seeing cubs



like this up close is a great way to connect with nature and raise awareness of the plight the species faces in the wild."

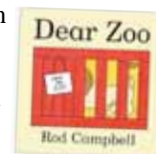
Four new otter pups born at Edinburgh Zoo, also run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, have been named.

The Asian small-clawed otter pups are to be called Esk, Isla, Yarrow and Ury, all named after Scottish rivers, like their siblings Garry, Clyde and Eden.

Celebrating a classic book 1

London Zoo is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the classic children's book *Dear Zoo* during the Easter holidays.

From April 2 to 18, The Dear Zoo Experience will see children enjoy lively readings of the popular Macmillan book, written by Rod Campbell, during daily story-time sessions at the zoo.



The book's animals will then leap off the page as visitors embark on a new trail across the zoo, taking in the real-life species behind the story, including inquisitive monkeys, lofty camels, roaring lions and tall giraffes.

The zoo's animals have got in on the act as well, with lions and black-capped squirrel monkeys having replicas of the book's famous travel crate to play with.

Celebrating a classic book 2

A new Gruffalo attraction is about to open at Twycross Zoo in the English Midlands.

The Gruffalo Discovery Land opens on April 9, celebrating the hugely popular children's book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

A zoo official said: "The aim is to inspire more children than ever before about the importance of conservation and the natural world.

"With real-life animals, animatronics, film clips and much more, visitors can encounter Fox, Owl, Snake, Mouse and the Gruffalo along their interactive journey through the deep, dark wood."



A rare Philippine spotted deer has been born at Chester Zoo.

Lyra weighed only 3kg when born to mum Nova and dad Cosmos as part of a conservation breeding programme.

The Philippine spotted deer is listed as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature with as few as 700 now remaining in the wild.



WEEK *This* *in* HISTORY

April 2, 2005

Pope John Paul II died after 27 years as head of the Catholic Church.

The former Archbishop of Krakow in Poland was the first non-Italian pope for more than 450 years and the second longest-serving pope in modern history.



One of the most travelled popes, a Mass he celebrated in Phoenix Park, Dublin, attracted 1.25 million people – a third of Ireland's entire population.

For the only time in its history of more than 180 years, the Grand National – one of the world's biggest horse races – was declared void after a chaotic series of events.

The start, at the Aintree course on Merseyside, was delayed by animal rights protesters and then there was a false start when several horses and riders became tangled up with the starting tape.

The same thing happened when a second attempt was made to start the race, but this time the starter's flag did not unfurl and 30 of the 39 riders set off, unaware there had been another false start.

Some of them became aware of what had happened as they made their way around the course but seven horses and riders completed the whole four-and-a-half mile course.

Esha Ness, ridden by John White, crossed the finishing line first but was denied victory when the whole race was declared void.



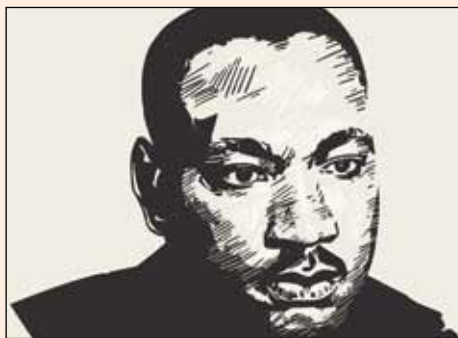
April 3, 1993

April 5, 1958

Ripple Rock, a twin-peaked underwater mountain off the west coast of Canada which caused dangerous currents and was a threat to shipping, was blown up in one of the biggest controlled explosions in history, using 1,270 tonnes of explosives.

April 6, 1896

The first modern Olympic Games opened in Athens, site of the original games 1,500 years earlier in ancient Greece.



April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, an American clergyman and civil rights campaigner, was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

He was shot by escaped prisoner James Earl Ray and died in hospital an hour later.

More than 300,000 people attended his funeral, and King is remembered every year with a national holiday in the United States on the first Monday after his January 15 birthday.

April 7, 1963

Golfing great Jack Nicklaus won his first major golf tournament, the US Masters at Augusta, Georgia, aged 23. He would go on to win a record 18 majors, three more than Tiger Woods.

April 8, 1920

The Venus de Milo, an ancient Greek statue, was discovered in pieces on the island of Melos. It was repaired and put on display at the Louvre museum in Paris, although the statue's arms were never found.

Harry closes in on goals record

» Rooney's mark in range for Spurs star

England captain Harry Kane is now only four goals behind his predecessor Wayne Rooney in the list of all-time leading goalscorers for their country.

Kane's winner from the penalty spot in the 2-1 friendly international win over Switzerland took him to 49 goals for England, level in second place on the list with 1966 World Cup winner Sir Bobby Charlton.

The Tottenham Hotspur centre-forward's 49 goals have come in 69 games, 37 fewer than Sir Bobby's 106.

Of those in the top five, the late Jimmy Greaves has the best goals-per-game record with 44 goals in 57 games, an average of 0.77 goals per game, a fraction better than Kane's 0.71.

And those averages are bettered by two other players among the top 10 England goalscorers of all time. Viv Woodward scored 29 goals in 23 games (1.26 goals per game), while Nat Lofthouse scored 30 in 33 appearances (0.91).

Fact SHED

England's leading international goalscorers

player	goals	caps	career
1 Wayne Rooney	53	120	2003-2018
2 Harry Kane	49	69	2015-
2 Bobby Charlton	49	106	1958-1970
4 Gary Lineker	48	80	1984-1992
5 Jimmy Greaves	44	57	1959-1967



Spurs and England captain Harry Kane

Former Everton and Manchester United star Wayne Rooney has been inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame.

He is joined by Patrick Vieira, now manager of Crystal Palace but a leading figure for Arsenal in his playing days.

Halls of fame are common in American sports and culture but are relatively rare in Britain. They are designed to honour people who have made a major contribution during their careers.

The Premier League Hall of Fame was started last year with eight stars of the league's first 30 years inducted. They were led by the league's all-time leading goalscorer, Alan Shearer, who netted 260 times.

Former England captain Rooney, now manager of troubled Championship club Derby County, is second on that list with 206 goals.

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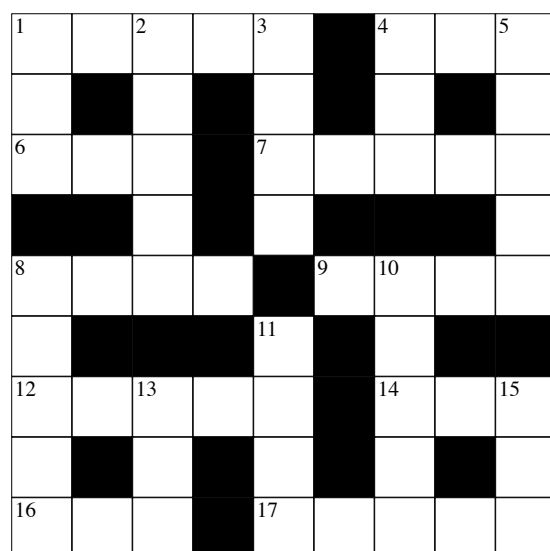
Premier League Hall of Fame 2021 inductees

Alan Shearer	Blackburn/Newcastle
Thierry Henry	Arsenal
Eric Cantona	Manchester United
Roy Keane	Nottm Forest/Man Utd
David Beckham	Manchester United
Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal
Frank Lampard	West Ham/Chelsea/Man City
Steven Gerrard	Liverpool

2022 inductees

Wayne Rooney	Everton/Man Utd
Patrick Vieira	Arsenal/Man City

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 & 9 Trick played on the first day of the fourth month (5,4)
- 4 Female pig (3)
- 6 Mother (informal) (3)
- 7 Gently make fun of (5)
- 8 Liquid measurement (of milk) (4)
- 9 see 1 across
- 12 To deceive someone, sometimes meanly (5)
- 14 Use scissors (3)
- 16 ___ Keane, angry former footballer (3)
- 17 East Midlands city; match between local rivals; famous horse race (5)

DOWN

- 1 Point carefully at target (3)
- 2 Citizen of Italy's capital (5)
- 3 Not on time (4)
- 4 Health resort (3)
- 5 Part of car covered by tyre (5)
- 8 Saint after whom Vatican basilica is named (5)
- 10 Academy Award in the film world is better known as this (5)
- 11 Slip, as a car might do on ice (4)
- 13 Climbing plant, often covering walls (3)
- 15 Longest Scottish river, which reaches the sea near Dundee (3)

Ask your teacher to find the solutions online with the reading comprehension answers



Toddlers on Social Media



Why do you think the author chose the word 'estimated' to explain how many 8-11-year-olds have TikTok accounts.

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What 3 things does Childline suggest you do if you are a victim of online bullying?

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What do you think is meant by the term 'multi-screening'?

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What 4 changes are due to happen to schools on April 1st 2023?

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Why are these changes being made?

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News in Brief

Summarise why each of these people have been in the news recently.

The Queen



Shane Warne

**Marcus
Rashford**

Troy Kotsur





Kites, witches and soaking with buckets

Use the information to complete the chart.

Country	Tradition	Which did you find most interesting?
Spain		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Islanders like to throw old pots out of their windows.	<input type="checkbox"/>
France		<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Children dress up as witches and wander around their local area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There are bonfires held on Easter Monday. On Maundy Thursday, it is traditional to eat something green.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick the tradition you found the most interesting and explain why.

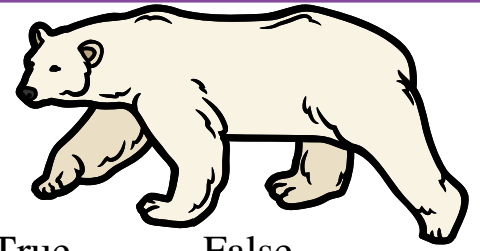
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The UK's Newest Polar Bear

Tick the correct box next to the statement.



True

False

Brodie the polar bear was born in
Edinburgh Zoo.

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The Phillippine spotted deer is listed as
endangered.

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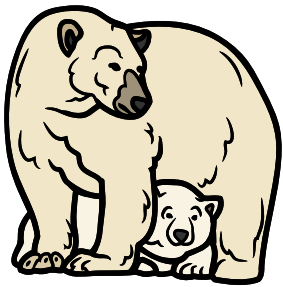
£7,000,000 was raised to help build a
wildlife centre in the Cairngorms.

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Dear Zoo was written by Rod Campbell.

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Black-capped squirrel monkeys at London
Zoo have been given replicas of the 'Dear
Zoo' travel crate.

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What is the meaning of the word 'wee' in the polar bear article?

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Lots of animal babies are called pups or cubs. Can you identify which is
a pup and which is a cub?

polar bear

raccoon

seal

bear

badger

panda

mole

wolf

» Who? What? Which? When? How?

For how many years was Pope John Paul II head of the Catholic Church?

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What did Jack Nicklaus win in Augusta, Georgia?

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What was Ripple Rock?

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Which part of the Venus de Milo was never found?

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Who assassinated Martin Luther King?

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What was first held on April 6th 1896?

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Why **didn't** Esha Ness win the Grand National?

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Soccer Stars

What does the word '*inducted*' mean?

to turn away/reject

to admit as a member

to give instruction to

What do you think '*netted 260 times*' means?

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Tick the correct statement.

Wayne Rooney has scored 206 international goals.

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Wayne Rooney is the new captain of Crystal Palace.

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Wayne Rooney has 120 international caps.

☐

Which player appears in **both** of the fact shed boxes?

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Which players in the Premier League Hall of Fame played for Arsenal?

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Order these players 1- 4 according to their average goals per game.
Start with the highest number of goals.

Harry Kane

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Jimmy Greaves

☐

Nat Lofthouse

☐

Viv Woodward

☐