

BOREDOM BUSTERS!

FAMILY driving you mad? Can't think what to do? Why not challenge yourself to solve our brilliant brain teasers? Or give the First News Photo Challenge a go, then lose yourself in our puzzles. Once you've done all that, check out the First News website for even more stuff to do!

BRAIN TEASERS

1. WHAT CAN YOU CATCH BUT NEVER THROW?

2. I AM WET WHEN DRYING. WHAT AM I?

3. WHAT HAS AN EYE BUT CANNOT SEE?

4. IF YOU DROP A YELLOW HAT IN THE RED SEA, WHAT DOES IT BECOME?



ANSWERS TO THE BRAIN TEASERS IN ISSUE 723:

1) A sponge 2) Your breath 3) Edam 4) The temperature

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S BRAIN TEASERS IN FIRST NEWS SOON!

THE FIRST NEWS PHOTO CHALLENGE

WE want you to recreate this famous photo, which made headlines years ago, using anything you can find in your house!

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: Former prime minister Tony Blair's wife, Cherie Blair, catches up on the news ahead of Labour's win in the 1 May general election in 1997



Send your photos to newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk with the subject Isolation Station, and we'll feature our favourites on the new FN Isolation Station, which you can find at first.news/happy

HOW TO MAKE A LOG PILE LODGE

YOU might have heard of, or made, a bug hotel before, but have you heard of a log pile lodge? They're a super simple way to support the smallest creatures in our ecosystem!

- Making a log pile lodge is as easy as it sounds. All you'll need to do is collect a bunch of sticks, twigs and logs!
- Find a quiet, shady area of your garden. If you don't have a garden, you could always build a log pile lodge in a green space near you. Just make sure you're not disrupting anyone or anything with your lodge!
- Simply stack the old sticks, twigs and logs, filling any spaces you can with leaves. And there you have it: a log pile lodge that's a perfect place for a ladybird or lacewing (right) to make their home in.



THIS WEEK'S HEROES IN THE BATTLE AGAINST BOREDOM

A BUNCH of brilliant people and places are doing their bit to entertain us! Here are a few of our favourites.

- Our friends at the Royal Mint have launched a hub that's full of things to do. There's a whole host of quizzes, games and educational tools, all brought to life through iconic coins and popular children's characters such as the Gruffalo and Wallace & Gromit. The hub is being updated with content

regularly, so keep an eye out for new things to do each week! The hub will feature maths first, but science, art and design will be added soon. You can find the hub at www.royalmint.com/kids.

- Hyundai and Chelsea FC have teamed up to produce a series of videos aimed at teaching you how to develop your footie skills while stuck at home. Called Home Advantage, the first video stars Chelsea players Christian Pulisic and Michy Batshuayi and talks you through four different types of dribbling drills! If you and your family share your attempts at the lessons on social media using #HyundaiFC, you might even win a prize! To read more, just head over to blog.hyundai.co.uk/experiences/football.

FIRST NEWS' POSITIVITY PLACE

IF you're feeling a little low about the news and the lockdown is getting you down, why not head to the First News Isolation Station? It's our own little corner of positivity on the internet!

Featuring messages of support to key workers, along with things to do, happy news stories and more, we hope it's enough to cheer you up on a bad day.

If the site inspires you, and you want to submit your own bit of positivity to the First News Isolation Station, email us at newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk with the subject Isolation Station.

WIN! POCKET GARDEN EXPERIMENTS BOOK

CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle and fill in the numbers one to nine?

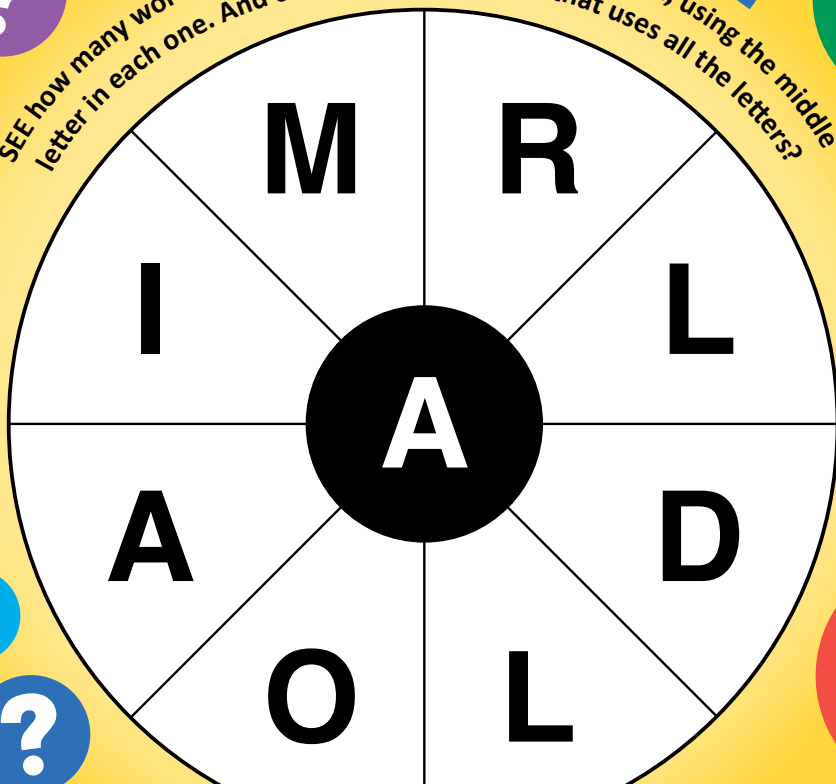
Send in your answers and three winners will win a copy of *The Pocket Book of Garden Experiments*. With 80 activities for the whole family to enjoy, *The Pocket Book of Garden Experiments* contains easy-to-follow instructions for projects that will stretch your imagination and bring out your inner scientist! www.bloomsbury.com



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WORD WHEEL

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?



CALLING ALL TEACHERS!

FOR a chance to win a £200 Amazon voucher, please take part in the 2020 First News readership survey.



It will only take you a few minutes and will help us find out when and how First News is being read in schools.

To enter the survey, click the link sent to you in the weekly First News schools newsletter.



WIN! MAX TAKES A STAND BOOKS



CAN you complete our crossword by using the clues below?

Send in your answers and five lucky winners will win a copy of *Max Takes A Stand*. *Max Takes A Stand* is the first book in a funny new series by environmental activist Tim Allman, about saving the planet.

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ACROSS

- 1 Day after Friday (8)
- 6 Nuisance (4)
- 7 Rarely (6)
- 9 Sport with an oval ball (5)
- 11 Essential (5)
- 12 Stranger (5)
- 13 Large mythical creatures, like Shrek (5)
- 16 Bitter-tasting (6)
- 18 ___ Watson: Harry Potter actor (4)
- 19 Her award (anag) (8)

DOWN

- 1 An exploding star (9)
- 2 An object in general (5)
- 3 Dry dirt that builds up on objects over time (4)
- 4 Screaming (7)
- 5 One add one (3)
- 8 Sweet and cold dairy drink (9)
- 10 Width (7)
- 14 Cuban dance (5)
- 15 A lasting mark following an injury (4)
- 17 Pet feline (3)