

SPORT NEWS

FIRST TO FIFTY!

VIVIANNE Miedema has become the first player to score 50 goals in the Women's Super League.

Vivianne plays for Arsenal's women's team. Last year, the skilled striker helped the Gunners win the Women's Super League (the women's version of the Premier League.)

Now she has become WSL's top goal scorer of all time and the first player in the league to score 50 goals. The Dutch player is also her nation's leading female goalscorer, with 69 goals in 89 appearances.

This season, Arsenal have got off to a brilliant start in their bid to retain the title. They have won all five of their matches, and Vivianne scored ten of their goals.

She gained the WSL record in style, with a hat-trick (three goals) against Tottenham Hotspur Women. Arsenal won the match 6-1.

On the same day, another football superstar was in action in a Tottenham Hotspur game – this time for the men's team. Gareth Bale made his first appearance for Tottenham since 2013! The Welsh midfielder is on loan from Real Madrid.

Bale came on as a substitute at the end of the match, when Spurs were leading West Ham 3-0. Unfortunately for Bale, his long-awaited return didn't go so well. In a frantic 12 minutes, West Ham scored three goals against Spurs, forcing a draw with their London rivals.



Gareth Bale

Vivianne Miedema (right) has won silverware with Arsenal, Bayern Munich and the Netherlands

Questions on: 'First to fifty!'

1) What does WSL stand for?

W _____ S _____ L _____

2) Why is Vivianne Miedema in the news this week?

3) Find a number fact that shows Vivianne is a very good footballer.

4) What is Arsenal's nickname?

5) **Two** matches described in the report were played on the same day. Which teams were playing and what was the score?

The teams: Arsenal Women v _____

The score: _____ - _____

The teams: _____ v _____

The score: _____ - _____

6) What do you find out about Gareth Bale? Find at least two facts.

1.

2.

7) Feelings check – choose one or two words for each.

How do you think the Arsenal women's team feel about their start to the season?	
How do you think Gareth Bale feels about his first match back for Tottenham?	
How do you think West Ham will feel about their performance in this match?	

8) This news report includes lots of **words related to football**, which might be quite confusing if you are not a football fan. Can you find some examples of the language?

ANIMAL NEWS

WHAT A BIRD!

A bird has set a world record for an astonishing non-stop flight of 7,500 miles.

This brilliant bird is a bar-tailed godwit. It has been tracked flying from Alaska to New Zealand in just 11 days! It travelled at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour, mostly over the sea. The godwit is said to have the streamlined shape of a 'jet fighter'. The bird was one of 20 to be fitted with a satellite tag by scientists in 2019 so their journeys could be tracked.



WHAT A HOUSEFUL!

A man in Mexico brought 300 dogs and a whole host of other animals into his house to keep them safe during a hurricane.

Ricardo Pimentel runs an animal shelter called Tierra de Animales (Land of Animals). When a hurricane threatened the lives of his animals last week, he decided there was only one thing to do – bring them all into his house! His house party included hundreds of dogs, around 12 cats, chicks, bunnies, a flock of sheep and a hedgehog!

Kind-hearted Ricardo said: "It doesn't matter if the house is dirty, it can be cleaned. The things they broke can be fixed or bought again, but what's beautiful is to see them happy, healthy and safe."



WHAT A STRANGE FACT!

Did you know that it takes seven days longer for a black cat to be adopted over other colour cats?

This might be because some people think that black cats are unlucky. Well, now it's their time shine. National Black Cat Day is on 27th October – just in time for Halloween. The day is organised by the charity Cat's Protection.



Questions on: 'Animal News'

Look at the news about the bird.

1) Complete the details of the bird's journey.

It started in _____ and ended in _____.

It flew _____ miles without _____.

The journey took _____ days.

2) What machine has this bird been compared to?
Can you explain why?

3) How do you know that the journalist is very impressed by this bird? Find two descriptions.

Look at the news from Mexico.

4) What natural event caused Ricardo to bring all these animals into his home?

5) Which **word** has been used to describe Ricardo that means 'helpful, generous and loving'?

6) Look at Ricardo's words.

- What **isn't** he worried about?
- What **does** he care about?

Look at the story about black cats.

7a) Who has organised National Black Cat day?

7b) Why do you think this day is so close to Halloween? Use your own knowledge.

Think about all the stories.

8) What is similar about all the headlines?

SCIENCE NEWS

FIRST WOMAN WILL LAND ON THE MOON IN 2024

THE UK will be part of the team that plans to send humans back to the moon – including the first ever female.

The Artemis project, led by the American space agency NASA, aims to put a team on the moon in 2024.

It will be the first time people have been to Earth's satellite since 1972. But the plans don't end there.

Artemis will involve a series of missions that will test ideas and technology for a later trip to Mars.

UK companies will produce equipment for the Lunar Gateway. This is a mini space station that will orbit the moon. It will include a laboratory, sleeping quarters and a space garage.

The plan is for the Lunar Gateway to make it easier for astronauts to pop down to the moon and back. It's hoped they might find frozen water on the moon, which could be crucial for setting up a permanent base.

Sue Horne is the head of space exploration at the UK Space Agency. She hopes the UK's involvement will inspire youngsters. She said: "We have put a lot of effort into encouraging young people, particularly girls, to take science and technology subjects, and this will boost those efforts."



Questions on: 'First woman will land on the moon in 2024'

1) What is the name of the new NASA mission to the moon?

2) What is the **main** purpose of this mission?

- To land a female astronaut on the moon.
- To test ideas for a future mission to Mars.
- To build a mini space station around the moon.

3) Two 'satellites' are mentioned in this news report. What are they?

1. Name:
It orbits the
2. Name:
It will orbit the

4) Which part of the Artemis project are UK companies going to help build?

5) Can you explain why this structure is going to be a very useful part of the project?

6) Who is quoted in the article, and what does she do?

The person:

Her job:

7) This person has a very big job to do. What does she say she particularly cares about?

8) There have been 564 astronauts in total. Only 65 of them have been women.

Do you think this news report will inspire more girls to get involved in space exploration? Explain your thoughts.

BIG NEWS

CHARITY CAMP-OUT

A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy has slept outside in a tent for months to raise money for a hospice.

Max Woosey from Braunton has been sleeping in his garden for more than 200 days.

He was inspired to do it after his neighbour and friend Rick, who was 74, left him a tent before he died and made him promise he'd have an adventure in it.

Max has so far raised more than £79,000 (79 thousand pounds) for the North Devon Hospice that cared for Rick and his wife in their final days.

He started fundraising in March after finding out that events to raise money for the hospice were being cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Max says the best thing about sleeping in his tent is getting to read the *Beano* comic for as long as he wants and the worst bits are the weather, and finding an ants' nest underneath the tent! He says that he wants to try to camp out for a whole year. Nice one, Max!



Questions on: 'Charity camp-out'

1) Rick is described as:

Max's _____ and _____.

2) How much money has he raised so far?

3) A hospice is a hospital that cares for people during their last days. Why did Max decide to raise money for the North Devon Hospice?

4) What **prompted** Max to start raising money in March?

5) What **inspired** Max to take on this tent challenge?

6) How would Max complete the table below?

Pros – reasons to do something
 Cons – reasons not to do something

The pros and cons of sleeping in a tent	
Pros	Cons

7) Place the words in the correct places.

Max Woosey is a _____ and _____ boy who has taken on an _____ challenge to raise money in memory of his _____ friend.

His task is going to get _____ as the weather gets _____!

Choose from:
 generous harder ambitious colder dear determined

8) Many people have been inspired to raise money for charity at the moment, perhaps because of the coronavirus pandemic.

If you were going to take on a challenge to raise money for charity, what would you do?

Your challenge:

Your charity: