

Koala News

All the 'news' from Shebbear and around during lockdown 2020.



Disclaimer: some of these articles could be classed as 'fake news'.

Fox gets a 4-hour sleep

Lily Fox manages to get a full 4 hours of sleep!

On the night of May 6th 2020, Lily (Foxy) Fox ,11 years old and from North Devon, slept for an unprecedented 4 hours. Historically, the average night's sleep for the night owls known as the Foxes is 2-3 hours.

Studies show that a 'normal' 11 year old will get anywhere from 6-12 hours of sleep a night. In comparison , the average adult will get 5-7 hours of sleep a night.

We spoke to Fox family sleep expert Lola the Dog and she said: “It is obvious that Lily is not a normal 11 year old based on her sleep schedule. Can I have my bacon now?”

Lily believes that her long night's sleep came down to the fact that her cat cuddled her; “My cat came and curled up under my chin. These past nights he has been sleeping on a beanbag near my bed, so I wasn't able to sleep very well. Tomas is the only thing able to send me to sleep.” She says this is because she has become used to Tomas being there, so when Tomas isn't there she struggles to sleep.

Tomas is a 2 year old tortoise-shell “maniac” of a cat. He loves being scratched behind the ear, on the cheek or under the chin. His main hobby is lying on the windowsill when it's sunny, although he's a “big chicken” and wont go outside. His owner believes him to be a rare variant of the tortoise-shell - where he is a chicken-shell. This is because he can't fly but he tries, and is bullied by local birds because he's too much of a chicken to go outside. Tomas has given Lily ten scars (and counting) from when he claws her a little too much. She is fine though, and loves him very much, even though she has conspiracy theories about him being a demon summoned from Hell.

Llamas on the loose



Due to lockdown many zoos have run out of animal feed (as feed suppliers couldn't be open) and llamas have taken to the streets in search of nourishment. The zoo has had to close in accordance with government guidelines and due to staff illness. It has been very difficult keeping the animals fed; it's an ongoing headache sourcing food for the animals.

When reports started coming in about the llamas having escaped a zookeeper at Paignton Zoo was quoted as saying, "When we got to the zoo this morning we all saw the llamas running out onto the road."

A local person was astounded to find a llama in her garden eating her flowers, "I thought I was seeing things, a llama was eating my prized daisies."

The police were called in to help round up the llamas, "It's a mystery how they got out, luckily they all have returned to the zoo."

The zoo have put extra measures in place to ensure the llamas don't get out again. A nearby farmer has supplied the zoo with food to keep the llamas happy. Let's hope we don't see llamas on the loose any time soon.

Written by Ryan Brock

Fortnite changed the world



Fortnite holds many mystery's for its players. And it is now the most played game in the world.

Fortnite holds many mysteries within the game, including the popular streamed Travis Scott event, it flashed backed to all of the seasons from season 1 to season x.

Around the season game maps there are hidden objects, these objects help players and give them clues for the next season or update. The game is very fun to play and one of the reasons why the game has been so popular is free to play and the last person standing is the winner. The game has more than 45 million players and is the most played game in the world. It can be addictive though so it is important to not be on the game for too long.



Interview with Tim Sweeney, CEO of Epic games.

Q1. Why did you come up with Fortnite?

"We wanted to create a game were players can save the world but then we updated it by introducing extra weapons and fun dances"

Q2. How much money has Epic made from Fortnite.

"In 2018 it made \$3 billion in profit."

Q3. How does Fortnite make money?

"Fornite players also as an option of spending money on in – game currency, called "v-bucks" ."

Koala Children's Amazing Invention

Inspired by the Back To The Future films, a class in a Devon Village have invented something that will change the world!

"This has been an amazing success, the machine can help the children get real facts about what happened in past historical moments in history" explained Mrs Gough, Koala class's teacher. Yes the children have invented a time machine that visits the past. It has taken the children 13 months to finish the machine and after lots of testing, it now works. The class have taken lots of trips, one of their favourites was re visiting the day on the 20th of July 1969 when Neil Armstrong first landed on the moon. Another favourite was going back millions of years to do some Dinosaur spotting, they were nearly eaten by a T-Rex and Megladon. The next invention on the list is to invent a machine to travel forward in time to the future.....so watch this space.....!



Articles written by Finley Hookway

By Ashleigh Jessica Orchard

How to make strawberry jam

- 1 kg/2lb 4oz fresh strawberries, washed, hulled and dried
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 1 kg/2lb 4oz jam sugar

Method

1. If the strawberries are large, cut them in half. Put the strawberries and lemon juice into a large pan. Heat for a few minutes to soften, add the sugar and stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved.
2. Once the sugar has dissolved and the liquid is clear, boil steadily for about 6 minutes, or until at setting point. To test if the jam is at setting point, spoon a little onto a cold plate, leave for a minute and then push the jam with your finger. If the jam crinkles and separates without flooding back, setting point has been reached.
3. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Spoon into sterilised jars, label and seal with wax paper and a lid

4.

The most hardest words to put in a sentence

Literally
Irregardless
Whom



Boy screams in horror!!!

Shock, horror as local school boy screams over hard work.

When a meeting was being held in the village hall a loud scream was heard from the edge of the village. At first they ignored it but there was another and another each one getting louder and louder. The people in the meeting had enough of it so they went to investigate, soon to find the scream was coming from a school boy screaming over hard work!





Toilet rolls take over the world!!!

The toilet army has began... will we survive... we don't know... keep safe and stay inside... it is lockdown from now on.

Men in black robes, sleek shoes and leather caps- proudly patrol the roads. You all know someone that has tried to get out their house but to their misfortune failed and got an expensive find. These "police" stood defensively at everyone's doors, painting their windows with black paint. The towns people watched the prime minister every Thursday evening waiting for the bit of information that they wanted to know. One day that peace of information was said "I know you've been wondering what's going on? But the truth is were being attracted! By toilets rolls! I know I know it sounds silly but its lockdown from now on stay safe and keep inside! We must survive!!!

Perfect school girl wins award

Local school girl wins award for her perfect school girl work. The mayor of Bideford visits school and gives award for lovely insect colouring. Kyra proudly accepts her certificate.

In a class it was a normal, peaceful day, all the pupils in the class were busily colouring insects. All until "she" stepped in, Mayor Jane Plantpot of Bideford. Every one in the school is scared of her (once she stole someone's pack lunch and eat all their treats and left one lonely apple and scoffed "Nutritiousness is good for you child! You must be great full!"). Mayor Plantpot had come too give an award! So everyone in desperation to win, rushed to finish, except Kyra who knew rushing would mean failure! At the end of the day Kyra was awarded her rightful certificate and proudly took it!



Cruising in Space

Action star Tom Cruise is filming a movie in space!

Tom Cruise has leapt from roof tops, jumped out of planes and climbed the tallest buildings for films but now he wants to go to space!

Cruise, 57, has been talking to NASA about filming on the ISS (International Space Station). NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine confirmed the news earlier this week, tweeting that NASA bosses were “excited” about the prospect. He added: “ We need popular media to inspire a new generation of engineers and scientists to make NASA’s ambitious plans a reality.”



Cruise will stay aboard the multibillion space station, which orbits the Earth every 90 minutes from 250 miles above the planet. Crews of astronauts have lived aboard the ISS continuously since 2000 and a number of high paying tourists have stopped by over the years. NASA revealed last year the cost of staying on board: use of life support (and

the toilet) were listed at \$11,250 per day. Food, air and other provisions were priced at \$22,500 per day.

Tesla billionaire Elon Musk is going to be helping him get there aboard one of his spacecraft. Musk responded to NASA's tweet saying, "This should be a lot of fun!" Musk's SpaceX vehicle will be taking its first trip to the space station later this month, carrying NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley. SpaceX have previously said that seats aboard the vehicle would cost about \$50 million each!

This news comes a few weeks after it was announced that two of his latest films were being delayed. Both *Top Gun* and *Mission Impossible 7* have been delayed until Christmas.

Written by George Herridge

NO MORE LOCKDOWN!



Bude beach yesterday

After six months of being stuck inside, we are finally able to leave our homes and go back to normal – thanks to the vaccine!

The world has been stuck inside - for it seems an eternity – finally we are free. We can do what we like, go to school, be with our friends and family, go back to work, go on holidays and loads more things that we weren't able to do before.

However, there have been so many amazing and positive things that have also happened during lockdown. Captain Tom has been extremely kind and raised £32 million for the NHS just by walking up and down his garden 100 times! *"I couldn't be more delighted, people are so generous."* He says.

The sun was out last weekend and the people of Britain have started to come out of their houses: beaches are busy again, children are enjoying ice creams and paddling in the sea and restaurants are filled with people enjoying a day out. We caught up with a family at Bude *"We're so excited we haven't been to the beach in months!"* Says Mum of four, Sally (aged 32)

The PM Boris Johnson spoke to the nation last Friday *“We’ve done it!”* He exclaimed, *“We’ve beaten the virus, it was hard for everyone to stay inside for so long, but we’ve emerged the winners.”*

All the key workers who have helped us get through the pandemic have been rewarded; with a month’s holiday (but not everyone at the same time), a promotion and a pay rise! Well done UK, staying in and hand washing has paid off - let the fun commence!

Thank you



KEY
WORKERS

Written by Betty Hunter

DINOSAUR RESURRECTED?

Chaos in top London Museum

Today, the Natural History Museum in London witnessed the bones of a Tyrannosaurus-Rex destroy part of the building while roaring viciously, before collapsing into a pile of bones.

“The Manager told us all to go because a dinosaur skeleton had some-how come to life,” said Lisa Smith, visitor to the museum, “there was lots of panic and mayhem!”

What do you think? Was it real or a prank? Watch the clip at first.news.com/dinosaur-catastrophe and make up your own mind.

Written by Elliot Turnwell

Puzzles

By Emily Coward

Hand-drawn crossword puzzle on lined paper. The puzzle consists of 10 numbered squares. The clues are:

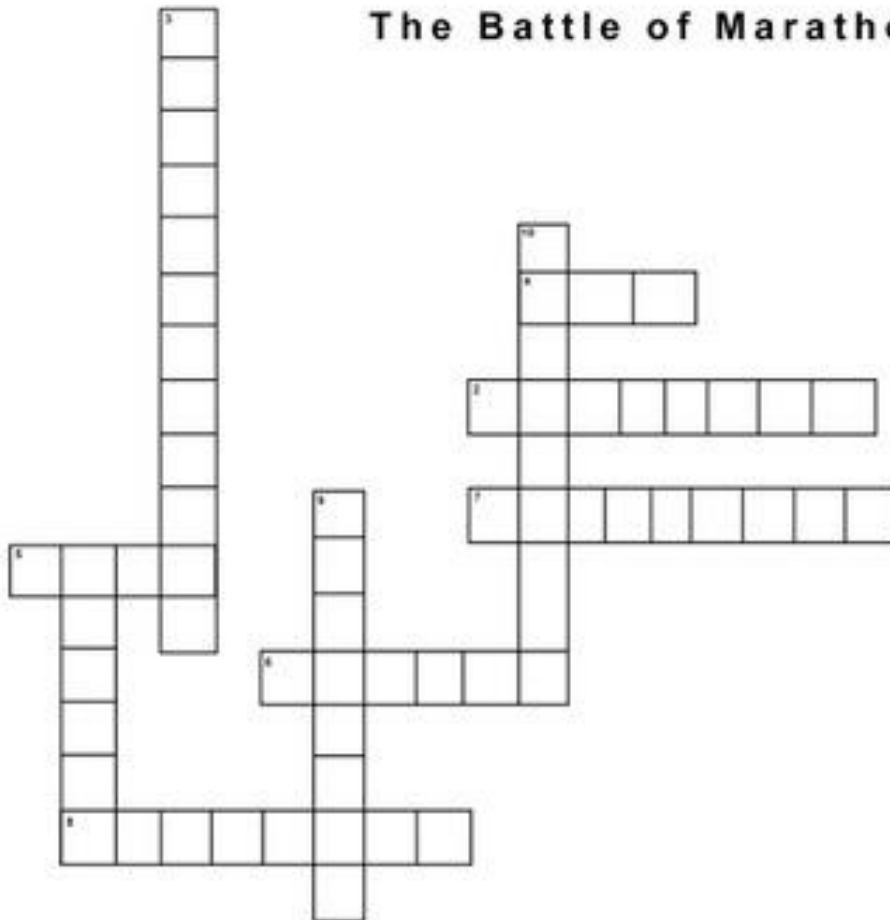
1. What is Sir David Attenborough's middle name?
2. Which classic high fantasy did J.R.R.* Tolkien write?
3. What is DJ Fatboy Slim's full name?
4. Who sang 'You've got a friend in me' from Toy Story?
5. Which animal has the loudest scream?
6. What is the scientific name for a cat?
7. What does Aboriginal mean?
8. How often do sloths poo?
9. What is the elephant's closest relative?
10. When carrots were first discovered, what colour were they?

Handwritten notes on the page include:

- * John Ronald Reuel Tolkien
- 1. they
- 2. Qu
- 3. he
- 4. s
- 5. a
- 6. g

By Mimi Salter

The Battle of Marathon



Across

- 2) Who were the Athenian army battling?
- 4) How many days did the runner run?
- 5) Where did Miltiades put his strongest hoplites (soldiers)?
- 6) Where did Pheidippides run to?
- 7) What was the name of the Athenian Army general?
- 8) Who did the runner ask for help?

Down

- 1) What was the name of the king who decided to invade Athens?
- 3) What was the name of the runner who went to tell Athens of their victory?
- 9) What were the Spartans celebrating which meant they couldn't help in the battle?
- 10) Who won the battle of Marathon?

Sports News

PENGUIN INVADES FOOTBALL MATCH

The crowd could not believe their eyes when a penguin walked onto the pitch during the final game of the season. The England Manager removed the penguin that some how got into the stadium. The teams were on the last few seconds as Flipper the Penguin scored the winning goal for England.

“We all lost hope when the penguin got near the goal but we were wrong, the penguin was our only hope and he did the job. He got to the pitch by getting in a car parked at the zoo, the zookeepers put him back in his enclosure and we gave him a shirt with his name on the back.”

The zoo have noticed more visitors stopping at the penguin enclosure and Flipper the Penguin is now the England Mascot.

Written by Elliot Turnwell

WRX COMES TO SHEBBEAR

WORLD RALLYCROSS 2020 SEASON WILL RACE IN SHEBBEAR .

THE boss of the Fia world rallycross have said that " all of the races in the 2020 championship will be held in shebbear" this is because shebbear is the only place that is not in lock down of the covid 19. And the races will be held at the famous Four Winds racing track. Last year's champion Timmy Hanson from Sweden said " I can't wait until i get back racing" and Dan Rooke who lives near shebbear said "it's really exciting being back at the track that I grew up racing on and I can't wait to get back in the commentary box with Andrew Cooley" All of the drivers are looking forward to seeing each other again and hopefully some good racing.

BY DEAN HOCKIN



Cow wins boxing match

This is a very weird event that happened days ago at a farm in Devon.



Just days ago, Anthony Joshua, world champion boxer, traveled to Devon to challenge Rosie to a boxing match. Rosie is a strong cow, she knocked out a bull once.



Anthony Joshua arrived at Devon on the farm. He met Rosie and she said "I Can't win this match." The match then began but Joshua got knocked out and said 'how can i lose to a cow.' He retired from boxing and Rosie was the world champion boxer.

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