

What's happening in the news this week?



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

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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?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
bemused
bewildered
disorientated
indistinct
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled

excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

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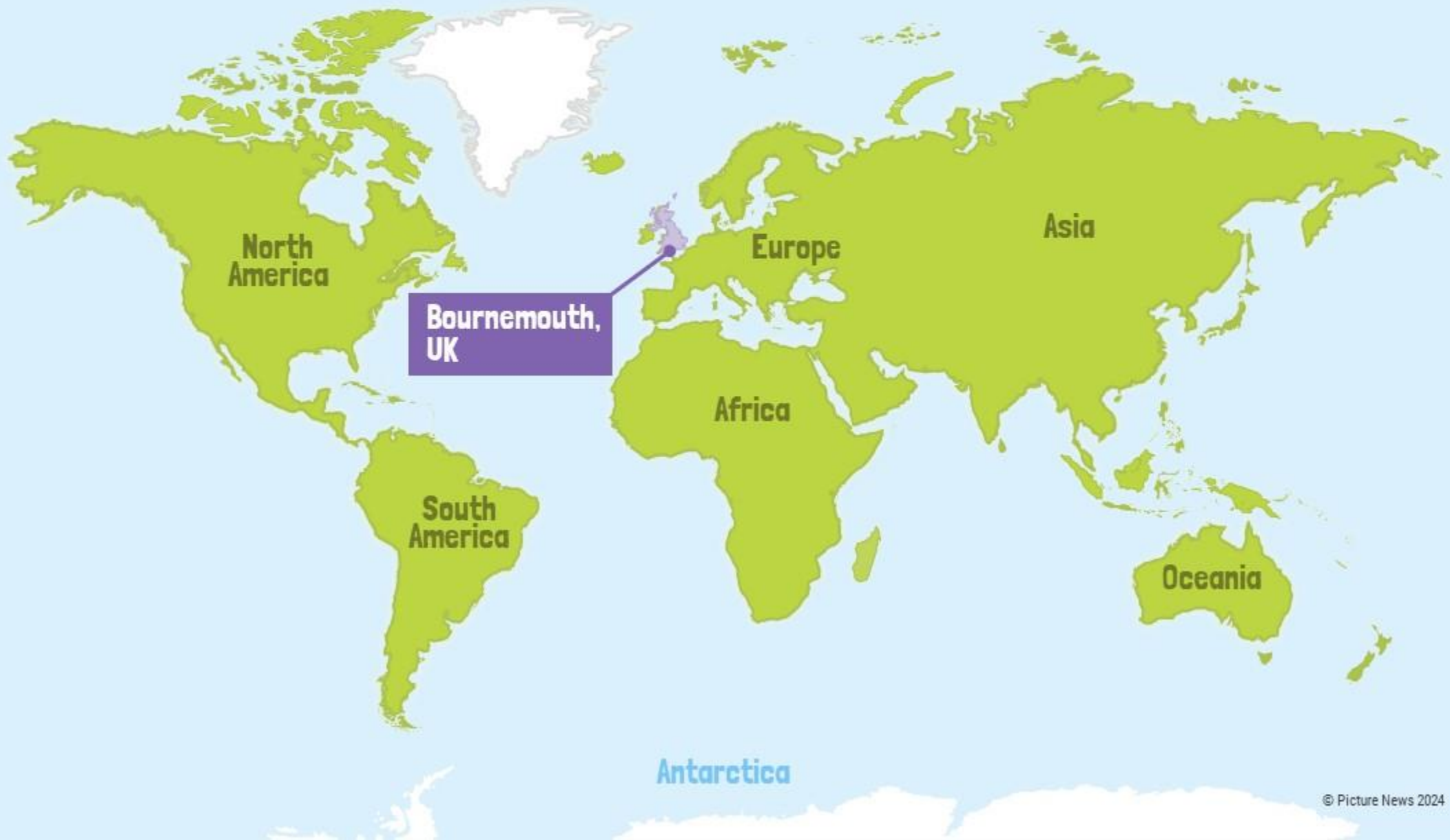
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absorbed
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curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below about the journey of Queens Park Ladies U12s team.

Who are the Queens Park Ladies U12s?

The all-girls football team from Bournemouth has been promoted in their first season of the competition.

The team have been nicknamed 'The Invincibles', after coming top of their table with eighteen wins, four draws and no losses in the group of eleven teams of boys.

The girls' manager, Toby Green, said he had to fight for his team to be allowed to compete in the league. Though league officials told Green they had to play in a girls' league, he asserted his team was good enough to play against boys every week. They were the only girls' team in the league.



Picture: The girls holding a flag with the slogan, 'Be the best you'. Source: Queens Park Ladies U12s.

At first [the boys] underestimated us and they were sniggering and they didn't take us seriously - but then we showed them if they can do it, so can we... It's just amazing that we got to do it together and as a team and we could show them that we're more than they expected.

Queens Park Ladies under-12s' defender, Edith.

Talk about why you believe the story became news across the UK.



Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of goals and ambitions you might have.

Play football for my country.



Work in politics.



Write or illustrate a book.



Perform on stage.



Visit Antarctica.



Summit a mountain.



What is your goal?

Resource
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Look at the resource below, which shares examples of people exceeding expectations.

At work, Keira was asked to spend the morning loading lorries with goods. She worked efficiently and carefully, and her lorries were all loaded in just a couple of hours. Her boss was very impressed at how quickly and well she had completed her task.



As a teenager, Ed was told to get a 'real job' when he shared his aspirations of becoming a professional musician. Ed did not give up on his dream and released his first song at 19 years old.



Photo credit: Los Angeles Dodgers X page.



At 41 years old, Aleena decided she was going to retrain and become an electrician. It was a job she had always wanted to do. Her family didn't believe she should. They felt she was too old to start a new trade, didn't have enough experience and wouldn't be able to do it. Aleena is now an electrician, running her own successful business.



"You can't"

"Don't be ridiculous..."

"It's impossible..."

"It will never happen..."

"Don't be silly..."

"It's unrealistic..."

For each of the people, discuss what expectation someone had of them and how they exceeded that expectation. Have you ever exceeded an expectation someone had of you?

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Reflection



It can be easy to make assumptions or judge others based on our first impressions. It's important to remember that it takes time and effort to get to know and understand others and their circumstances.





Democracy

We each have a voice that we can use to share our opinions and desires. It is important that we use our voice to stand up for the things we believe are important, as this can lead to meaningful change.

Protected Characteristics



People can be underestimated because of their sex. However, when given equal opportunity, we all have every chance of success.





UN Rights of the Child



We have the right to be heard and taken seriously. When making choices on our behalf, adults must ensure that they listen to us and take our views seriously.



Useful vocabulary



Assert

To declare or claim something forcefully.

He **asserted** that his team were good enough to play against boys every week.

Assumption

The acceptance of something as true with little or no evidence.

It can be easy to make **assumptions** or judge others based on our first impressions.

Invincible

Impossible to defeat.

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League

A group of teams playing a sport that compete with each other over a period.

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Slogan

A short and striking or memorable phrase associated with a team, brand or other group.

The girls holding a flag with the **slogan**, 'Be the best you'.

Snigger

To laugh at someone or something in a sneaky and unkind way.

At first (the other teams) underestimated us and they were **sniggering**.

Can you use them in your writing this week?

Swimming Lessons!

Wildlife photographer, Bertie Gregory, couldn't believe his eyes when he witnessed baby penguins making a giant leap from the top of an ice shelf into the ocean. The photographer expressed concern for the penguins as the jump was an enormous 15m drop, and the icy Antarctic sea below was full of floating chunks of ice. But he says, 'To my amazement, they were not just surviving but popping up and going, 'I can swim!' This is their first swim ever, the first swim of their lives.' Before Gregory captured his incredible images, researchers had been unsure



Pictured: Emperor penguin with its chick.
Source: Canva.

about how the chicks came down such steep slopes. This ritual of the penguin chicks taking their first plunge from the ice is called fledging. Emperor penguins are known to nest on sea ice. However, as ice shelves have become more fragile in the past 20 years, they have been forced to form colonies on the permanent ice shelves, which are much higher.

Hay Fever Returns

Runny nose? Itchy eyes? Can't stop sneezing? You may be struggling with hay fever. Not everyone has hay fever, but it is quite common with around 13 million people in the UK struggling with it. At this time of year, as temperatures rise and trees and flowers begin to bloom, more pollen is in the air. It is this pollen that causes hay fever as some people are allergic to it. There are, in fact, different types of pollen, such as grass pollen, tree pollen and weed pollen. The body works to protect itself by getting rid of pollen and this results in hay

fever symptoms, namely itchy eyes, a runny nose and lots of sneezing! Some ways to help manage these symptoms include wearing sunglasses to limit pollen getting into your eyes, closing windows at night and changing clothes after you have been outside.



Pictured: Boy sneezing. **Source:** Canva.

Can the past help us learn about modern life?



I think it just goes to show, we have more similarities than differences.

Eden, 6

Street Librarian's Success

Araba Maze is a street librarian and influencer who lives in Baltimore in the U.S. state of Maryland. She is combatting the book desert in her local area by becoming a street librarian and setting up a free book vending machine. A book desert is an area with limited or no access to appropriate books, with no libraries or bookshops in walking distance. Araba set up Storybook Maze after talking with children, who had joined her on her stoop at home to listen to the stories she was reading to her nieces. When she finished the last story, the children didn't want to leave, and this was when she discovered that they had no books at home! Araba then used her experience as a librarian to put together a collection of books to take to the children as a mobile library. She used her social media platforms to



Pictured: Street librarian Araba Maze.
Source: Storybook Maze Facebook page.

raise money to have a free book vending machine installed as well. Storybook Maze's next aim is to raise enough money to provide a Book Trolley – a colourful train with carriages full of books and places for people to read. 'This book haven on wheels aims to break down barriers and provide access to books that traditional libraries can't reach,' Maze writes about the new project. 'As the wheels of the Book Trolley turn, so do the pages of countless stories waiting to be discovered!'

Do you think this is a good way to make sure that everyone can access books? What else do you think could be done?

Blue Whale Comeback

For the first time in decades, many blue whales have been seen near Seychelles! Seychelles is an African country: a nation of 115 islands scattered across more than a million square kilometres of the Indian Ocean. Scientists from Florida International University (FIU) and University of Seychelles conducted two expeditions covering about 5,500km across the northern Seychelles. They reported a total five sightings, including groups of up to ten blue whales. Marine biologists say that the return of blue whales in eastern Africa, following intense whaling, offers hope of their number increasing. Jeremy Kiszka from FIU, who worked on the project, said, 'When blue whales were sighted, we approached them slowly to obtain details of their group size and behaviour. Photographs of both left and right sides of the dorsal region were taken to identify them. Because

colouration patterns are unique to each animal, we knew that at least five individuals were identified during this expedition. After sharing our pictures with other research groups working on blue whales in the Indian Ocean, no "match" was found. This means the whales we identified in Seychelles might have been photographed for the first time ever!'

Did you know that blue whales are the largest creatures on Earth? They can grow up to 30 metres in length! Do you know any facts about blue whales?



Pictured: Blue Whale.
Source: Florida International University @FIU X page.

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I think we should use what we have learnt about people in the past to improve our lives now. We should look at things that they did right and do them that way again but not copy things that didn't work out so well. Trudie

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



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- > Have you ever experienced a time when someone has made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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