

Coming up on

FYI, we meet the 14-year-old skateboarder hoping to represent

Great Britain in the Olympics this summer.

And we join Eddie and his family

as they celebrate an important festival in the Jewish calendar,

Passover.

This is FYI, your weekly

news show bringing you all the latest info from the UK and around the world.

Yeah, and fast, we have some news from Gaza,

but the war between Israel

and the Palestinian militant group Hamas has been taking place.

It's a long and complicated history of fighting in the region.

This latest war broke out after Hamas attacked Israel back in

October, killing over 1,200 people and taking others hostage.

Israel responded with an invasion into Gaza.

Well, over 34,000 people have been killed.

We've been reporting on both sides of the war.

For more information, head to our website at first.news/FYI.

This week, though, we had news that nine-year-old Lama and her family

managed to escape the war in Gaza and are now safe in neighboring Egypt.

We've been hearing from Lama on FYI

over the last few months.

She wants to be a journalist
when she's older and has been reporting on
what life is like for Palestinian children
since the war broke out.

When the fighting began, Lama
had to flee from her home

in Gaza City to a refugee camp in Rafah.

Hello, guys.

How are you?

People all over the world,
live in warm houses,

under a roof, under blankets.

We live like this, under tents,
without water or electricity.

These people,
their basic human dignity and freedom.

The children of Gaza are feeling cold.

Please, World, stop the war.

Lama's reports are spread worldwide

and she now almost has a million
followers on social media.

Thanks to her growing social media
following, Lama and her family

managed to raise enough money
from an online fundraising page

so that they could escape the war
and pay to cross the border into Egypt.

She told us about her journey
I left my country.

I left Gaza.

It is not easy to leave your country.

I am in Egypt right now,

but hopefully only for a short period.

But I am here in Egypt now

to spread the news to the whole world
about what is going on in Gaza.

The people who were killed.

I am here with my parents, sisters
and brothers,

but my other relatives
are still stuck in Gaza.

Thank God they are still alive.

My feeling on leaving was so painful.

I was so sad to leave my family,
my relatives, my land, my country,

especially when
they are still in the situation.

Lama and her family are among

the few lucky ones
who have managed to flee the war in Gaza.

But most people can't leave.

They don't have the money
and there's a fence that runs around

the border of Gaza.

Many are now living in temporary tents.

The situation in Gaza is so bad
there is no food.

There is no water.
The people are suffering.

There is also an increase in diseases,

especially in children,
when they go to hospital.

There is no medicine for them
and the people are even dying from hunger.

Lama told us that she hopes to return

to her home one day when there is peace.

My plans are to go back to Gaza
and live our life as before

because Gaza will be rebuilt
again and will have peace.

My plan

for the
future is to be a famous journalist

to spread the news,
because what is going on is horrible.

It is unfair.

They are children.

They are civilians.

They want to live in peace.

Thanks, Lama.

Now, you might have seen lots
of England flags being flown this week

as many celebrated St George's Day,
the patron saint or protector of England.

But who is Saint George
and why is he the patron saint of England?

Well, he was supposed to slay the dragon,

which just goes to show
fake news has been around for centuries.

Yeah, well, it turns out there's
lots of different information about him.

So which is fake news and which is fact.

See what you think.

According to reports, despite

being the patron saint of England, Saint
George wasn't actually born in England,

but he was born centuries ago
in Cappadocia, which is modern day Turkey.

Apparently, he never actually set foot on English soil either.

Fake news or fact?

We will let you know later in the show.

Imagine being

14 and getting to compete for your country at the Olympics this summer.

Well, skateboarder George hopes to do just that.

Maya went to meet him to find out more.

And she also got to learn a few moves herself.

How lucky.

George has been skateboarding

since he was seven years old and is currently ranked 38th in the world.

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He came second at the 2023 national championships

and now hopes to represent Team GB at this year's Olympics.

To do that, he'll have to perform at the Olympic qualifiers

in Shanghai and Budapest.

So how does a qualifying actually work?

How do you get into the Olympics?

So you have to make the top 22 in the world and be in the top three.

In Great Britain

now, you compete against loads of different people and loads

in different ages.

I mean, there's even someone

who's 50 years old on your team, do you think that makes it easier or harder.

So it's quite funny.

My teammate is 50 years older than my dad, so personally I think

it's better to be younger just because then you have more energy and stamina.

Yes, but being older, you do have more knowledge of skateboarding.

And what advice would you give to anyone who wants to get into skateboarding?

It's just knowing that no one will ever judge you and you feel

and you can get back up and try it again.

So I've had an Olympics skateboarding,

but there's two different categories Park and Street.

And you compete in park, right?

Yes. So this is the park and that's the street.

The park has big transmissions.

And the street, you have handrails and stairs, what you'd find on normal street.

So could you show me something that I could do on Park?

Yeah, sure. Let's go. Safety first.

And this is for you. Thank you.

So this how you do a kick turn.

Do you want to give that a try?

Okay.

You sort of move your shoulders slightly and lift up your back

a little bit, and then your shoulders and board should turn right.

It's really hot, i'm sweating.

Prepare to be amazed.

that that was really, really close.

I'm tired.

I'm sure you're tired of watching me fail.

So let's go sit down.

I found skating really difficult, but props to those who can do it and do it well.

I will definitely be watching skateboarding in the upcoming Olympics.

Wow. George is amazing.

And Maya didn't do too badly herself.

No, I think she did a bit better than I could do.

Well, we'll keep you updated to see whether George qualifies for Paris 2024.

And another skateboarding news following in Northern Ireland's footsteps.

Wales is the latest country in the UK to approve skateboarding as a subject

for teenagers during the GCSE in PE, which is pretty exciting.

Yeah, definitely.

And with skateboarding to be getting more popular,

would you want it as a PE subject in school?

Well, here's the FYI News Club at St

Oswald's School.

Do you guys think that is a skateboarding
is a sport or hobby?

So I'd normally say

it's like a hobby, but that was just
until they put it in the Olympics.

So now it kind of it's a sport as well.

So it's kind of like changed
how I thought of skateboarding

and now I actually get why people like,
like to do it and like to learn it.

So like football and netball
have been like traditional sports,

but like as you go into a future,
you never know.

In the next 20 years
skateboarding might be the next big thing.

I think skateboarding
should be a part of a also,

I think would be cool if the school
could have like a skateboard ability,

like we'll have a bike ability and stuff,
but every school would have to hire

like a skateboarding trainer
because I'm pretty sure you couldn't.

You wouldn't just get like a teacher
that couldn't just do skateboard

and off by heart.

I think that the school would have

to get funding because a lot of schools
might not have enough money

to pay for all of the skateboards
and equipment that they need.

But at the same time,
I think it could enhance people's learning

and it could help
people feel more passionate

towards sports that aren't very common.

It could make PE
a little bit more enjoyable for them.

Some people take skateboarding
passionately and I think, like

you should listen to everyone in the world
like they should have their own voices.

There could be schools that like can give
you a path towards achieving your dreams.

And like other sports that aren't like
as traditional as like football, rugby.

So this week was Earth Day,

which is all about raising awareness
of how we can protect the planet.

And the UK government

announced a new law that would ban
sale of wet wipes that contain plastic.

There's a big problem with wet wipes
being flushed down the loo

when they shouldn't be and they end up
polluting our rivers and oceans

and wet wipes that contain plastic
can break down to microplastics,

which are really small pieces of plastic
that can be harmful to wildlife

because they can mistake them for food.

Well, it's a big step,
but do you think it's enough?

I don't.

I mean, I think more needs to be done
to stop single use plastics.

Yeah, I agree.

Well, another big story
that caught eye this week

is that head teacher in London
is planning on making 12 hour school days
with pupils

because he believes they're spending
too much time on their smartphones.

He wants pupils to start the day at 7 a.m.
and finish at 7 p.m.

and also do lots of activities
like basketball, dodgeball,
art, drama and cooking.

So what do you think about that Jeriah?

Well, I mean, I like school,
but I mean, I don't like it that much.

I like my time at home.

What about you?

Yeah, well, I completely agree.

I mean, there's lots of fun activities,
but I wouldn't want to
be at school for that long.

This is brilliant.

Nine year old Cooper from Derbyshire
has won a competition

for his seagull impression.

That's hilarious.
Cooper won the junior category

in the annual European Gull Screeching
championship in Belgium.

Nice one, Cooper.

Here on FYI, we love to hear your stories.

And this week we've got a report
from ten year old Eddie,

who wanted to share
a special Jewish festival with us.

Hi, I'm Eddy,
and I'm getting ready for Passover.

There's lots of things I need to do
before the special dinner tonight.

Come and have a look.

Passover is the story of Exodus,

which was the one hour Jewish ancestors.

Sometimes called the Israelites were kept
as slaves in Egypt.

God sent the leader, Moses, to
ask the Pharaoh to free the Jewish people.

But he refused.

So God sent ten deadly plagues.

The Pharaoh then

changed his mind
and let the Jewish people leave.

Moses led them through the Red Sea,

but at the last minute,
the Pharaoh came after them.

Moses performed a miracle
and parted the Red Sea,

allowing the Israelites to escape.

Passover is a festival

that you celebrate with family and friends
to prepare for Passover.

We have been helping, cooking, preparing
food,

laying tables.

I'm making cinnamon balls right now.

There are traditional biscuit
that we only eat on Passover.

I'm helping my Mum dipping them in sugar.

It's a family tradition to have
a fun decoration on the Seder table.

So we have our Lego Pharaoh over here

and the frogs,
which is one of the ten plagues.

And over here we've got Moses
and his staff splitting the Red Sea.

I'm tying a

yellow ribbon to a chair
to remember the people who aren't free.

And the people still held hostage in Gaza.

It's hard to have a say tonight
when we still know there are people

in this world
who don't have the freedom that we do.
We start off with a big Seder

where you usually have loads of people
and then you tell the story of Passover
and have your Seder dinner.

And then the second part of the Seder
is basically

just singing songs.

Passover is important

because it passes down the story
of horrible slavery.

And it reminds us
to never take advantage of people

that don't have the same things as we do.

If you have a story
that you're passionate about

and you want to report for us on FYI,
we'd love to hear from you.

You can get in touch on our
website at first.news/fyi.

So what did you make of this week's
fake news or fact about Saint George,
the patron saint of England?

Well,
it's fact that he wasn't born in England.

He was actually born in Cappadocia,
which is modern day Turkey.

And apparently
he never visited England at all.

He was just admired by many kings of
England for dying for his Christian faith,

which is why his emblem of the Red Cross
in the white background was eventually

used as the England flag.

Well, that's about it from us.

But we're going to leave you with some
more record breaking Taylor Swift news.

Yeah, she's just released her
new album, The Torture Poets Department.

And fans listened to it so much

that she became
the most streamed artist in a single day.

I'll see you next week
for more top news stories. Bye.