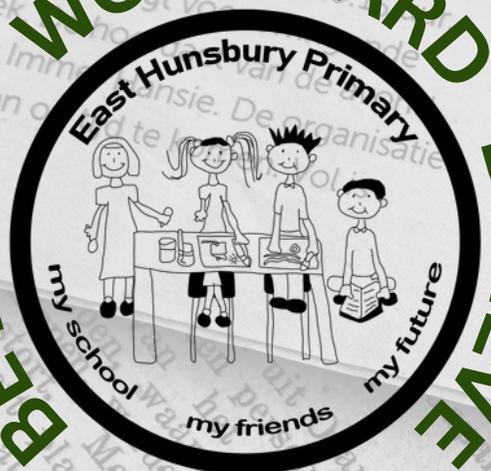


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Gorilla Girls Stick Together!

In the forests of Rwanda, Africa, scientists have made a discovery – female gorillas like making friends, just like people! For many years, scientists watched mountain gorillas to learn more about how they live, high in the mountains where the air is cool and the trees are tall. They found the female gorillas were not just following the male gorilla – they were spending lots of time with each other. The female gorillas were seen grooming each other’s fur, playing together, and sitting side by side. Sometimes they even gave each other little hugs! The female gorillas stayed close, even when the male was not around. It seems they like company and feel calm when



Pictured: A group of mountain gorillas found in Rwanda. **Source:** Canva.

they are with other gorillas. Experts say strong connections help keep gorilla groups safe and happy. These clever creatures really do enjoy some *monkeying* around with their friends!

Did you know gorillas sleep in nests made from leaves and branches? They build a new one every night!

Blast Off... and Back!

Australia’s first home-built rocket has taken to the sky, and even though it didn’t stay up for long, it was still a big moment. The small white rocket flew for just 14 seconds before coming back down. It lifted off with a loud ‘whoosh’ and a big puff of smoke! People on the ground watched and cheered as it zoomed upwards. Then, the rocket dropped back to Earth with a bump! The team who made it said they were still very proud. ‘It is just the start,’ said one engineer. ‘Next time, we hope it will fly higher and stay up for longer.’ Making rockets can be tricky. Sometimes



Pictured: The flag of Australia and a white rocket. **Source:** Canva.

things don’t go right the first time, but every flight helps scientists learn more. The team is already building the next rocket. One day, it might fly all the way to space! For now, they are testing, learning and getting ready to try again – aiming to go further and faster than before. ***How do you think the rocket team felt when it landed?***

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Toby

Celebrating Success!

A huge well done to everyone who submitted a Picture News Impact Award last year! We were blown away by all the wonderful applications we received. From initiatives with care homes and community litter picks, to food bank collections and rewilding projects, schools have been making a real, positive difference!



Pictured: Grange Park Primary School Y3 class holding their trophy! **Source:** Stephanie Dawson Grange Park Primary School.

We hope you're all proud of your Impact Award achievements and continue your amazing work. Pictured are some of our schools celebrating their Impact Award win! Stephanie Dawson, from Grange Park Primary School, said, 'We are over the moon that we achieved the silver accreditation for the Impact Awards. All of the children are so proud of themselves. Thank you!'

Have you received an award, trophy or certificate for an achievement? If you had a trophy, what would you award it to someone for?



Pictured: St Michael's pupil holding their trophy. **Source:** Vimla Devi, St Michael's CofE Primary Academy, Handsworth.

Balloons in Bristol

More than 300 hot air balloons filled the skies at this year's Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, with thousands gathering at Ashton Court Estate to watch the launches and the famous nightglows. Executive director, Ben Hardy, ranked the 47th edition of the event in his top three during his 15 years within the role. The final mass ascent saw many colourful balloons soar over the city during a striking sunset. He also said, 'To finish a fiesta weekend with a mass ascent like the one we had straight over the city – I have to say, me and a few team members sat in that arena as the last balloon took off, and a little tear did roll down the cheek'. The highlights of the fiesta include regular favourites and new arrivals – such as Oggy, a 43.6 metre dragon balloon, more than



Pictured: Over 300 balloons up in the sky! **Source:** Bristol International Balloon Fiesta on Facebook.

twice the size of a standard hot air balloon! The planning for next year's balloon fiesta will start in September.

Would you like to design a hot air balloon? What design would you choose?

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