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<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	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.	Should all schools have a dog?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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.	How can people travel around the world?	Individual Liberty	Race	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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.	What do you know about boats?	Rule of Law	Age	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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.	Who can help us to stay safe?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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.	Do we need to know more about the Moon?	Individual Liberty	Race	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	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
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	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 do you celebrate someone's achievements?	Democracy	Race	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	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.	Where is your special place?	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 changed where you live?	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'.	What do you enjoy wearing on your feet?	Rule of Law	Race	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY

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6 <sup>th</sup> November	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
13 <sup>th</sup> November	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.	What might robots be able to do in the future?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief	 32 PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK
20 <sup>th</sup> November	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 stay warm in winter?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Age	 27 FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME
27 <sup>th</sup> November	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.	How can we all help to protect Antarctica?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION
4 <sup>th</sup> December	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 emergency services help us?	Rule of Law	Race	 39 RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION
11 <sup>th</sup> December	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 are the different things we can do with our rubbish?	Individual Liberty	Religion or Belief	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT
18 <sup>th</sup> December	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.	What decorations do you and your family enjoy?	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.	Can emojis help us show our feelings?	Mutual Respect and Tolerance	All	2
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.	What books do you choose to read?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	17
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted.	What must a self-driving car be able to do?	Rule of Law	Disability	3
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.	Where can we get clothes from?	Individual Liberty	Religion and Belief	29
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 are you interested in?	Democracy	Disability	23
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

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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 do you choose what drink to buy?	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.	What do you know about farming?	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.	What do you enjoy about books?	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.	Why do schools have rules?	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.	How does it feel to be disappointed?	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.	What does the word 'rich' mean to you?	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.	Who is your family?	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 art do you enjoy?	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.	How can you challenge yourself?	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 are you the same as and different from your friends?	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.	How can we find out more about the past?	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 special to you?	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.	What skills can help you to become a good footballer?	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.	What matters to you?	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.	What are some of your memories?	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.	What makes someone a good leader?	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.	What items could help us in 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 are some of the skills we can practise to be a good sportsperson?	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.	How can we help people who feel lonely?	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.	What would be the best job for you?	Rule of Law	All	