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» Schools join up for healthy children scheme Big Walk and Wheel

Walk ✓

Cycle ✓

Car ✗

Thousands of schools have signed up for a two-week programme to encourage healthy travel to school.

Sustrans, a charity dedicated to walking, wheeling and cycling, has organised the Big Walk and Wheel from March 21 to April 1.

Primary and secondary schools which join up can win prizes if they have the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school each day.

As The News Shed was published, more than 2,100 schools around Britain had signed up to the scheme, with more than 700,000 pupils taking part.

The charity says: "Sustrans Big Walk

and Wheel inspires pupils to be amazing and take active journeys to school.

"We want to encourage more families to travel to school actively, to help create healthier and happier communities."

The campaign's website also has classroom activity packs which include information on the health benefits of active travel where possible and the pollution caused by unnecessary car journeys.

Sustrans is also the custodian of the National Cycle Network, which has more than 5,000 miles (8,000km) of traffic-free paths connecting towns and the countryside.

bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

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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.

ENERGY

A shortage of gas and oil has meant the cost of *energy* for our homes – in the form of gas and electricity – and for fuel to run cars has risen sharply.

Definition

The *strength* needed for activity; the *power* derived from processing physical resources to supply heat and light or to make machines work.

Derivation

From the Greek word *energeia*, meaning activity or working.

Example

He didn't have the *energy* to finish his homework.

NUMBER IN THE NEWS

2,172

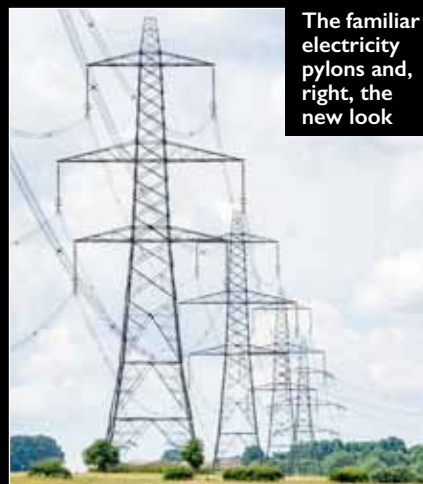
The number of days Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe was detained on false charges in Iran before being allowed home to the UK.

The NEWS Shed

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■ It is among a whole host of educational resources at: www.literacysheplus.com

■ For contact details please see the website.



The familiar electricity pylons and, right, the new look



Time for T

» New design electricity pylons being built

Electricity pylons are being given a dramatic new look for the first time in almost 100 years.

Instead of the familiar A-shaped steel lattice towers which carry electricity from power stations and into our homes via the National Grid, new T-shaped pylons are being used for the first time.

Known as T-pylons, they have a single pole and T-shaped cross arms. Suspended from the cross arms are structures described as being like earrings, which will carry the wires.

They are being used for the first time in Somerset, where 48 of the pylons to carry low-carbon energy from the Hinckley Point power station to six million homes have been erected. The wires

which will carry the electricity have been attached to 36 of the pylons so far.

The scheme will eventually be extended to 116 pylons, and the new style, which uses up less land, will be used in the future wherever new towers are needed across England and Wales.

At 115 feet (35 metres) tall, the new T-pylons are around two-thirds of the height of traditional towers.

The National Grid hopes the new design will have less impact on scenery, while new systems of underground and undersea cables are also to be used.

The T-pylons were designed by Danish firm Bystrup and were chosen from 250 entries in a competition run by the government and an architects' organisation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ TikTok singing star Sam Ryder will represent the United Kingdom in this year's Eurovision Song Contest.

He will perform his own song, *Space Man*, in the Italian city of Turin in May.

But Sam should perhaps not get his hopes up too much. Last year's entry, *Embers* by James Newman, did not score a single point, the second time that has happened to a UK song.

It was also the fifth time since the turn of the century that the UK has finished last in the competition.

■ A vegetarian and gluten-free pie has been chosen as the supreme champion at the British Pie Awards for the first time.

Made by restaurant chain Pieminister, the Mooless Moo Pie had a filling of 'steak' made from jackfruit with gluten-free beer and black pepper.

The annual competition was held in Melton Mowbray, traditional home of the pork pie, and saw 23 different categories of pie tasted by 151 judges.

The Mooless Moo Pie won the meat-free category before being chosen as the overall champion.

The real detective dog

A rescue dog that had been poorly treated has been given a new lease of life – working for the police.

‘Sprocker’ spaniel Bella, a cross between a springer spaniel and a cocker spaniel, was 20 months old when she was found in Kent.

Nick Wheelhouse, RSPCA chief inspector for the area, explained: “We were called to an address by police and discovered three dogs living in the back of a van in completely inappropriate conditions.

“They were removed from the site, along with a number of other dogs, and came into RSPCA care.

“When we were able to begin searching for new homes for them, I was visiting our centre with the local dog legislation officer and introduced him to Bella. She rushed straight up to him and started playing with the ball he was throwing.

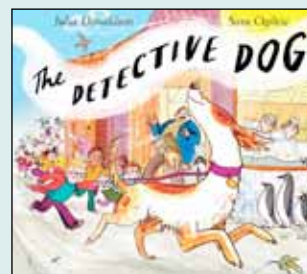
“He turned to me and said she’d make a great police search dog.”



Book SHED

■ In popular children’s author Julia Donaldson’s book *The Detective Dog*, Nell loves to go into school with her owner, Peter.

When all the books are stolen from the school library, it is Nell who uses her amazing sense of smell to investigate.



Bella (pictured) went to live with a volunteer puppy walker working with Kent Police’s dog section, and has now qualified as a forensic recovery dog alongside her handler, PC Alan Smith.

Chief Inspector Craig West of Kent Police’s dog section said: “Police dogs play a vital role in modern policing and work side by side with officers and staff to keep people safe and help bring offenders to justice.

“We were delighted to be able to give Bella a loving home and welcome her to the Kent Police family.

“She is settling in very well and I have no doubt she will continue to make a valuable contribution to the force’s work in the months and years to come.

“Dogs like Bella, who are trained to detect blood, use their extraordinary sense of smell to track down evidence at scenes of crime, or to help locate people who may be injured and in need of our assistance. We just could not carry out this type of work without them.”



Zero and Kaya
at their Africa
Alive home

Pride of lions go on their holidays!

Five lions have had to be moved 150 miles to a new zoo after the recent storms damaged their enclosure.

The group, known as a pride, normally live at Africa Alive, a zoo near Lowestoft in Suffolk.

But when storms wrecked their fencing, Whipsnade Zoo stepped in to help out with temporary accommodation.

The three male lions, Zero, Tor and

Jabu, and two lionesses, Mo and Kaya, will stay at Whipsnade until May while their enclosure is rebuilt.

Whipsnade Zoo manager Matthew Webb said: “Our keepers and vets are working hard to ensure they are settled and content, and the team at Africa Alive are sharing lots of information about their likes, dislikes and daily routine so they feel at home here straight away.”

IN BRIEF

■ Scientists studying the wreck of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s ship in the Antarctic, reported in *The News Shed* last week, have made a surprise discovery.

Biologists were expecting to see creatures such as sea anemones and sea lilies on the shipwreck, but were surprised to spot a crustacean known as a squat lobster scuttling about on the ship. They are usually found further north and this was the first ever seen in the Weddell Sea.

■ Wildlife groups are protesting against a government decision to allow farmers in England to use a pesticide which is harmful to bees.

A healthy bee population is vital to help pollinate plants, and thousands of people have signed a petition asking for the decision to be overturned.

Farmers asked for temporary permission to use the banned pesticide, thiamethoxam, to protect crops of sugar beet from a damaging virus carried by insects.

WEEK *This* in HISTORY

March 20, 2015

A solar eclipse, equinox and supermoon all happened on the same day.

■ **Solar eclipse:** when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, blocking out some or all of its light.

■ **Equinox:** the day when daylight and darkness are approximately the same length.

■ **Supermoon:** a full moon which happens at a time the Moon is at its closest point to Earth, making it appear larger than usual.

March 21, 2006

The first ever tweet was sent on Twitter. Jack Dorsey, the company's co-founder, tweeted: "just setting up my twttr." The social media site now has more than 300 million users around the world.



March 22, 1963

The Beatles, rated the most influential pop group in music history, released their first album, Please Please Me. It was the first of 11 successive albums by the group to reach No.1.

The Beatles are estimated to have sold two billion singles worldwide and more than 600 million albums.

The group, comprising John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, split up in 1970 after 10 years together.



March 23, 1965

Nasa launched the first two-man space flight when astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young made three orbits of the Earth in their Gemini 3 space craft.

Several earlier flights had been made by solitary American astronauts or Russian cosmonauts.

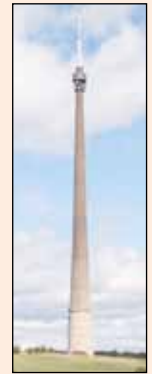
It was the first space flight in which the astronauts operated thrusters to change their craft's direction, and the last to be controlled from Cape Kennedy in Florida before Nasa moved to a new control centre in Houston.

Grissom and Young were told off when they returned to Earth for smuggling a corned beef sandwich aboard. There were fears floating crumbs could have damaged the space craft's electronics.

March 19, 1969

The Emley Moor television transmitting tower in West Yorkshire collapsed because of high winds and a build-up of heavy ice.

At 1,263 feet (385 metres), it was the tallest free-standing structure in Britain. The replacement tower was shorter at 1,084ft (330.4m) but still the country's tallest structure, 66ft (20m) taller than The Shard building in London.



March 24, 1944

During World War Two, 76 Allied prisoners from 13 different countries escaped from the Stalag Luft III prisoner-of-war camp.

The daring escape, using one of three tunnels dug between a hut in the camp and a spot outside the perimeter, was dramatised in the classic film The Great Escape.

The camp was near Sagan in what was then part of Germany but is now Zagan in Poland.

The plan was for 220 men to escape, but the 77th man out of the tunnel was spotted by guards who then discovered the tunnel and prevented any more getting out.

Of the 76 who escaped, 73 were captured and only three made it to freedom, two Norwegian pilots and a Dutch pilot.



March 25, 1957

The European Economic Community, which later evolved into the European Union, was formed. Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands and West Germany were the first members. There are now 27 different countries in the European Union.



» Ronaldo sets new world scoring record

Cristiano Ronaldo has reached yet another milestone in his incredible football career.

His hat-trick in Manchester United's 3-2 win over Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League took him to 807 goals in his senior career – more than any other player in the history of the game.

Although no official statistics are kept, the previous record was widely accepted to be the 805 goals scored by the Austrian-Czech player Josef Bican in his long career from 1931 to 1955.

Portuguese superstar Ronaldo equalled that with his first goal against Tottenham at Old Trafford, set a new record with his second goal and added a third to win the match for good measure.

He wrote on Instagram after the game: "Tremendously happy with my first hat-trick since I came back to Old Trafford!"

It was an amazing 59th hat-trick by Ronaldo for club or country although, strangely, only two have been for Manchester United, where he is now in his second spell.

No fewer than 44 of those hat-tricks came during his nine seasons playing for Real Madrid, where he scored at an average of more than a goal every game – scoring 450 times in 438 appearances.

Ronaldo also won the Champions League four times with the Spanish club, having also won the competition once in his first spell with Manchester United.

He also holds the world record for goals in international football, having scored 115 in 184 games for Portugal.

Now aged 37, Ronaldo has won no fewer than 32 trophies in his club career, as well as a host of individual honours.

Ronaldo's great rival Lionel Messi, now with Paris Saint-Germain after a glittering career with Barcelona, has 770 career goals in 994 senior games. Of those, 80 have come in 158 international appearances for Argentina.

Cristiano Ronaldo's record-breaking hat-trick was witnessed by another sporting superstar, with American football legend Tom Brady a guest at Old Trafford during a visit to England.

The two spoke on the pitch after the match, and Brady himself made the news two days later when he revealed his shock decision to carry on playing – six weeks after announcing his retirement.

Now 44 and recognised as the game's greatest player, Brady led the New England Patriots to six SuperBowl wins during his 17 years at the Massachusetts-based club. The quarterback then switched to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and promptly took that club to a SuperBowl win as well.

After announcing his retirement at the end of last season, Brady has now done an about-turn and will play for the Buccs again next season. He will be 45 before the next NFL season begins.

Fact SHED

CRISTIANO RONALDO

Appearances and goals

team	games	goals
■ Sporting CP B	2	0
■ Sporting CP	31	5
■ Manchester United	292	118
■ Real Madrid	438	450
■ Juventus	134	101
■ Manchester United	32	18
■ Portugal	184	115
Total	1,113	807

International records

■ Most caps for European player	184
■ Most international goals	115
■ Most goals in European Championships	14

Champions League records

■ Most titles	5
(Francisco Gento won six titles in the old European Cup format)	
■ Most appearances	183
■ Most goals	140
■ Most assists	42

Honours

■ Sporting CP	
Supertaca	1
■ Manchester United	
Premier League	3
FA Cup	1
League Cup	2
Community Shield	1
Champions League	1
Club World Cup	1
■ Real Madrid	
La Liga	2
Copa del Rey	2
Supercopa	2
Champions League	4
Uefa Super Cup	2
Club World Cup	3
■ Juventus	
Serie A	2
Coppa Italia	1
Supercoppa	2
■ Portugal	
European Championship	1
Nations League	1

Individual honours

Ballon d'Or	5
Fifa world player	3
European Golden Shoe	4
Portugal player of the year	4
■ Domestic player of the year	
England	4
Spain	1
Italy	1

Girls on the ball



» 90,000 join schools scheme

More than 90,000 girls took part in school football sessions as part of the Let Girls Play campaign.

Under the banner of the 'Biggest Ever Football Session', 1,450 primary and secondary schools gave girls the chance to play football the day after International Women's Day.

The Let Girls Play campaign, organised by the Football Association, aims to give girls equal opportunities to play football in schools.

At the moment, only 63 per cent of schools offer girls' football in PE lessons and only 40 per cent of schools offer girls regular extracurricular football.

The target is to have 75 per cent of schools providing equal access to football for girls in PE lessons and 90 per cent of schools offering regular extracurricular football by 2024.

Former England international Kelly Smith attended a session at Oakington

Primary School in London and said: "It was a privilege to see the Let Girls Play campaign in action.

"Seeing so many girls unite to celebrate their love of the game and desire to play football was really special.

"There were nearly 200 girls taking part at this school, which was amazing. Moments like this make me extremely proud to be part of such an important campaign and event."

England hosts the women's European Championship this summer, and the FA's head of development, Louise Gear, said: "With it being such a huge year for women's football in this country, more girls than ever will feel inspired to play football.

"We launched our campaign to raise awareness of the importance of providing girls with equal access to football, and seeing so many schools unite on this across the country is fantastic."

RUGBY UNION

■ As the men's Six Nations ends, it is time for the women's competition to take centre stage.

England, who start their campaign away to Scotland on Saturday, March 26, have dominated the competition since it was expanded to six countries in 2002. They have won 12 of the 20 tournaments since then, including all of the last three.

The competition returns to a full round-robin format after being reduced last year because of Covid.

All matches will be televised on the BBC or on S4C in Wales and RTE and Virgin Media in Ireland.

Fact SHED

Fixture guide

Round 1

Mar 26	Scotland v England	12 noon
Mar 26	Ireland v Wales	4.45pm
Mar 27	France v Italy	3pm

Round 2

Apr 2	France v Ireland	2.15pm
Apr 2	Wales v Scotland	4.45pm
Apr 3	Italy v England	3pm

Round 3

Apr 9	England v Wales	4.45pm
Apr 10	Scotland v France	1pm
Apr 10	Ireland v Italy	5pm

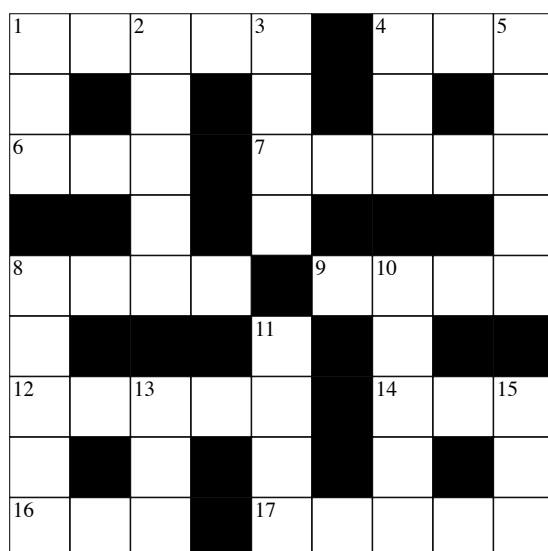
Round 4

Apr 22	Wales v France	8pm
Apr 23	Italy v Scotland	7.20pm
Apr 24	England v Ireland	12 noon

Round 5

Apr 30	Wales v Italy	12 noon
Apr 30	France v England	2.15pm
Apr 30	Ireland v Scotland	8pm

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1, 8 across, 4 across www (5,4,3)

4 see 1 across

6 This moment (3)

7 Town in Greater Manchester, famous for rugby league and pies (5)

8 see 1 across

9 Capital of Norway (4)

12 Bar of precious metal (5)

14 Hen product, can be boiled, poached or scrambled (3)

16 Large flightless bird in Australia (3)

17 Structures built over the sea at holiday resorts (5)

DOWN

1 Succeed at a game (3)

2 Propelled a boat using oars (5)

3 One of these clues (4)

4 Fake hairpiece (3)

5 Game in which you cross off numbers which are called out (5)

8 Put words on a page (5)

10 Someone from Stockholm; root vegetable (5)

11 Halt (4)

13 Another name for a wildebeest (3)

15 Helium or hydrogen, for example (3)

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



Big Walk and Wheel

Why is the healthy scheme called Big Wheel and Walk?

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Why do you think the author has described the National Cycle Network as traffic-free?

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Explain what is meant by 'unnecessary car journeys.'

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Imagine picking up a Sustrans activity pack.

Can you think of a persuasive sentence that might be included in the pack for each of the benefits below?

Health benefits

Environmental benefits

Social benefits





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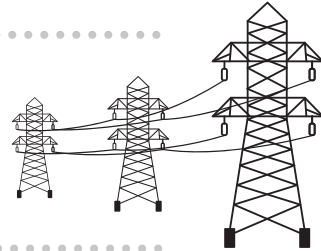
Why do you think the structures dangling from the arms are being described as earrings?

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Why have the new pylons been designed?

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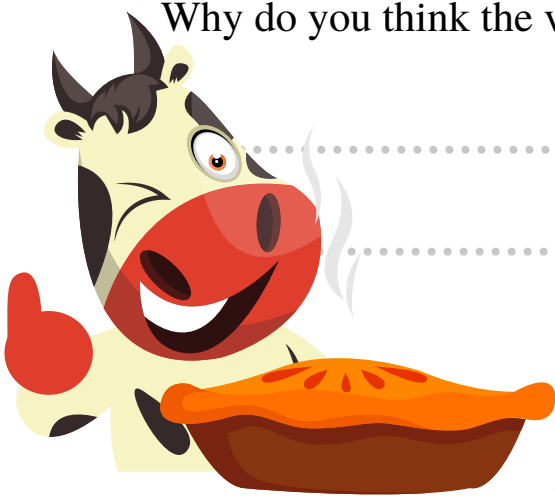
Find and copy a word in the T-Pylon article which explains that the new look of the pylons is very different to the old pylons.

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Why do you think the vegetarian pie was called the Mooless Moo Pie?

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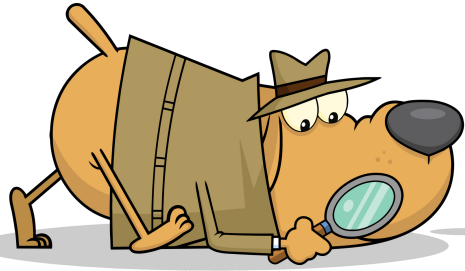
Can you think of a new pie filling and create a suitable name for it?

Filling -

Pie Name -

Why does the journalist explain that Sam Ryder should not get his hopes up about winning the Eurovision Song contest?

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Detective Dog

What did Bella do to make the dog legislation officer think she'd make a good police search dog?

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Who wrote The Detective Dog?

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Bella is a forensic recovery dog. What does she do?

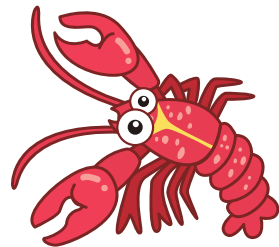
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What is unusual about finding the squat lobster on the wreck of Shackleton's ship?

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The collective noun for a group of lions is a pride.
Can you match the following animals to their collective nouns?

giraffes

hedgehogs

sharks

flamingoes

penguins

shiver

flamboyance

tower

prickle

waddle

Who? What? Which? When? How?

Which word in the article about March 24th 1944 is an antonym of allowed?

Which occurrence is the boy talking about?



Today, there are the same hours of daylight and darkness.



What was the first ever tweet?

Use the information to complete the chart.

Who?	What?	When?
The Beatles		March 22 1963
	Sent the 1st tweet	March 21 2006
76 allied prisoners		
	Orbited the Earth three times	March 23 1965



Goal Machine

Use the text to find the missing facts about Ronaldo.

He has scored _____ goals which is more than any other player.

He has won _____ trophies in his club career.

He has scored _____ goals in international games.

He has scored a total of _____ hat-tricks.

He scored _____ hat-tricks with Real Madrid.



Which word means the same as 'to have been authorised by a person or body'?

Circle your answer

measure

honours

official

What 3 things do Cristiano Ronaldo and Tom Brady have in common?

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What do you think 'Brady has now done an about-turn' means?



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Girls on the Ball

Tick the correct box next to the statement.

	True	False
The men's Six Nations competition takes place after the women's.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
England women's teams have won the last three tournaments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covid restrictions changed the format of the Six Nations competition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The biggest ever football session was on International Women's Day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
England will host the women's European Championship this year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Let Girls Play campaign aims to give girls equal opportunities to play football in schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At the moment, 75% of schools offer girls' football in PE lessons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which Six Nation's match could I watch on April 3rd at 3pm?

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Why is it called the Six Nations?

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