

## UK NEWS

### NORTH YORKSHIRE

#### ● Coin sells for record price

A single gold coin featuring Oliver Cromwell has sold for almost half a million pounds (£471,200)! It was only expected to raise about £100,000 (one hundred thousand pounds).

Oliver Cromwell helped to overthrow King Charles I during the English Civil War. The king was beheaded and Cromwell ruled the British Isles until his own death.

The coin was made in 1656 and there are only 12 in existence.



### NORFOLK



#### ● Black pups spotted

Ten rare black seal pups have been spotted at a nature reserve in Blakeney.

Grey seals are born white then shed their fur after a few weeks to reveal a grey coat. However, around one seal in every 400 grows a black coat.

The nature reserve in Norfolk is home to England's largest grey seal colony.

Rangers are hoping that a record 4,000 seal pups will be born this winter season.

### WALES



#### ● What a kick!

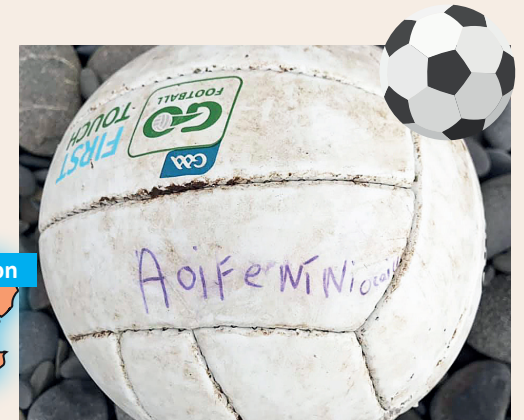
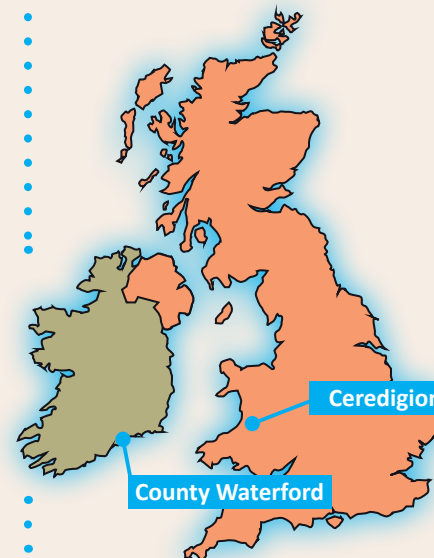
When ten-year-old Aoife accidentally kicked her football into the sea in County Waterford, Ireland, she didn't think she would ever see it again.

But thanks to sea currents and the internet, her ball is back!

Almost one week after the ball was lost, Aline Denton found it on a beach in Wales. She was taking part in a beach clean-up. It had travelled an impressive 124 miles across the Irish Sea!

Aline noticed the ball had Aoife's name on it. She put a message on Facebook to see if anyone could find the owner. After thousands of people shared the message, Aoife's dad saw the post and got in touch!

Goes to show, it's always worth putting your name on things.



## Questions on: 'UK News'

1) Match the headline to the correct place.

Headline	Place
What a kick!	North Yorkshire
Coin sells for record price	Norfolk
Black pups spotted	Wales

Look at the news from Wales.

2) Fill the gaps with the correct names and places.

This ball travelled from \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, across the \_\_\_\_\_ all the way to \_\_\_\_\_.

3) What **two** things helped to reunite Aoife with her ball?

4) Look at the end. What does the writer say we can learn from this story?

Look at the news from North Yorkshire.

5) At which time of year are seal pups born?

6) What happens to grey seals a few weeks after they are born?

Consider all the news.

7) What is being counted with these numbers? The first one has been done for you.

4,000	seal pups
12	
124	
10	
471,200	

Look at the story 'Coin sells for record price'.

8) Imagine you are writing a quiz for a friend on this story. Can you come up with **three** questions to ask, to check they have understood it?