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Weekly News to your Library!

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RMT and other train firms to vote over strikes

Over the next few weeks, members of the union RMT are going to be voting on a deal that could potentially end the train strikes for quite a long time to come.

(Read page 3 to find out more).

New Legends of Zelda Film to be released!

Over the last few years, Nintendo have been working behind the scenes with Sony Pictures to try and release a film on there 2nd best selling game franchise, the Legends of Zelda. Not much info is known yet, but read on to find out some more info.

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UN calls for ceasefire as Palestinian-Israeli death toll soars to unimaginable levels

After weeks of suffering and conflict in Israel and Gaza after Hamas, a designated terrorist group by many countries including the UK, US and Australia, raided a region of Israel by killing and hostage-taking, a small nation that ultimately controls much of the infrastructure and life in Palestinian territories (the West Bank and Gaza) the situation is only getting worse many fear. Many countries have expressed support for either nation in a controversial divide - while the United Nations have urged a ceasefire to take place to minimise suffering.

Disclaimer: we understand this is a controversial and sensitive topic in which we intend to only tell our readers the facts and report impartially, however we do not tolerate anti-semitism or islamophobia in any way and hope that war and suffering on both sides will end as soon as possible. Read on to find out the latest in this ongoing conflict.

Following the 7th October attack carried out by Hamas, Israel responded with the support of many Western allies, most notably the USA, by launching missiles and bombing Gaza - a key Palestinian territory that is 6 miles wide, 26 miles in length but is densely populated with an overall population of 2 million - 50% being under 18 years old. In just a month, the conflict has claimed the lives of approximately 10,000 Gazan civilians, 4,200 of which were children, 1,400 Israeli civilians, (over 200 Israeli civilians have also been taken hostage), hundreds and thousands injured and tens of thousands of people displaced, particularly in Gaza, after Israel warned civilians to leave the area, which is very hard to navigate due to security, blockades and more. The main route is the Al-Rafah crossing, linking Palestine and Egypt. This huge death toll in such a short space of time in a conflict that has been lingering on a rollercoaster for decades has trumped the death tolls of many global conflicts and atrocities. Since 7th October, Hamas have withdrawn but are still in control of the hostages who were swiftly taken from Israel. The World Health Organisation has said that disease is rife and spreading in Gaza. US diplomat, Antony Blinken has completed an Israeli and Arabian tour to try to calm tensions and called for a 'humanitarian pause' to prevent civilians from being killed. A humanitarian pause is a temporary end to fighting solely in the interested of humanity or civilians. Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said that only if the hostages were released, would he engage in peace talks with Palestine or Hamas. One of his cabinet members from the far-right National Liberal Movement Party has also been suspended for suggesting to bomb Gaza with nuclear weapons.

The Labour party has been criticized by many of its supporters after not backing calls for a ceasefire to halt the deaths of innocent people, in Israel and Palestine. In fact, many Labour MP's have resigned after Keir Starmer refused to back the calls. The United Nations immediately called for a ceasefire, branding Gaza as a 'graveyard for children' and accusing both Hamas and Israel of committing atrocities and war crimes - stating that the Palestinian civilian death toll is evidence of war crimes being committed by Israel alongside documented, horrific acts committed by Hamas. Critics said that the UN was condemning Hamas, however many others believe it is simply a call to stop suffering and fighting. It is feared that other designated terrorist organisations neighbouring the countries, such as Lebanon's Hezbollah will intervene in attacks against Israel.

Pro-Palestine marches are taking place across the globe with organisations and people campaigning for peace and a ceasefire in Gaza. The Met Police fear that anti-semitism and islamophobia are on the rise, and that some protesters may discriminate. It is important to note however, that almost all marchers are simply demanding peace, and are not automatically Hamas supporters or of anti-semitism. Despite this, home secretary, Suella Braverman, has branded these marches as "hate marches" against British values and patriotism of Remembrance Sunday, which is when this campaign will take place.

She was largely criticized by activists saying it was misunderstood and quite the opposite.

Furthermore, the Scottish-Palestinian First Minister, Humza Yousaf, whose family has recently been evacuated from Gaza, said: He added: "I am beyond angry at the Home Secretary and the UK Government who seem to want to drive every issue into a culture war. Describing those marches as hate marches is disgraceful, unacceptable. "Yes, in every single march, I'm afraid you'll get one or two idiots who will do and say something that we all universally condemn, but to describe those hundreds of thousands in London, in cities across the UK, including here in Scotland, as full of hate or hate marches is completely unacceptable. And, of course, if Armistice was about anything, my goodness, it's about peace."

Others called for the public to attend the marches, including Winston Churchill's grandson. The Met Chief also stated: "I wouldn't use one phrase to characterize 100,000 people." Braverman wrote an article accusing the Met of left-wing bias. PM Rishi Sunak labelled them as disrespectful however stated that they would be allowed in the interests of free speech. It is believed that 70,000 people will attend this rally on Sunday 11th.

On Saturday, Rachael Maskell, York's Labour MP, is inviting York civilians to say prayers and calls for an end to violence at the York Minster. The public's kind messages towards those who have suffered will be taken to the Prime Minister and UN secretary General, Antonio Guterres.



The UN has accused both powers of war crimes, calling for an end to suffering and war.

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RMT and train firms take a step to end strikes

RMT members are voting over the next few weeks on a deal over pay that could halt the companies wave of industrial action against train companies. Operators have put forward an offer that proposes backdated pay rises for the staff, along with some job security guarantees. The boss of RMT said that he supported the developments that are happening and that it was a “welcome development”. However, he still thinks that further negotiations will be required, and there is a separate dispute with another Union called Aslef, so strikes over christmas could still be possible. The RMT's dispute with rail companies has been going on for nearly 18 months already, with workers calling for better job security, pay and conditions. Last month members voted for a new six-month strike mandate, meaning the threat of action over Christmas and into spring. After talks between the union and the Railway Delivery Group which represents operators, they have made a so called Memorandum of understanding which figures out an agreed way forward between the two. A second year's pay rise would still depend on reforms being negotiated at local level. The Rail Delivery Group, which represents operators, said: “If accepted, this MOU will terminate the national dispute mandate, creating a pause and respite from industrial action over the Christmas period and into spring next year, while allowing for these important negotiations on proposed reforms to take place. RMT members will now vote on the deal in an online referendum which closes on 30 November. It is the first deal they have voted on since the start of the dispute. The department for Transport called the deal they made “fair and reasonable” and “a positive step towards resolving this dispute”. RMT members, including guards and ticket office staff, who work at 14 train companies have taken part in a series of national strikes since June 2022 in the long-running dispute. Coinciding with walkouts by train drivers, the strikes have brought much of the rail network to a standstill and disrupted major sporting events and music festivals. A separate RMT dispute with Network Rail - which manages the UK's rail infrastructure - was resolved in March this year after signallers and maintenance workers voted to accept an offer.



Autumn Term Quiz Results!



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Hello!

Thanks for yet another successful quiz. In total, we received 13 entries. To anyone who participated, thank you, as every entry counts.

The winners have already received their prizes, but here are the results:

1st place - George

2nd & 3rd place: Reuben and Ester

Once again, a big thanks to anybody who decided to enter the quiz, and we hope to see you next term for our Spring term quiz! (Maybe still even reading our issues along the way 🙄🙄)

**Thanks,
The News Team.**



Around The World



Malaysia will maintain ties with Hamas

Anwar Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of Malaysia has stated that the nation will “not punish” Hamas and instead maintain ties with the group. The Prime Minister has stated that Malaysians should “unanimously back” the Palestinian cause, and his decision was stated in response to a US proposal to sanction Hamas’s foreign supporters. “I will not accept any threats, including this...” said PM Anwar.

Up to 50,000 Roman coins found near Sardinia

The sighting of metals by an Italian diver of the coast of Sardinia has ultimately led to the discovery of tens of thousands of bronze roman coins, stated Italy’s culture ministry. The coins, which are said to be dated back to the fourth century, were discovered off the north east coast of the island, after the man alerted the authorities and a diving squad was sent to investigate. The current number of coins found is still being determined, but it has been estimated there is at least 30,000.



Colombia to cull feral Hippos

Colombia has stated that they will cull (reduce the population of) some of the 166 hippos descended from a herd owned by Pablo Escobar, a drug lord, in the 1980s. Susana Muhamid has claimed that 20 members of the herd will be sterilised, as well as some others being transported abroad. It has also been mentioned that “some” will be euthanized (Put to death). Escobar first imported the animals for his private zoo, but they were ultimately left free to roam after he was killed in a shootout in 1993.



Lalibela Fighting – Clash in historic Ethiopian town

Fighting between local militia and government forces have broken out in the historic ethiopian town of Lalibela. Fano, a militia group based in the nearby Amhara region have been fighting with the army ever since it was ordered to disband. PM Abiy Ahmed’s government introduced a six-monthstae of emergency in early august, allowing them to recapture major towns and cities.



Australian farmer survives crocodile attack by biting back.

Australian farmer Colin Devereux has spent one month in hospital after being bitten by a 3.2m crocodile in the Northern Territory. Apparently Deveraux told ABC news that he bit the crocodile’s eyelid in his struggle to survive. His ordeal occurred while he was travelling to build fencing near the finniss river and stopped by a billabong lake. His brother is reported to have driven him 130km (*0 miles) to the Royal Darwin Hospital where he spent last month in recovery.





Science & Environment News



The key to longevity: Researchers 8 top tips for anti-ageing



For centuries, humans have been trying to figure out what the key to living a healthy, long life is - and to give humanity its deserve credit, the average life expectancy in many countries including the UK has doubled in less than 200 years (a tiny timescale for such an achievement).

Scientists insist that there is still far to go, with anti-ageing all the rage at the moment. A new study which have been released by the American Heart Association (AHA), has pinpointed 8 top reasons based on valid research that can slow ageing by up to 6 years.

The findings, based on 6,500 adults, are being presented at a scientific session conference in Philadelphia, USA. The study highlighted the fact that people whose cardiovascular health is great, are about 6 years younger on average in terms of biology. "Everyone wants to live longer, yet more importantly, we want to live healthier longer so we can really enjoy and have good quality of life for as many years as possible," said the ex-president of the AHA. To measure the confederates' (participants') biological age, the scientists checked their metabolism, inflammation and organ function strength. "We found that higher cardiovascular health is associated with decelerated biological ageing, as measured by phenotypic (observable) age."

The perhaps seemingly obvious list followed saying that the following reasons were a key guideline to longevity and eternal youth: healthy diet, no smoking, being regularly active, getting sufficient sleep, , maintaining a balanced weight, controlling cholesterol, watching blood sugar and managing blood pressure.

UK's COP26 promises broken as deforestation-linked products remain imported.



A significant environmental promise to stop importing products like beef, soy and palm oil that are closely tied to **illegal deforestation**, made by the British government in the 2021 COP26 climate conference, has been broken, according to campaigners and activists.

The Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have been criticized by climate activists for failing to commit and comply with promised policy that they would stop the import of deforestation linked palm oil, beef and soy particularly sourced in the Amazon Rainforest via illegal deforestation.

The former environment minister Zac Goldsmith said: "We passed the Environment Act with much fanfare, not least so we could present ourselves as a world leader at Cop26 ... and it was a genuinely landmark law to cut illegal deforestation caused by commodity production from our supply chains. But there has been virtually no progress since the law passed and not a single tropical tree has yet been saved."

"It should go without saying that there is no solution to climate change, indeed there is no future for our species, if we fail to halt the loss of the world's great forests. So the government needs to stop with the delays and U-turns and get on with it." The investigation, lead by the organisation Global Witness and Trase, is still importing unethically sourced commodities, most famously the likes of soy, beef and palm oil. Between November 2021 and July 2023, of the approximate sum of 20,400 hectares of deforestation linked to these commodity imports, 8,800 were linked to palm oil, 3,470 linked to soy and 2,950 were tied with cattle farming. Researchers say that this estimate could be much higher with critics arguing that the EU's climate policies were much tougher and hands on when it came to deforestation.

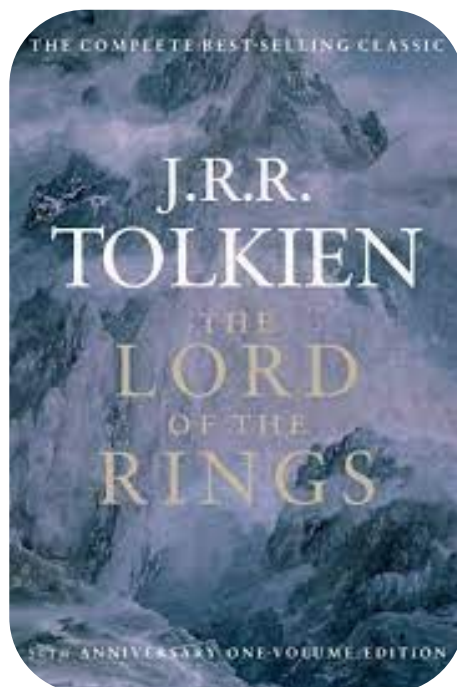
Book of the Week

The Lord Of The Rings

In ancient times the Rings of Power were crafted by the Elven-smiths, and Sauron, the Dark Lord, forged the One Ring, filling it with his own power so that he could rule all others. But the One Ring was taken from him, and though he sought it throughout Middle-earth, it remained lost to him. After many ages it fell by chance into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. From Sauron's fastness in the Dark Tower of Mordor, his power spread far and wide. Sauron gathered all the Great Rings to him, but always he searched for the One Ring that would complete his dominion. When Bilbo reached his eleventy-first birthday he disappeared, bequeathing to his young cousin Frodo the Ruling Ring and a perilous quest: to journey across Middle-earth, deep into the shadow of the Dark Lord, and destroy the Ring by casting it into the Cracks of Doom. The Lord of the Rings tells of the great quest undertaken by Frodo and the Fellowship of the Ring: Gandalf the Wizard; the hobbits Merry, Pippin, and Sam; Gimli the Dwarf; Legolas the Elf; Boromir of Gondor; and a tall, mysterious stranger called Strider.

Age Rating:

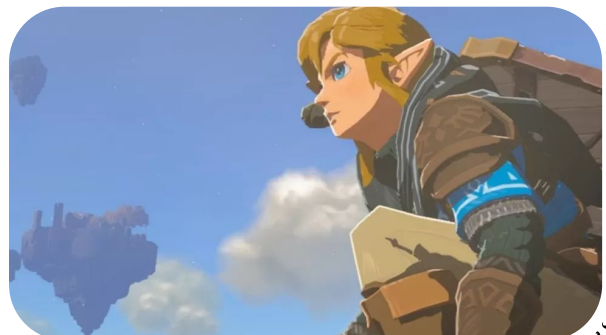
12+, and an enjoyable read for almost anyone in the school. The films and games are also certainly good!



Latest Tech News

Legend Of Zelda: A new live action movie based on the game series

Nintendo have announce that they have been working with sony pictures to make a new live action film on the beloved game series; The Legend Of Zelda. Currently, there is not much information on the plot of the film or who will make up the cast, but it is pretty much guaranteed that it will be a good one to watch. In a post on Nintendo's Japanese account, they revealed that they had been working on a film for quite some time. They said "It will take time until its completion, but I hope you look forward to seeing it". The Legend Of Zelda series is the second most popular Nintendo franchise after super mario, since it has sold about a total of 150 million copies since its first release in 1986. The popularity of the game franchises latest release, Tears of the Kingdom, which sold 10 million copies in only **3 days** when it was released last may, made it the fastest selling Zelda game and just shows the large popularity of the game. Whilst in the past gaming films seemed to be a bad idea to most, people now are seeing what large potential they have, especially for the large game franchises like the Legend Of Zelda. Back in the 90's, gaming film adoptions of Super Mario Bros and Mortal Kombat where very critically taken and were deemed commercial failures when they were released, leading to the bad gaming film reputation. However, Nintendo's Super Mario Bros movie released earlier this year became one of the highest earning animated films of all time, earning just over \$1bn, just proving the potential of success they have once again. The Zelda series has had an animated TV series back in 1989, but this is likely to be a much better and more successful film after the numerous copies sold over the last 33 years.



Puzzles

Riddles

Easy - Which 5 letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?

Medium - I shave every day, but my beard never changes. What am I?

Hard - What continues to go up or down without moving?

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*(This sudoku will be cut out next to the issue stand for you to complete)!

$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \text{Climber} + \text{Climber} + \text{Basketballer} = 22 \\
 \text{Yogi} + \text{Yogi} + \text{Basketballer} = 22 \\
 \text{Basketballer} \times \text{Yogi} \times \text{Climber} = ?
 \end{array}$$

Last Issue's Answers

Easy - A clock, Medium - Light & Hard - You're pointless

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