

What's happening in the news this week?



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

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How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?

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 Assembly [here](#).



This week's story looks at events in ...



How does it make me feel?



sad	angry	happy	confused	excited	worried	shocked	afraid
despondent disconsolate dismal doleful downhearted forlorn gloomy melancholic miserable woeful wretched	aggrieved annoyed discontented disgruntled distressed exasperated frustrated indignant offended outraged resentful vexed	beaming buoyant cheery contented delighted enraptured gleeful glowing joyful	addled baffled bemused bewildered disorientated indistinct muddled mystified perplexed puzzled	animated elevated enlivened enthusiastic exhilarated exuberant thrilled	agitated anxious apprehensive concerned disquieted distraught distressed disturbed fretful perturbed troubled uneasy	astonished astounded disconcerted distressed dumbfounded horrified staggered startled stunned surprised	alarmed apprehensive daunted fearful frantic horrified petrified terrified



Read the information found below, which provides information about education and life in Afghanistan

What is life like for children in Afghanistan?

Increasing numbers of children in Afghanistan are having to work to help support themselves and their families.

The economy in Afghanistan is currently not doing well, there are hardly any jobs available.

Many people have not been paid for months and so many children and their families do not have enough food to eat and as such, some children have had to work instead of going to school.

In some parts of the world, students are going to school every day. It's their normal life. But in other parts of the world, we are starving for education... it's like a precious gift. It's like a diamond...



Malala Yousafzai, an activist for girls' education.

Should every child have access to an education?

One of the UN (United Nations) Rights of a Child is that: Every child has the right to an education. It also states that richer countries should help poorer countries achieve this.

Based on 2013 estimates, 93% of primary aged children are enrolled in school, meaning 7%, almost 56 million children are not.



When my dad stopped working, I had to stop going to school so I could earn some money. Everything has become expensive. We should be in school. The good thing about school is that it can help us become something.

Pictured above: Pervez and his cousins. Source: BBC

BBC recently spoke to Pervez, age 13, who lives in Afghanistan. Pervez and his cousins have recently started polishing shoes to try and earn money for their family.

Think about and share what education means to you.



Look at the resource below, where some children share some information about their school.



Pictured above: Children in the Philippines travelling to school. **Source:** @ScholasticTeach

To get to school, we travel on the river in a large yellow canoe. Not everyone in the Philippines travels this way but I do know that for some children on the more remote islands in the Philippines, the boat is the school!

Nathaniel



Pictured above: These children in the USA do not wear a uniform to school.

In Norway, we don't start school until we are 6 years old. School lasts for about 4 hours a day but it will get longer as I get older. I don't wear a school uniform and everyone brings their own lunch to school.

Norah



I go to elementary school in Texas, USA. I go to school on the school bus. We have a dress code but as long as we follow its rules, we can choose what we wear.

Ameera

**All children in Norah's school bring a packed lunch. What do children in your school have for their lunch?
How are these children's schools different from yours?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some elements that might make up a learning environment.

A classroom where everyone is encouraged to use any resources they need to find solutions to problems.

Everyone is part of a team and you can ask anybody for help or support.

Neutral, calming displays with not too much on them so you don't get distracted.



Which classroom would you prefer to work in? Why?



A quiet classroom where you focus on your work independently.

Taking part in activities where you move around and do something.

Lots of bright and colourful displays on the walls.

Access to technology such as computers, tablets, cameras, whenever you need it.

Listening to your teacher show and explain your work before giving it a try.

A noisy classroom, where everyone can ask questions and chat whilst you work.

Which of these do you think optimises your ability to learn?

Reflection



Having access to school and education is something that many are lucky to have. Learning about our world can help us grow into informed citizens, who want to make the world a better place for us all to enjoy.



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Rule of Law

Many countries have laws which state education is compulsory for all children. In the UK, we have laws in place to ensure education is inclusive and available to everyone.

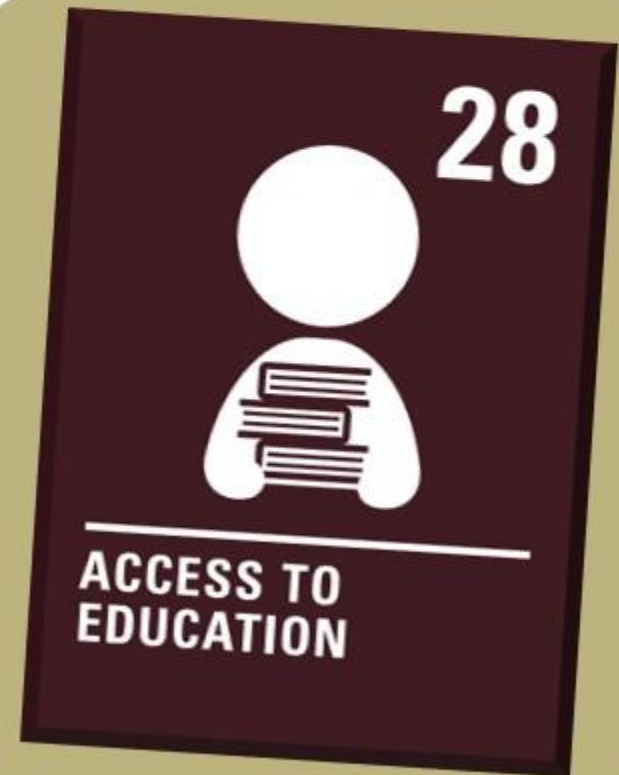




UN Rights of a Child



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the right to
an education.



Useful vocabulary



Declared

Openly or formally stated or announced something.

The Taliban also **declared** that girls would no longer be able to attend secondary school.

Generation

All the people born and living at about the same time.

There have been big changes to the lives of many in the country, particularly for the younger **generation**.

Informed

Having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

Learning about our world can help us grow into **informed** citizens, who want to make the world a better place for us all to enjoy.

Seized

To take using sudden force.

Six months after the Taliban **seized** power in Kabul, Afghanistan...

Taliban

An Islamic political and military organisation.

A group called the **Taliban** took over the country in August 2021.

Unemployed

Not having a job.

Two of the key things that have changed are that many people have become **unemployed** and lots of children no longer have access to or are able to attend school.

Can you use them in your writing this week?



Record breaking superhero super fan

A superhero super fan has broken the Guinness World Record for naming the most Marvel characters in a minute! Lara Nunan, who is sixteen and from Australia, named 88 Marvel characters in 60 seconds to take the record. That's more than 1 per second. The previous record holder named 55 characters and experts

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believe that Lara's record may never be broken! Lara, who one day aims to work as a scientist, has broken two world records and would love to try to break more! She also now holds the world record for the most cartoon characters identified in one minute, by naming an impressive 102. She was able to correctly say their names as they were displayed on the screen in front of her! Lara hopes to inspire others to remain positive and believe in themselves,



Pictured: Lara Nunan with some of her Marvel figures.
Source: Guinness World Records @GWR Twitter page.

she says, "It feels amazing to hold two Guinness World Record titles. I hope that I inspire others, especially young people like myself when faced with health challenges or stuck at home due to the coronavirus pandemic, to try something different."

Meteorites making money!

London auction house, Christie's, has held its annual sale of rare and unusual meteorites. Among the amazing objects, collected from around the world and put to auction this year, were a chunk of Mars that fell to Earth in northwest Africa, space rock that splattered Winchcombe in the Cotswolds and a dog kennel pierced by a meteorite in Costa Rica. The kennel, belonging to Roky the German Shepherd, and the stone that punctured a hole in the tin roof were

Pictured: A black meteorite
Source: Canva



sold but no one bid on the Mars rock! A bean-sized fragment (weighing 1.7g) of the meteorite that fell in Winchcombe last year has sold at the auction for £9,256, that is more than 120 times the value of its weight in gold! Scientists say that the chunk of blackened rock is the most important space rock ever to be recovered in the UK. This is because the meteorite could provide clues as to how the planets in our Solar System, including Earth, were formed.

Pictured: Roky kennel, showing the damage
Source: @Will_Stern4's Twitter post



The mobile phone you can take apart

Mobile phones that you can take apart and repair yourself are becoming more popular, as people are learning more about a company called Fairphone. The brand's latest phone, Fairphone 4, is described as a sustainable smartphone, with 5G speed, 5-year warranty and being electronic waste neutral. Fairphone say on their Twitter page, "Making electronics longer-lasting and repairable is an important part of the journey towards a fairer industry. Together, with our partners,

we are proving that it is possible to do things differently." You can easily exchange, repair and customise the phones, as the display screen, battery, USB ports and cameras are all accessible and can be removed. "The Fairphone 2 could be taken apart in under two minutes. There were models where you didn't even need tools to take the display off in order to replace it yourself." says Urs Lesse, a volunteer who helps people fix their own phones in Aachen, Germany.



Pictured: The Fairphone 4. Source: Fairphone @Fairphone Twitter page

Last week's topic:

If someone says sorry, should we always forgive them?



I would forgive them if we just had a fall out and they said sorry and they really mean it from the bottom of the heart but if they have done something that really hurt my feelings and they just said sorry and shrugged their shoulders I would not forgive them.

Edward - age 10

Yes, because when the person who you should forgive could go in the past, they would surely do it and amend their wrongs, but they cannot do it, so they apologise. You should accept their apology and continue to accept apologies. Praneel - age 7

I think we should, because forgiveness can even lead to feelings of understanding, empathy and compassion for the one who hurt you. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or excusing the harm done to you or making up with the person who harmed you. Forgiveness gives peace.

Anikah - age 10

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about your school and all the different things you learn there. Can you ask an adult at home about their experience of school? How was it similar to your experience and how was it different?
- What do you think life might be like for young people in Afghanistan at the moment? How do you think they might be feeling?

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