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## 2022 SIX NATIONS SCHEDULE

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Zara Rutherford flying her Shark Aero lightweight aircraft

# Teenager makes solo flight around the world

## » Double Guinness record at age of 19

**T**eenager Zara Rutherford has entered the Guinness World Records as the youngest female pilot to fly solo around the world.

The daughter of a British professional pilot father and Belgian amateur pilot mother, the Brussels-born youngster completed the journey in five months and flew over 52 countries.

Zara, whose journey was delayed for three weeks at one stage by bad weather in Russia, was only allowed to fly in daylight because of her age.



A regular passenger with her father from a young age, she began flying lessons at the age of 14 and received her pilot's licence when she was only 17.

The previous record was held by American pilot Shaesta Waiz, who was 30 when she completed the feat. Zara met up with her in the United States during her trip.

Flying an ultra-lightweight Shark Aero aircraft meant Zara also became the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe in a microlight.

She said she had made the journey to highlight the shortage of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics work, as well as in aviation, and to encourage more girls into those areas.

## Cancer patient Kat beats transatlantic rowing mark

**A woman with incurable cancer has helped set a new record for rowing across the Atlantic in a three-woman crew.**

Kat Cordiner, along with fellow crew members Abby Johnston and Charlotte Irving, completed the gruelling journey from the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean in 42 days, seven hours and 17 minutes, which knocked an amazing seven days off the previous record.

**Kat, 42, is believed to be the first cancer patient to tackle such a trip.**

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

■ A useless burglar tried to break in to a bakery in Chorlton, Manchester, in the middle of the night – only to find himself confronted by almost a dozen bakers working a night shift.

Owner Frankie Dyer said: “The CCTV footage showed a man very quietly and carefully spending a lot of time trying to open the door. He finally creaks it open, sees everyone, and literally darts in the opposite direction.”

She pointed out it was a 24/7 bakery and there was never nobody there. The bakers also joked they were “armed with razor-sharp baguettes”.

■ One of the most isolated museums in the world has reopened after being closed for almost two years because of Covid.

The museum is on South Georgia, close to the Antarctic, 1,000 miles south of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. There are no permanent residents, but the island gets as many as 10,000 cruise ship visitors every summer, when the museum is staffed by temporary workers, mostly from the UK.

■ Villagers in Norfolk and Suffolk have been left without post boxes after a series of strange thefts.

Historic post boxes in around a dozen villages have disappeared during the night, leaving residents with nowhere to post their mail.

Police believe they are being stolen by gangs who sell them on the internet to collectors of historic artefacts.

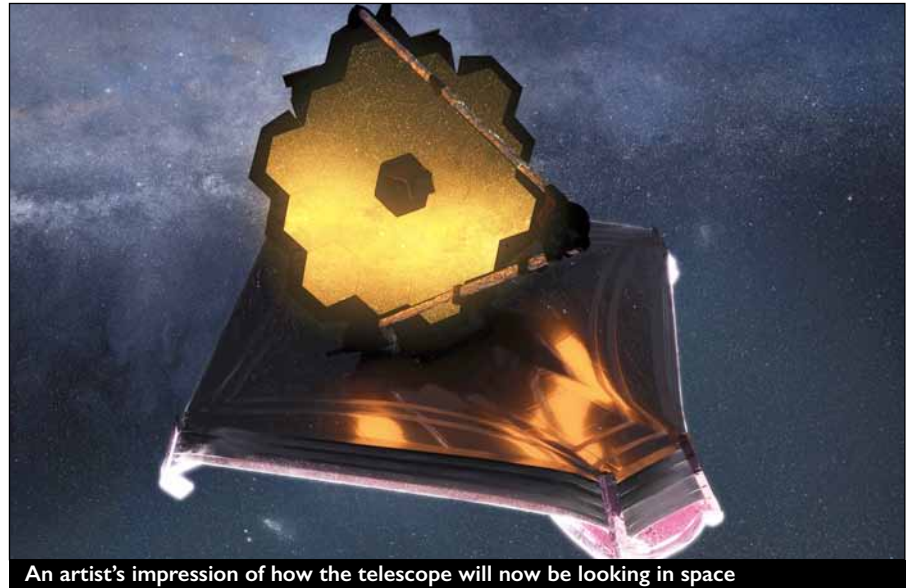


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An artist's impression of how the telescope will now be looking in space

# Space telescope reaches target

## » Orbit a million miles above Earth

The biggest ever space telescope has reached its destination and is now orbiting a million miles above Earth.

The James Webb Space Telescope is designed to capture images from far out in space, and scientists hope it will uncover information about the formation of the universe. The telescope will also be on the lookout for any evidence of extra-terrestrial life.

Bill Nelson, boss of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said:

“We’re one step closer to uncovering the mysteries of the universe. And I can’t wait to see Webb’s first new views of the universe this summer.”

The telescope was launched on Christmas Day, folded away aboard an Ariane 5 rocket. During its million-mile journey, it has been carefully unfolding an array of solar panels for power, shields to protect it from the heat of the Sun and the panels of the telescope itself.

That has all worked smoothly, and now engineers and scientists back on Earth will spend time carefully aligning and calibrating the telescope so it can capture images accurately.

The first pictures are expected to arrive back on earth in June.

## ‘Dead’ rocket on course to crash onto Moon’s surface

A rocket which launched into space seven years ago is on course to crash into the Moon.

The SpaceX rocket was used to send a weather satellite into space but, once that was delivered, the unmanned rocket ran out of fuel and did not have the power to make the journey back to Earth.

It has since been floating around as four tonnes of ‘space junk’.

Experts say its orbit has been ‘chaotic’ and that it passed close to the Moon in early January. They have now calculated it will crash onto the surface on March 4.

Scientists believe it will hit the far side of the Moon, but say it will have no wider effect. They believe it could even be a scientific bonus by creating a crater which could allow them to study beneath the Moon’s surface.

## Chubby armadillos put on January diet

Plenty of people have to go on a New Year diet after eating a bit too much at Christmas – and they have been joined by a pair of greedy armadillos!

Young twins Eddie and Patsy were found to be 1kg each overweight at Drusillas Zoo Park in Sussex as they sleep more and exercise less in winter.

Zookeeper Helena Farley explained: “It seems our girls have over-indulged over the festive period, and they have put on around 1kg each.

“We have introduced an exercise regime to get them moving, and a little diet reduction to help with their new year resolution of getting a bit trimmer.”



Eddie and Patsy at play – and being checked on the zoo's weighing scales

### DRONE NEWS 1

# Dog saved by flying sausage!

» Drone's delivery helps Millie to safety

**R**escuers came up with a novel plan to save a dog at risk of drowning on mudflats as the tide came in.

Millie the Jack Russell-whippet cross had slipped her lead while out on a walk on the Hampshire coast.

She resisted all attempts to persuade her onto higher ground and time was running out as the tide came in. The nature of the land meant the dog could not be reached on foot or by canoe.

That's when a member of the Denmead Drone Search and Rescue team came up with a cunning plan.

He had the idea of attaching a sausage to the drone to tempt Millie away from the incoming sea. A nearby resident quickly cooked a packet of sausages and the plan was put into action.

“It was a crazy idea,” admitted Chris Taylor of

the rescue team – but it worked as the drone flew towards higher ground and hungry Millie followed.

“If we hadn't got her away from that area the tide would have come in and she would have been at risk of drowning,” added Mr Taylor.

“Because Millie was hungry it worked at luring her away from the danger to higher ground, which wouldn't go underwater.”

The drama still wasn't quite over as Millie then ran off again – but this time inland – and she was eventually reunited with her owners.



### DRONE NEWS 2

## Flying invader stops play in football match

A Premier League football match was halted when a mystery drone began buzzing over the pitch.

The match between Brentford and Wolverhampton Wanderers had already been delayed for six minutes after two players clashed heads, when the drone suddenly appeared over the Brentford ground in west London.

The referee had to take the players off the pitch for safety reasons and there was a further delay of 19 minutes until the drone flew away and it was safe to return. It meant the first half of the game lasted 70 minutes instead of the usual 45.

Wolves, who eventually won the match 2-1, were in the news again a day later when a major fire broke out at their Molineux ground.

The fire service was called in the middle of the night when the blaze in a bar and hospitality area set off the alarm system.

It took 20 firefighters two hours to put out the fire, which is thought to have been started by a faulty dishwasher, and prevent it spreading to the rest of the stadium.

# WEEK *This* in HISTORY

**January 29, 1980**  
The Rubik's Cube went on sale for the first time. Invented by Hungarian architect and sculptor Erno Rubik, the colourful 3D puzzle has become the bestselling puzzle or toy in history, with more 450 million cubes sold.



**January 30, 1969**  
The Beatles made their final public performance when they staged an impromptu concert on the roof of their record company Apple Records' headquarters in London.  
The Fab Four, as they were known, were joined by keyboard player Billy Preston and played for 42 minutes before the police asked them to turn the volume down.  
At the time, many fans believed it was a warm-up for a return to live shows, but a little over a year later John Lennon quit the band and The Beatles broke up for good.



**January 31, 1874**

The outlaw Jesse James and his gang carried out one of the best-known robberies of the American Wild West when they held up a train at Gads Hill, Missouri. In what became known as the Great Missouri Train Robbery, they got away with \$12,000, worth more than \$250,000 (£185,000) in today's money.



**February 1, 2013**

The Shard building in London opened its viewing gallery to the public. At 72 storeys and 1,016ft (309.6 metres), it is the tallest building in Britain and the seventh-tallest in Europe.

The tallest building in Europe is the Lakhta Centre in St Petersburg, Russia, at 87 storeys and 1,516ft (462 metres).

**February 2, 1901**

The funeral took place of Queen Victoria, 11 days after her death on January 22. It was held at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle and she was buried alongside her late husband, Prince Albert, at Frogmore in Windsor Great Park. Victoria had been the longest reigning British monarch after 63 years, seven months and two days on the throne, a record since surpassed by the current Queen.

**February 3, 1959**

One of the darkest days in popular music history when a plane crash in Iowa in the United States claimed the lives of three early rock'n'roll pioneers – Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and Jiles Richardson, who performed as The Big Bopper.



**February 4, 2004**

The website Facebook was launched by Mark Zuckerberg and a group of college friends. It is now the biggest social media platform in the world, with almost three billion users.

»» **WINTER OLYMPICS** Beijing 2022, February 2-20



**Fact SHED**

**Selected sports explained**

■ **Biathlon** is a cross-country skiing event over a variety of distances up to 20km, with competitors stopping at intervals for target rifle shooting.

■ **Nordic Combined** is a two-discipline event of cross-country skiing and ski jumping.

■ **Luge and Skeleton** both use lightweight sleds on an ice track. The difference is that luge riders go feet first lying on their backs while in the skeleton the riders go head first on their fronts.

■ **Curling** is similar to bowls, but using polished granite stones slid along the ice towards a target.

**All-time medal table – top 5**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Norway.....	132	125	111	368
United States.....	105	113	89	307
Germany.....	93	87	60	240
Soviet Union.....	78	57	59	194
Canada.....	74	64	62	200

\* Ranked on most golds

# Sport stages its own winter wonderland

**A** festival of winter sports is set to start as the Chinese capital, Beijing, hosts the 24th Winter Olympic Games from February 2 to 20.

It is the first time China has hosted the Winter Olympics and Beijing becomes the first city in the world to have staged both summer and winter Olympics.

The Games feature 15 different winter sport disciplines, with those contested indoors being staged in four stadiums in Beijing, while outdoor events such as skiing take place in the more mountain-

ous areas to the north of the huge city. It means three successive Olympics have taken place in eastern Asia, following the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea and last year’s summer event in Tokyo, Japan.

There will be 90 countries sending athletes to Beijing, with Saudi Arabia and the Caribbean nation of Haiti taking part for the first time. Neither country is known for its snow or ice but both will be sending a single entrant in the Alpine skiing event.

**BEIJING 2022 DAY BY DAY, SPORT BY SPORT**

	Wed Feb 2	Thu Feb 3	Fri Feb 4	Sat Feb 5	Sun Feb 6	Mon Feb 7	Tues Feb 8	Wed Feb 9	Thu Feb 10	Fri Feb 11	Sat Feb 12	Sun Feb 13	Mon Feb 14	Tues Feb 15	Wed Feb 16	Thu Feb 17	Fri Feb 18	Sat Feb 19	Sun Feb 20
Opening ceremony			■																
Alpine skiing					■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■		■	
Bobsleigh												■	■	■			■	■	■
Biathlon				■		■	■			■	■	■		■	■		■	■	
Cross-country skiing				■	■		■		■	■	■	■		■	■		■	■	■
Curling	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Freestyle skiing		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Figure skating			■			■			■	■			■	■			■	■	■
Ice hockey		■	■							■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Luge					■	■	■	■	■										
Nordic combined								■						■		■			
Snowboard				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■					
Ski jumping				■	■	■				■	■		■						
Skeleton									■	■	■								
Speed skating				■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■		■			■	■	■
Speed skating (short track)				■		■		■		■		■			■				
Closing ceremony																			■

Key  = ceremony  = competition day  = competition & medals day

## » RUGBY UNION Six Nations championship guide and fill-in chart

### ROUND 1

<b>IRELAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WALES</b>
Saturday, February 5		2.15pm
Venue: Dublin TV: ITV & S4C		

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<b>SCOTLAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ENGLAND</b>
Saturday, February 5		4.45pm
Venue: Edinburgh TV: BBC One		

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<b>FRANCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ITALY</b>
Sunday, February 6		3pm
Venue: Paris TV: ITV		



### COMING SOON

■ The Women's Six Nations 2022 will take place in March and April. A full guide will appear nearer to the time.

### ROUND 4

<b>WALES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FRANCE</b>
Friday, March 11		8pm
Venue: Cardiff TV: BBC One & S4C		

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<b>ITALY</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>
Saturday, March 12		2.15pm
Venue: Rome TV: ITV		

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<b>ENGLAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IRELAND</b>
Saturday, March 12		4.45pm
Venue: Twickenham TV: ITV		

### ROUND 2

<b>WALES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>
Saturday, February 12		2.15pm
Venue: Cardiff TV: BBC One & S4C		

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<b>FRANCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IRELAND</b>
Saturday, February 12		4.45pm
Venue: Paris TV: ITV		

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<b>ITALY</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ENGLAND</b>
Sunday, February 13		3pm
Venue: Rome TV: ITV		

### ROUND 3

<b>SCOTLAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FRANCE</b>
Saturday, February 26		2.15pm
Venue: Edinburgh TV: BBC One		

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Saturday, February 26		4.45pm
Venue: Twickenham TV: ITV & S4C		

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<b>IRELAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ITALY</b>
Sunday, February 27		3pm
Venue: Dublin TV: ITV		

### ROUND 5

<b>WALES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ITALY</b>
Saturday, March 19		2.15pm
Venue: Cardiff TV: BBC One & S4C		

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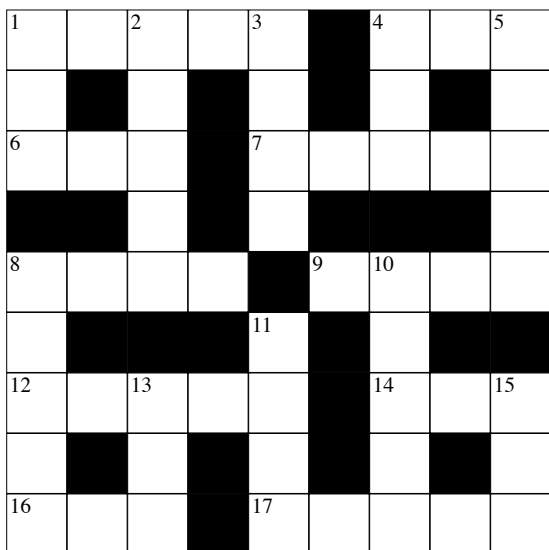
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Saturday, March 19		4.45pm
Venue: Dublin TV: ITV		

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<b>FRANCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ENGLAND</b>
Saturday, March 19		8pm
Venue: Paris TV: ITV		

All kick-off times are given in GMT

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 & 7** Beano character who can run very fast (5, 5)
- 4** Animal's hair (3)
- 6** Long slippery water creature (3)
- 7** see 1 across
- 8** Large stone; type of music (4)
- 9** Two things which go together (4)
- 12** Fruit from a vine (5)
- 14** Poorly (3)
- 16** Smart neckwear (3)
- 17** Only English city which starts with a T (5)

### DOWN

- 1** Honey maker (3)
- 2** Flowering plant; light purple colour (5)
- 3** Sign of tiredness (4)
- 4** USA law enforcement agency (1,1,1)
- 5** Device for removing bristles from chin (5)
- 8** Correct; one side (5)
- 10** Goodbye in French (5)
- 11** Departed; opposite of 8 down (4)
- 13** Large primate with no tail (3)
- 15** Toilet (informal) (3)

Ask your teacher to find the solutions online with the reading comprehension answers