

# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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# What is bravery?





## Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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# This week's story looks at events related to ...





## Read through the information below about the rescue in the jungle.

### How did the siblings live in the jungle for forty days?

The four children, aged 13, 9, 5 and 1, survived a plane crash in the middle of the jungle in Colombia.

The family are members of the Huitoto people, who learn hunting, fishing, and gathering from an early age.

The children ate fruit, seeds, and a type of flour to survive. The eldest, 13-year-old Lesly knew which fruits were safe to eat (important, as there are many poisonous fruits in the forest) and she knew how to care for a baby.



The rescue dogs, Wilson left, and Tellius right.

**Source:** Ejercito Nacional



The location, where the children were found in the jungle. **Source:** Twitter/@petrogustavo

The Colombian army flew in 150 soldiers with dogs to help with the search, alongside volunteers from indigenous groups also in the area. Throughout the search, soldiers found evidence in the jungle that led to the belief that the children were still alive. Some of the clues included a pair of footprints, a baby bottle, nappies, and fruit that looked like humans had eaten it.

The search was supported by two dogs named Tellius and Wilson. The dogs helped the soldiers reach the children after picking up their scent.

**Talk about the different examples of bravery shown.**





Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the Colombian jungle.

The Colombian jungle is part of the Amazon rainforest. It covers a huge area and is larger than the whole of the UK! There are many parts of the Colombian jungle that have never been explored.



The Colombian jungle is hot and humid. Temperatures range from 21.5°C to 30.2°C and it rains daily.



There are thousands of different animal species found in the Colombian jungle.



A sloth, spectacled bear, jaguar and puma – all animals that can be found living in the Colombian jungle



Banana plants in the Colombian jungle

Some of the plants that grow in the Colombian jungle are edible. This means their roots, fruit or leaves can be eaten. However, some are poisonous and would cause harm if eaten.

Can you imagine what it might be like to live in the Colombian jungle?





## Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the Huitoto?

The Huitoto are an indigenous group whose traditional land is around the Southern Colombian city of Leticia.



The Huitoto traditionally learn hunting, fishing and gathering from a young age. Whilst some still do this, other Huitoto people have adopted a more modern lifestyle, embracing technology.



Traditional Huitoto people basket weave and cultivate and transform coca leaves.



Huitoto people have traditionally taken part in singing, dancing and body painting for special occasions.

Source: Apollo

**Is there anything that surprises you? What else would you like to find out?**





# What is bravery?



# Reflection



Bravery comes in many different forms. Having the support of others can make a big difference to the choices we make and the courage we show, when facing difficult and scary experiences.







## **Individual Liberty**

There are some situations or challenges we face that may be tricky. Learning how to manage risks can help us make choices and take action in response to these.



# Protected Characteristics



Race can mean your colour, nationality or your ethnic or national origins. The Huitoto are an indigenous group whose traditional land is around the Southern Colombian city of Leticia. We should never be treated unfairly because of our race.





# UN Rights of a Child



Governments should let families and communities guide their children as they grow up. The Huitoto traditionally learn hunting, fishing and gathering from a young age.





# Useful vocabulary



## Airlifted

Transported by aircraft from a place that can be difficult to reach.

The poster shows children - all brothers and sisters - being **airlifted** to safety after spending forty days in the jungle on their own.

## Feat

An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength.

Speaking of the incredible **feat** of survival, Gustavo Petro said..

## Heralded

Made something publicly known, especially by celebrating or praising it.

Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro **heralded** the rescue as a joy for the whole country.

## Jungle

An area of land overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation.

Share what you imagine may have been difficult about living in a **jungle**.

## Siblings

Brothers and/or sisters.

The four **siblings** were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Survival

Continuing to live or exist, in spite of difficult circumstances.

'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total **survival** which will remain in history.'

**Can you use them in your writing this week?**





## Record-Breaking Writers



**Pictured:** Saeed Rashed AIMheiri and AIDhabi AIMheiri **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR Twitter page

An author from United Arab Emirates has broken two world records before the age of five as he publishes a sequel to his first book! He now holds the records for the youngest person to publish a book and youngest person to publish a book series (male). Saeed Rashed AIMheiri, published his first book, *The Elephant Saeed and the Bear*, in March when he was just 4 years and 218 days old. Describing the story Saeed says, 'The elephant wanted to have a picnic on a mountain. He met a polar bear who, instead of eating the elephant, chooses to become his friend.' Amazingly

he then wrote a sequel to the book when he was 4 years and 238 days - only 20 days later! The second book in the series, called *My True Friend*, tells the story of what happens next. 'My book teaches children how to be kind.' Saeed says, 'When I grow up, I want to be a scientist and a superhero to save the Earth.' Saeed isn't the only record holder in his family, his sister, AIDhabi AIMheiri, is the youngest person to publish a bilingual book series (female) at the age of 8 years and 239 days old.

**Would you like to write a book?**

**Do you have a great story idea?**

## Wonderwoods Vertical Forest

Europe's latest vertical forest is taking shape in Utrecht in the Netherlands. A vertical forest is created by adding vegetation to the exterior of a building, usually so that you can add to the greenery in a built-up area. Wonderwoods Utrecht will reportedly dampen city noise, provide summer shade, absorb CO2, and attract animal species to the Dutch city. The tower, which contains around 200 apartments, is situated in the fourth-largest city in the Netherlands. It was designed by award-winning Italian architect Stefano Boeri, who built his first vertical forest in Milan, Italy, ten years ago. The architect's website describes the amazing building; 'The facades of the tower will host about 10,000 plants from 30 different species, equivalent to one hectare of forest vegetation resulting in a genuine urban ecosystem capable of producing about 41 tons of oxygen each year. On the ground floor and connected to a garden on the sixth floor, is the Vertical Forest Hub: a centre for documentation and research into urban forestation worldwide.'

**Would you like to see more buildings like this one? Would you like to design a building? What would it look like?**



**Pictured:** The Wonderwoods Vertical Forest **Source:** Stefano Boeri @StefanoBoeri Twitter page



# Making an Impact



At Picture News, we are passionate about using current affairs to help children learn from our world, give them a voice and allow them to make a difference. Our Picture News Impact Awards aim to celebrate children, schools and communities who are doing just that!



This year, we will be awarding our applicants with either a **Bronze**, **Silver** or **Gold** award. To apply, provide us with an overview of your project (no more than two sides of A4). If you have made an impact, you will receive one of our awards and our Picture News Impact 2023 logo.

## Think about the following questions to help structure your application

Explain what you did.  
Why did you do it?

Have you made a difference  
to your local community, the  
country or even the world?

Did you have to  
overcome any barriers or  
difficulties when trying  
to make a difference?



Who has it impacted?  
Consider everyone involved.  
How has your project  
made an impact?

Please include photographs and quotes to support your application. Anything you include may be shared publicly. Send your application to [help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk) or post to Picture News Ltd., Colber Lane Bishop Thornton, North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR

Last week's topic:

## What is the best way to show your support?

I think the best way to show support is to give gifts and just say nice things.  
**Clara**



I think there are lots of  
different ways. You can use  
your voice, or your actions.  
**Vani**

Support others by teaching  
them about what you know.  
**Frank**

Just by being there. Then  
people know you care.  
**Yolanda**

## Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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# TAKEHOME



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### Things to talk about at home ...

- > What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- > Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- > Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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