



# Coverage Autumn 1 2023



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28 <sup>th</sup> August	The use of dogs in schools and classrooms is becoming increasingly common, with 'therapy dogs' - as they are often referred to - being used to help pupils feel calmer and less anxious.	Can pets make good companions in schools?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Almost ten years ago, 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives.	What can we learn from new adventures?	Individual Liberty	Race	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES
11 <sup>th</sup> September	In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.	Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?	Rule of Law	Age	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
18 <sup>th</sup> September	More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s.	Is a school more than just a building?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
25 <sup>th</sup> September	In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the lunar South Pole. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface, after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole.	How important is space exploration?	Individual Liberty	Race	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records.	Can anyone break a world record?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
9 <sup>th</sup> October	October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK.	How does change happen?	Democracy	Race	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
16 <sup>th</sup> October	The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning.	How can we remember things that were important to us?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS








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<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures.	Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?	Rule of Law	Age	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, crossed the line in a new world record time at this year's Chicago Marathon, wearing Nike Alphafly 3 'super shoes'.	Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?	Rule of Law	Race	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY







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<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	A study, conducted by the government and backed by the Money and Pensions Service, has estimated that around 5.4 million children in the UK do not have the money skills they will need in adulthood.	How important is it to understand money?	Individual Liberty	Age	 26 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon.	Are there some jobs robots could never do?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months.	How can we show compassion to others?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows.	Who is responsible for Antarctica?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen within days. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years.	What is it like to live through an uncertain time?	Rule of Law	Race	 39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	British litter-pickers have become world champions in the Litter-Picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind.	What is rubbish?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year.	Are decorations an important part of celebrations?	Democracy	Age	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

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8 <sup>th</sup> January	10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers.	Are emojis an important part of communication?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
15 <sup>th</sup> January	A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet.	Is an e-reader better than a book?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted.	Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?	Rule of Law	Disability	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
29 <sup>th</sup> January	A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week.	Is fashion important?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
5 <sup>th</sup> February	45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome.	What makes someone inspirational?	Democracy	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements.	Should we learn sign language at school?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION








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<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Coca-Cola has announced it will temporarily be removing labels from Sprite and Sprite Zero drinks bottles to trial 'label-less' packaging.	How important is packaging?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules.	How can you make your voice heard?	Democracy	Religion or Belief	13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes.	How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways to introduce the ban.	Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?	Rule of law	Religion or Belief	41 BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.	What's the best way to handle disappointment?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people), has fallen.	Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?	Individual Liberty	Sex	26 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP

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8 <sup>th</sup> April	Following announcements regarding the health of both King Charles III and Kate, the Princess of Wales, the Royal Family has released statements requesting privacy.	Should everyone be allowed to lead a private life?	Rule of Law	Age	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY
15 <sup>th</sup> April	A new artwork, from the mysterious street artist Banksy, appeared in North London overnight in March. It has since been defaced with white paint.	What does art mean to you?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 31 REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race, the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA.	Can you learn to persevere?	Individual Liberty	Sex	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Stef Reid, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees.	How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?	Democracy	Disability	 23 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
6 <sup>th</sup> May	A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today.	Can the past help us to learn about modern life?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them.	What is your identity?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	 30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION
20 <sup>th</sup> May	An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season.	Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?	Democracy	Sex	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS

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27 <sup>th</sup> May	A Swedish court has found 21-year-old climate change activist, Greta Thunberg, guilty of disobeying police orders. In March, Greta blocked an entrance to parliament during a sit-in as part of an environmental protest.	Can the voices of the young be as powerful as those of adults?	Democracy	Age	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	6th June marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, the day in 1944 when allied forces from 13 different countries stormed five beaches in Normandy, France.	Can remembering difficult times help shape a better future?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or belief	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak has announced that a UK general election is to take place on 4 <sup>th</sup> July. He made the announcement in a press conference outside 10 Downing Street.	Is voting the best way to change things?	Democracy	Religion or belief	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	The UK government has launched a new website, prepare.campaign.gov.uk, designed to help people plan for potential hazards and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and resources to respond effectively.	Should we always be prepared for an emergency?	Rule of Law	Disability	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Singer, Taylor Swift, is in the midst of her Eras Tour, singing to venues all around the world. One superfan has made hundreds of Taylor Swift inspired friendship bracelets to donate to people in care homes.	What makes a good friend?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26th July to 11th August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28th August to 8th September.	What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Supermarket chain Asda has launched fan zones for elderly people to enjoy the Euros 2024 football tournament. The idea came about as new research found that over 1.9 million individuals over 65 will be watching the matches alone.	What is loneliness?	Individual Liberty	Age	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Research company, YouGov, surveyed young people aged between 6 and 17 about which jobs they'd like to have in the future.	Are all jobs equal?	Rule of Law	All	