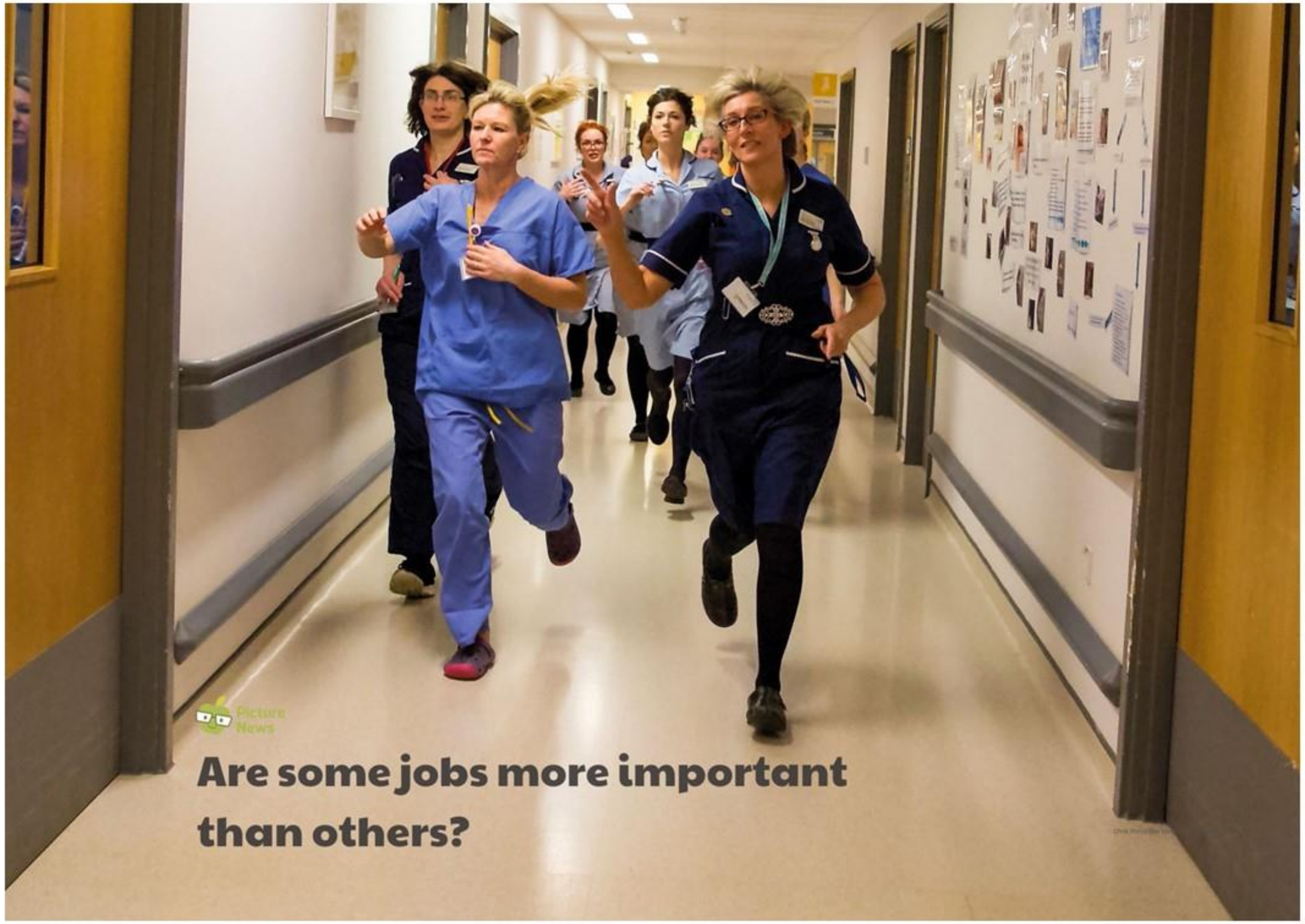


# What's happening in the news this week?



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

28th November - 4th December 2022



**Are some jobs more important than others?**

# 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 the information about nurses below, which explores more about nurses and their current working conditions.

## What roles and responsibilities do nurses have?

Nurses make up the largest group of healthcare workers in the world. They work with other medical staff to care for people who are unwell or injured.

Most nurses work in hospitals or health clinics. Some of their responsibilities include, finding out about a patient's health by asking questions and checking things such as blood pressure and temperature. They often administer medicine, change bandages, help patients move around, and provide other treatment.



**Pictured:** A team of nurses working a hospital shift.  
**Source:** Karl Black



**Nurses are incredible! They are the glue that holds our health service together.**



Former hospital patient, Kate Garrett from Liverpool

## Why are nurses taking action?

- Many are working longer and more hours to cover a staffing shortage.
- Some nurses have left the profession, creating bigger staffing pressures.
- Nurses' wages have not been rising in line with the cost of living and some now must use food banks.

They believe striking is the best way to bring positive change for nurses.

**Talk about their reasons for taking action at this time.**



Look at the resource below, which looks at some of the jobs and roles within the NHS.

### Receptionist

Someone who answers the phone, arranges appointments and assists people when they arrive.



A hospital receptionist

### Optician

Someone who examines and treats people's eyes, tests their sight and detects eye diseases.



### Dentist

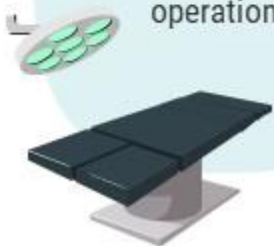
Someone who examines and treats people's teeth.



A dentist and their patient

### Surgeon

A doctor who is specially trained to perform medical operations.



### Paramedic

Someone who provides emergency medical care to people, usually wherever they have fallen ill or become injured.



Paramedics

### Porter

Someone who moves patients and things like patient notes and medical equipment from place to place within a hospital.

### Midwife

A nurse who is trained to deliver babies and to advise and help people before they have their baby.



**Can you think of any other jobs/roles in the NHS?  
Do you think you would enjoy any of these roles?**



**Look at the resource below, where some people share how society should show gratitude to workers who help us and improve our lives.**

"Whilst I think it is great to be appreciative and thankful for workers who help us, I think there is a danger of only really doing this for the people who do jobs that directly impact us. There are so many people doing jobs, perhaps in the background or without us even being aware of, that rarely receive gratitude."

**Daksha**

"The best way to show gratitude for workers is to make sure they feel valued. This may be done through improving working conditions or increasing pay."

**Simon**

"I don't really think we need to show our gratitude. People are paid to do their job and it is their choice to do it."

**Usman**



"I think writing a card or letter, sending a small gift or even donating to a cause that helps the person's job is a great way to show gratitude for the work someone has done."

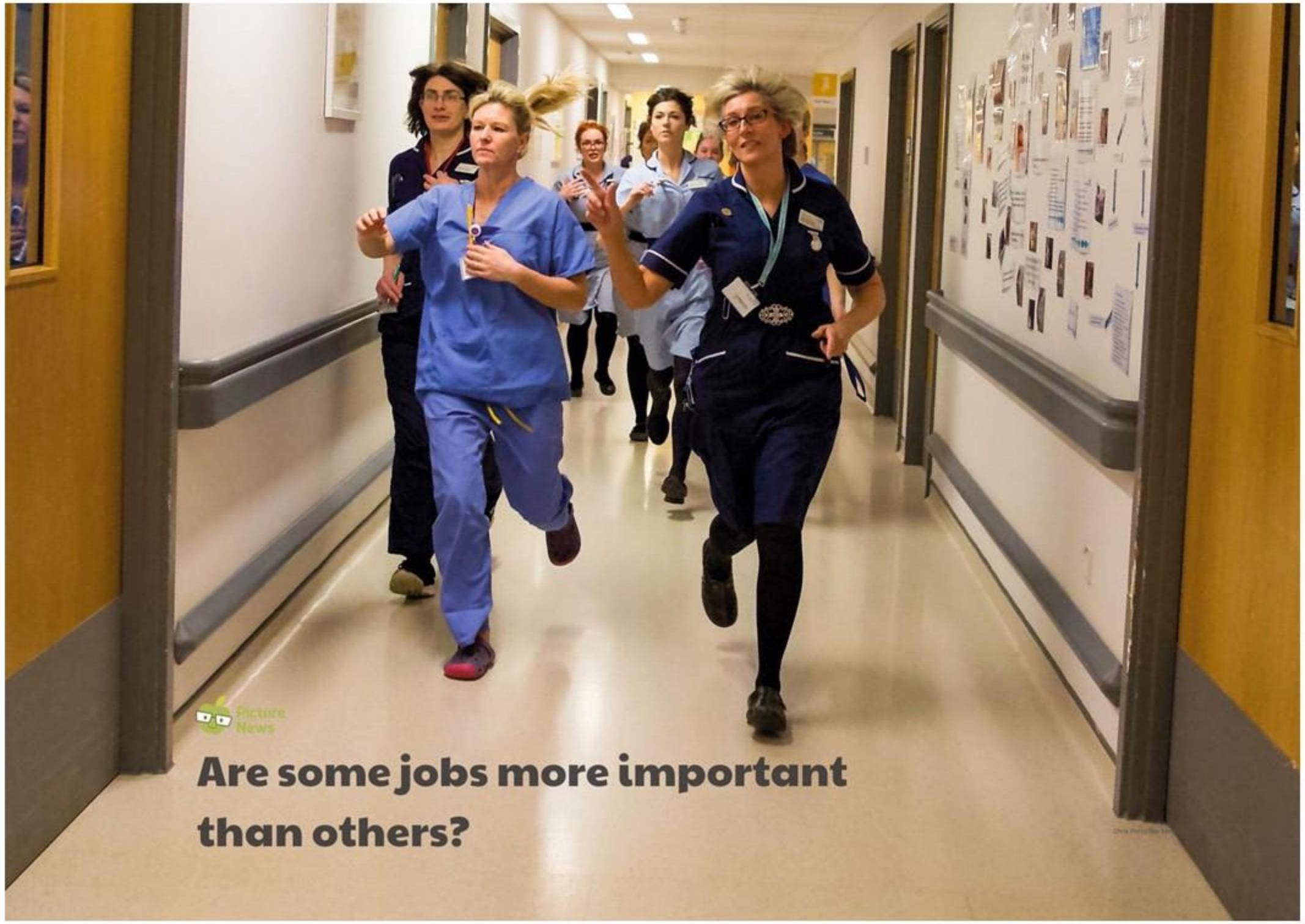
**Carol**

"Small gestures to show our appreciation and thanks will always go a long way. As an individual, simply saying 'thank you' is good. Collectively, we can show our thanks on days such as National Teaching Assistants' Day or by taking part in social movements such as 'Clap For Our Carers'."

**Autumn**

**Share your thoughts on these opinions.  
Is there anyone you strongly agree/disagree with?**





**Are some jobs more important than others?**

# Reflection



Nurses have a crucial role within healthcare from the very start to the end of our lives. It is vital that the important job they do is rewarded with fair working conditions.





## Democracy

We all have a voice and the right to use it. Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing union have voted to strike, which is one way people can share their voice.





# UN Rights of a Child



The Royal College of Nursing union is an organisation that nurses can join. We can join or set up groups or organisations as long as it does not harm other people.



# Useful vocabulary



## Conditions

The physical situations, circumstances or factors that someone is in and affected by.

For the first time, nurses have voted to take action to strike as they believe their conditions and pay are not fair.

## Crucial

Extremely important or necessary.

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## Healthcare

The activity or business of providing medical services.

She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK.

## Strike

To refuse to continue working because of a disagreement with an employer about working conditions, pay levels, or job losses.

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## Union

An organisation that represents the people who work in a particular industry, protects their rights and may agree pay, working conditions etc. with their employers.

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## Vital

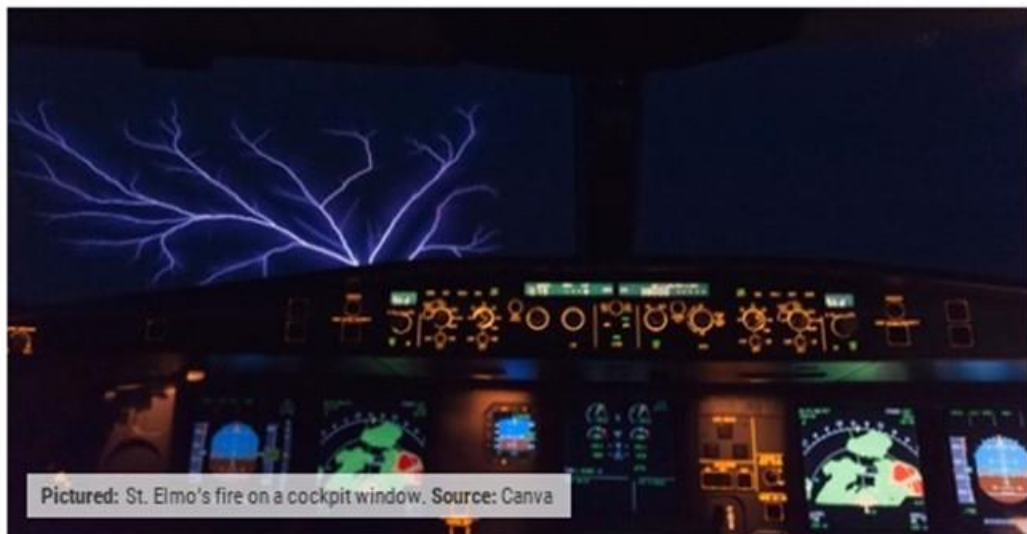
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**Can you use them in your writing this week?**



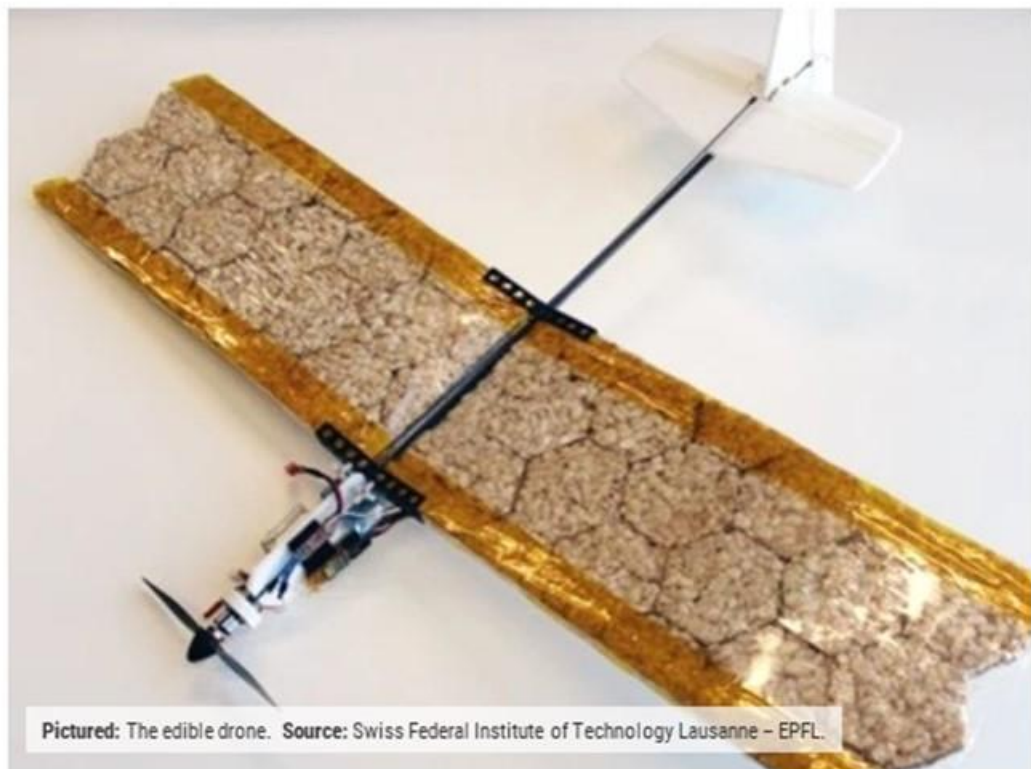
## St. Elmo's fire



Pictured: St. Elmo's fire on a cockpit window. Source: Canva

A captain of an Airbus has been talking about witnessing a stunning display through his cockpit window. Whilst flying from Miami to Dallas, Luis Andress witnessed, what he described as, 'the first time he has ever seen St Elmo's fire with such intensity.' St Elmo's Fire, also called Witchfire or Witch's Fire, is a weather event that happens during intense thunderstorms, this time during Hurricane Ian. It occurs when

the atmosphere becomes charged and an electrical discharge of plasma is created between an object and the air around it. St. Elmo's fire is named after St. Elmo (the patron saint of sailors) as the phenomenon, which can warn of an imminent lightning strike, is often seen on aeroplanes and ships. It was traditionally regarded by sailors with awe and sometimes considered to be a sign of good luck.



Pictured: The edible drone. Source: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne - EPFL

## Edible drones

Researchers at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne have announced that they have created a drone with snackable wings. Scientists developed the flying food for rescue missions, as drones can access very remote places but can only carry about 30% of their mass. They thought that if the drone can't carry the food, perhaps they could make the drone from snacks – and they have! The wings of the drone are made from rice cakes

laser-cut into hexagonal shapes (to make them easier to stick together) and fixed together by gelatine. The wings are then wrapped in plastic to protect them from the elements, so they don't break and can be eaten whilst the stranded person awaits a rescue team. A prototype drone was able to successfully fly 10 metres per second. Bokeon Kwak, who lead the project, said the wings taste like 'a crunchy rice crisp cookie with a little touch of raw gelatin'.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# Lost and hound



**Pictured:** Rosie walking into the Police Station. **Source:** Leicestershire Police Facebook Page

A lost dog has handed herself in and found help at her local police station! The clever border collie, called Rosie, knew where to go when she got lost. She was caught on a Leicester police station security camera walking through the door and calmly sitting down to wait her turn! The video was posted to the Leicester police's Facebook page after officers reunited the 10-year-old border collie with her worried owners, Julie and Steve. 'Our staff fetched some water for Rosie, and made fast friends with

plenty of fuss,' Leicestershire Police wrote alongside the video. 'Thankfully, she was wearing a collar, so a lead was available to contact Rosie's owner, who was delighted she had been found safe and well.' Rosie had become startled by a firework and run away from her owner whilst on a dog walk. 'I was so pleased and so happy she was safe and so proud of her that she was clever enough to find her way to the police station,' said Julie.

Last week's topic:

## Should we ever have to change our appearance?



Yes - if it is required for school and for people to be [in] uniform it's fair. As long as you are not asking people to change who they are.

**Betty**

No because we should be us and whoever we want to be!

**Emillia**

Appearance should not be changed because it doesn't really matter what you look like. Everybody is unique in a different way and we should all be treated equally.

**Miss A**

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

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

- > Do you know anyone who works as a nurse or in another role within the NHS? What are some of the things they do as part of their work?
- > Can you think of a job you might enjoy doing when you're older? How does the job impact others and what impact does it have on society?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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