

# What's happening in the news this week?



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# What is rubbish?





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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 the information below explaining more about the litter-picking World Cup held in Tokyo.

## What is SpoGomi?

SpoGomi is competitive litter collecting. Teams of three players collect items of rubbish within a playing area. They have 1 hour to pick up any rubbish they find, and 20 minutes to correctly sort it. Teammates cannot be more than 10 metres apart from each other and they are not allowed to run. Points are rewarded for both the amount of waste collected and what kind of waste is collected.



The countries that held qualifying tournaments.  
**Source:** SpoGomi World Cup website.

## What is the SpoGomi World Cup?

The first-ever SpoGomi World Cup brought teams from all around the world to take part in the international competition. Its aim is to find who could be the best in the world at collecting and sorting rubbish found on the streets.

## Who won the competition?

The first SpoGomi World Cup was won by the UK team, who were named, 'The North Will Rise Again'. They won with a score of 9,046.1 points, collecting 57.27kg (126.26 lbs) of rubbish, outperforming the Japanese hosts, who came second.

**Do you think this event is a good idea? Is it something you would like to take part in?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the different things people might do with their rubbish.



### Recycle

Some items made from materials such as plastic, paper, and glass can be made into a material you can use again.

### Put it in the bin



### Sell it or give it

Items you no longer need or want can be passed on to someone, sold or given to charity rather than being thrown away.



### Reuse

Use it again instead of throwing it away.



### Upcycle

Making something you can't use anymore into something new.



### Mend or repair it



**Can you think of anything else you might do with your rubbish?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the ways people are encouraged to dispose of their waste.

### Charges and fines

Disposing of some rubbish incorrectly is illegal. Some workplaces may have waste products that contain medicines or toxic liquids that once used, need to be incinerated. Other workplaces have waste products that must be taken to recycling centres or collected by waste disposal companies.

**Pictured:** a chair that is no longer needed has been deposited on land it should not have been. This is called fly-tipping and is illegal. Fly-tipping can result in a fine or a prison sentence.



### Bins for sorting rubbish in public areas

Many public places encourage people to sort their waste as they dispose of it by having different recycling bins available.



### Awards and recognition

Some schools, workplaces or businesses apply for awards to recognise their effort to reduce, reuse and recycle. Sometimes people may be celebrated in their local area for things such as campaigning to reduce waste, litter picking or recycling.



**Can you think of any other ways to encourage people to dispose of rubbish responsibly? What would encourage you?**



# What is rubbish?



# Reflection



Rubbish left on our streets and in our countryside can be a real problem. Everyone can play a part in ensuring waste is disposed of correctly.





## **Individual Liberty**

We can choose what we do with our rubbish. Some of our choices and actions can have a more positive impact on the environment and our health than others.

# Protected Characteristics



The way we dispose of our waste can form part of our beliefs: our life choices or the way we live our life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion and Belief



# UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to clean water, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. Disposing of rubbish in the correct way can help to do this.



# Useful vocabulary



## Allocated

Given.

...and **allocated** an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo.

## Combination

Mixture.

SpoGomi is named after a **combination** of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish.

## Dispose

Throw away.

What are some of the different ways we can **dispose** of things we no longer need?

## Equipped

Provided with equipment.

Each team is **equipped** with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags.

## Outperforming

Being more successful.

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## Sifting

To examine thoroughly to find **something** or to **separate** what is **useful** from what is not.

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



## Picture News Peace Chains



**Pictured:** Bodnant School pupils with their peace chain.  
**Source:** Mrs Siân Canty Editor -Bodnant Bugle Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School.

This month, we have launched our Picture News 'Let's Spread Peace' campaign. The campaign aims to spread peace by asking you to make your very own peace chain, with each link in the chain representing an action you feel will help to spread peace far and wide! In the past few weeks, you have amazed us by sending in photos of your fantastic creations! We believe that small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes and can make a real difference. So, we have absolutely loved seeing what you have been making so far and hope to see more.

Mrs Siân Canty, editor at the Bodnant Bugle, Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School, sent in the above photo of their pupils' work and said, 'Our school newspaper reporters have been busy on the run-up to Christmas writing and drawing on a peace chain which is now on display on one of the Christmas trees in school. Bodnant School have asked each of our children to design a link in the chain to send peace and goodwill to all at this time of year.'

**Are you creating a peace chain? If you are, we would love to see your photos too!**

## Rare Rhino Baby Born

Chester Zoo has been celebrating the birth of a critically endangered eastern black rhino. The female rhino was born on soft sand during the daylight hours (14:45) on 12<sup>th</sup> November, and is reported to be doing very well along with her mother, Zuri. Commenting on the amazing event, rhino team manager Emma Evison said, 'We'd been eagerly awaiting this birth for 15 long months and, as it's quite unusual for a rhino to give birth in daylight hours, we really didn't expect it to happen right in front of us as we were going about our day. To be able to witness the calf safely entering the world, in front of our very own eyes, was just the most incredible privilege.' Only around 600 eastern black rhinos are estimated to be living in the wild in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Scientists



believe that births like this one will help prevent the species from being lost altogether. 'This precious newborn's arrival is another positive step in safeguarding the species, which is what the endangered species breeding program in European conservation zoos, that we're a leading part of, is striving to do,' explained Evison. Chester Zoo is inhabited by over 27,000 animals, they say; 'We love wildlife. We care about nature. And we want to be the BEST ZOO in the WORLD!' A black rhino's skin can be up to 5cm thick, they are smaller than white rhinos and they use their hooked lip to pluck at bushes and branches for food.

**Do you know any facts about rhinos? Have you ever seen a rhino?**



**Pictured:** Eastern black rhino Zuri and her new calf.  
**Source:** Chester Zoo X page.

# Tumbleweed Snowman

A giant tumbleweed snowman has been installed at the side of the I-40 (a motorway) in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States. The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) has organised for the snowman to be displayed for the festive period every year since 1995. The snowman is spray-painted white and has eyes made from large, metal buttons, an orange-painted axe handle nose, workman's gloves for hands, part of a 55-gallon steel drum for a hat, a scarf and a big smile. Writer Jessica Dyer released a poem to explain and celebrate the occasion, 'The tumbleweed snowman is here. As crews stood him up Tuesday morn, drivers playfully tooted their horns. The tumbleweed snowman is here. A holiday

*fixture locals hold dear, he's been spreading cheer for 28 years. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Built with care by flood-control crews, he wears a hat, a scarf and big smile, too. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Since first created in '95, he's grown in renown and literal size. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Made of jumbo weeds found around town; that's to make sure he doesn't blow down. The tumbleweed snowman is here. Some say tumbleweeds are nothing but pests, but he's the way to use them the best. The tumbleweed snowman is here. He'll be on I-40 waving to you - at least until early 2024.'*

**Do you enjoy writing poems? Have you written one to celebrate an event?**



**Pictured:** The AMAFCA Tumbleweed Snowman being moved into position and on display beside the I-40. **Source:** Kevin Troutman @AMAFCAKevin X page.

Last week's topic:

## Who is responsible for Antarctica?



Everyone because it's our planet.  
**Finn**

We think the world's government and rulers...  
**Rodrigo and Kieran**

We are responsible for it since climate change and all that stuff and that is melting Antarctica slowly melting hopefully it won't affect the earth too much.  
**Magnus**

We should listen to David Attenborough because he is the person trying to save it and we should be using his ideas. The Prime Minister should also be helping.  
**Annie**

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

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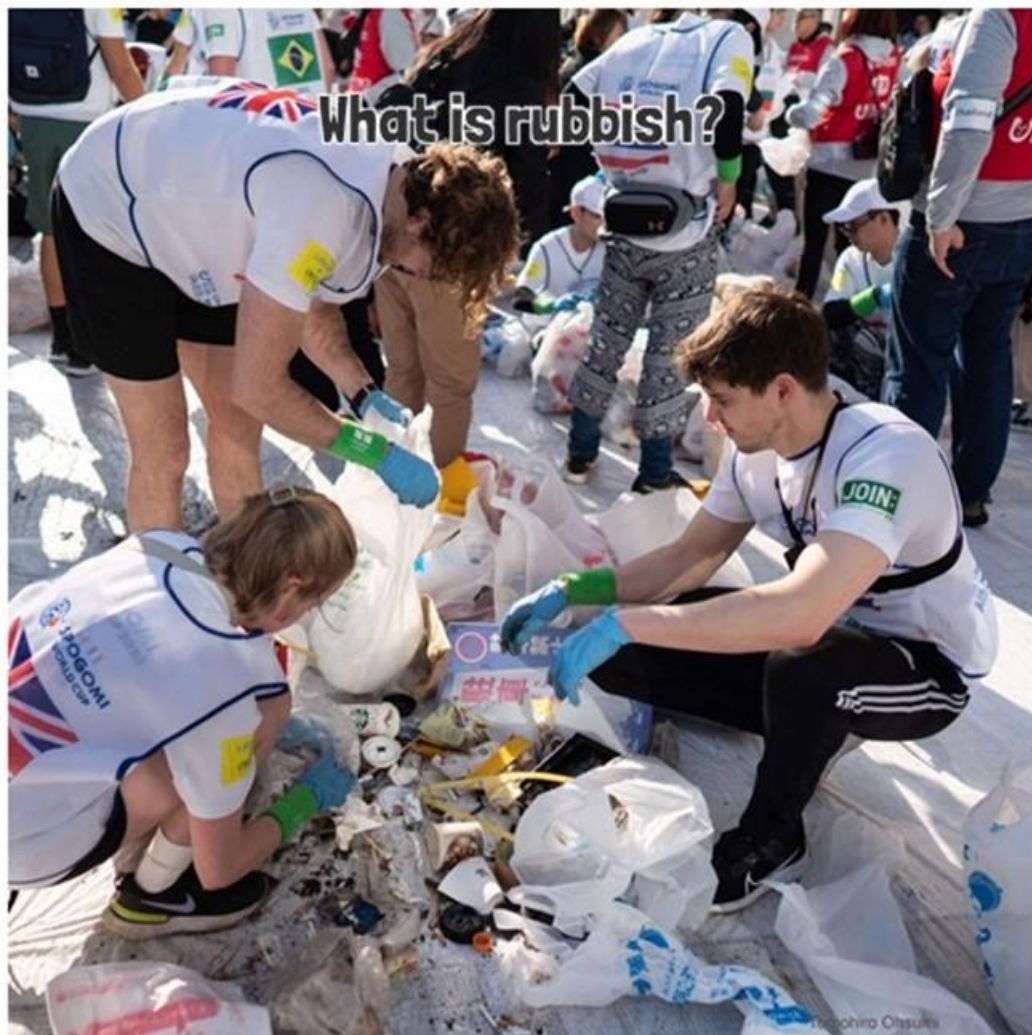
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# TAKEHOME



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

- Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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