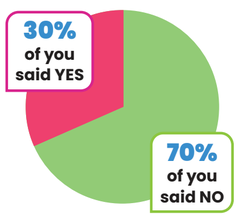
HELLO! I'm Kaya, the leader of the *First News FYI* News Club.

The summer holidays are coming to an end and I'm sure you've all been up to some amazing and exciting things. Now we want to know how you spent your holidays! Get in touch and let us know, for the chance to have your adventures featured on these pages. You can get a trusted adult to contact us via email at yournews@firstnews.co.uk.

THIS WEEK'S POLL!

We asked you:

Would you be happy to be treated by a robot dentist?



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KENSUKE'S KINGDOM SCREENING GALA

BASED on a best-selling book by Michael Morpurgo, *Kensuke's Kingdom* has taken to the screen in an exciting new adaptation. We sent junior journalist Olivia to a screening gala in London, to get a sneak preview and meet the cast and crew!

by Olivia Carson

Olivia got to meet the cast!

I was lucky enough to be a Junior Journalist for *First News* and attended a pre-screening of *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Kensuke's Kingdom is a book that was released in 1999 and has been adapted into a movie by the screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Ahead of the screening, Frank and Aaron MacGregor, the voice actor for Michael, were kind enough to meet with me and tell me a little about their experience.

While interviewing Frank, I found out that the movie was originally planned to be live action instead of an animated movie. The reason it ended up as animated was because they had trouble with the orangutans – a key part in the story. In my interview with Aaron, the youngest actor in the team, I asked him about the challenges he faced when voicing Michael. He said that one of the hardest things he encountered was keeping an English accent throughout recording, as he is actually Scottish.

The movie follows the inspirational story of a boy and his dog washed up on an island with another inhabitant, and how they learn to live harmoniously with nature and one another through kindness and subtle communication.

I really loved the movie and hope you do too!

Giving hens a new home

THIS month the British Hen Welfare Trust celebrated the adoption of their one millionth hen (you can find out more on page 8). We hear from chicken leader Layla, who tells us about the hens that have been rehomed at her school.

by Layla

Layla helps to look after the chickens at her school

This month the British Hen Welfare Trust celebrated the rehoming of its one millionth hen – and it went to live with King Charles!

We have seven at our school and they make us all really happy. They're called Mrs Cluckington, Fudge, Camilla, Edie, Rosie, Dora the Eggsplorer and Princess Layer, following a school vote.

As a chicken leader, I clean the coop, give them food and water, make sure they're healthy and give them cuddles.

Edie is my favourite because she's gentle and lets me pick her up. Mrs Cluckington is top of the pecking order – we've had her the longest. Camilla is the most curious and Rosie is shy. They all lay eggs and we have high hopes for Princess Layer.

It's great having them. It's a chance to experience looking after animals and it's nice to visit them if you want time away from the playground. All of us love them.

Join the News Club!

You'll get amazing opportunities to get involved, and to have your school's name featured here in *First News*. Just get your teacher to head to first.news/fyinewsclub to find out more.

Spotting football stars on our US holiday!

Mariam met Jack Grealish in her hotel

MARIAM ran into some of the Manchester City team with her brother on their travels to Orlando this summer. Read more about their surprise meeting!

by Mariam Isa Al Khalifa

This summer holiday was like no other holiday I've ever had! My family and I went to Orlando and it was super fun. We went to theme parks, ate lots of ice cream and enjoyed swimming in the pool. But the most exciting part was at our hotel…

One morning, like every other day, we were having breakfast at the buffet but, this time, I heard lots of people talking about Manchester City and people were wearing blue hoodies. I knew that City were going to be in Orlando for their USA tour and we even had tickets to the match.

In the afternoon, we saw some girls with blue signed jerseys. That's when I knew that the Manchester City players were at the same hotel!

My brother was shocked. We rushed to our parents, got a Sharpie pen and roamed the hotel. We started seeing some City players! We went to the coffee shop, the lobby, the pool area and even by the elevators. It was like catching Pokémon! We got to see Jack Grealish, Kalvin Phillips, Erling Haaland and even the manager Pep! The younger players were all there, too. They signed our jersey and we took some photos with them. It was so much fun seeing them in real life. I will never forget this summer holiday!

The siblings also met Kalvin Phillips (who's now on loan at Ipswich)

Having a say at Youth Parliament

A REPORT from The Diana Award shows that lots of young people feel disillusioned with politics – this means that maybe they feel they can't make a difference or that their voice isn't important. Here we find out from Cameron about his work as a Youth Parliament MP, and how he feels passionate about getting young people involved in politics.

by Cameron

Cameron is a Youth MP

Politics has always been something that has caught my attention. I found that politics directly affected everyone around me, regardless of their apathy towards it [not caring about it]. With this in mind, I found it impossible to ignore. As I was too young to cast a vote, I discovered that the best way for me to make political waves was to take action.

I did this via the Youth Parliament. After tireless campaigning, I won enough votes in my constituency to become our Youth MP. This meant that I had two years to create change and opportunity for thousands of young people.

The key to this has been my work with The Diana Award. By contributing to their report on young people in politics, I have been able to understand better, and share, how we can prioritise the youth.

I especially enjoyed debating on their panel, as it allowed me to see all sides and have my own voice amplified.

Once my time as a Youth MP is up, my career will go either of two ways. Perhaps I will desperately need a break from the turbulent world of politics, or maybe I will be unable to put it down. Either way, I am certain that my political journey is a going to be a lengthy and labyrinthine one!

Our school turned 300!

The schoolchildren celebrate their anniversary

Farringdon Learning Trust

ASHBURY with Compton Beauchamp Church of England Primary School have marked a very important anniversary, and tell us all about their celebrations.

by Benjamin and Ella

Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp Church of England Primary School has just celebrated its 300th anniversary.

Ashbury School has a rich history and is recognised as the first Sunday school in the country, outside of the church. This was only possible due to a group of farmers who were paying the rent to keep the school going. In 1777, Thomas Stock (the founder of our school) opened the first Sunday school in England. Events in 1863 changed the way the school ran, as plans were drawn up for a three-classroom school, instead of two schools running alongside each other. In 1959 the new school buildings opened as Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp CE VA school, which is the school we see today.

At 3pm on Friday 28 June 2024, the children of the school gathered with friends, family and the whole community to celebrate this extraordinary event. Songs were sung to celebrate this momentous occasion. Rachael Smith, the head teacher of our school, said a few words, as well as some students. The school now has a 300th anniversary plaque, which will always be a part of this amazing school. The children have also helped to plant a time capsule with memories and photos for future generations to look back on.

This was something our school will always remember throughout its lifetime and we are so proud to be part of this special occasion!