

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

26th June – 2nd July 2023

Record-Breaking Writers



Pictured: Saeed Rashed AlMheiri and AIDhabi AlMheiri **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR Twitter page

An author from United Arab Emirates has broken two world records before the age of five as he publishes a sequel to his first book! He now holds the records for the youngest person to publish a book and youngest person to publish a book series (male). Saeed Rashed AlMheiri, published his first book, *The Elephant Saeed and the Bear*, in March when he was just 4 years and 218 days old. Describing the story Saeed says, 'The elephant wanted to have a picnic on a mountain. He met a polar bear who, instead of eating the elephant, chooses to become his friend.' Amazingly

he then wrote a sequel to the book when he was 4 years and 238 days - only 20 days later! The second book in the series, called *My True Friend*, tells the story of what happens next. 'My book teaches children how to be kind.' Saeed says, 'When I grow up, I want to be a scientist and a superhero to save the Earth.' Saeed isn't the only record holder in his family, his sister, AIDhabi AlMheiri, is the youngest person to publish a bilingual book series (female) at the age of 8 years and 239 days old.

Would you like to write a book?

Do you have a great story idea?

Wonderwoods Vertical Forest

Europe's latest vertical forest is taking shape in Utrecht in the Netherlands. A vertical forest is created by adding vegetation to the exterior of a building, usually so that you can add to the greenery in a built-up area. Wonderwoods Utrecht will reportedly dampen city noise, provide summer shade, absorb CO2, and attract animal species to the Dutch city. The tower, which contains around 200 apartments, is situated in the fourth-largest city in the Netherlands. It was designed by award-winning Italian architect Stefano Boeri, who built his first vertical forest in Milan, Italy, ten years ago. The architect's website describes the amazing building; 'The facades of the tower will host about 10,000 plants from 30 different species, equivalent to one hectare of forest vegetation resulting in a genuine urban ecosystem capable of producing about 41 tons of oxygen each year. On the ground floor and connected to a garden on the sixth floor, is the Vertical Forest Hub: a centre for documentation and research into urban forestation worldwide.'

Would you like to see more buildings like this one? Would you like to design a building? What would it look like?



Pictured: The Wonderwoods Vertical Forest **Source:** Stefano Boeri @StefanoBoeri Twitter page

Making an Impact



At Picture News, we are passionate about using current affairs to help children learn from our world, give them a voice and allow them to make a difference. Our Picture News Impact Awards aim to celebrate children, schools and communities who are doing just that!



This year, we will be awarding our applicants with either a **Bronze**, **Silver** or **Gold** award. To apply, provide us with an overview of your project (no more than two sides of A4). If you have made an impact, you will receive one of our awards and our Picture News Impact 2023 logo.

Think about the following questions to help structure your application

Explain what you did.
Why did you do it?

Have you made a difference
to your local community, the
country or even the world?

Did you have to
overcome any barriers or
difficulties when trying to
make a difference?



Who has it impacted?
Consider everyone involved.
How has your project
made an impact?

Please include photographs and quotes to support your application. Anything you include may be shared publicly. Send your application to help@picture-news.co.uk or post to Picture News Ltd., Colber Lane Bishop Thornton, North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR

Last week's topic:

What is the best way to show your support?

I think the best way to show support is to give gifts and just say nice things.
Clara



I think there are lots of
different ways. You can use
your voice, or your actions.
Vani

Support others by teaching
them about what you know.
Frank

Just by being there. Then
people know you care.
Yolanda

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What is bravery?



In the news this week

Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1st May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- > Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- > Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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