

What's happening in the news this week?



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

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Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below about the new Prime Hydration drink.

Who are KSI and Logan Paul?

KSI (which stands for knowledge, strength, integrity) is a British rapper and YouTuber, who originally became famous for his YouTube videos about gaming.

Logan Paul is a YouTuber, who became famous for vlogging about his life and adventures.

The two influencers decided to come together to launch a new range of drinks. Between them, they have 40 million followers and have regularly shared updates about Prime drinks with their followers.

What is Prime Hydration?

Prime Hydration is a drink containing coconut water (10%), electrolytes, and B vitamins. It has zero sugar or caffeine and only around 20 calories per bottle, the manufacturers claim.

Prime Hydration comes in many flavours, including Blue Raspberry, Lemon and Lime and Ice Pop.



Pictured above: Prime Hydration Blue Raspberry flavour. **Source:** Prime Drinks



Queues at an Aldi following Prime's launch. **Source:** Aldi

It was reported that more than 100 people were waiting outside a store in southwest London to buy Prime on the day of its release. Some videos showed people scrambling and shouting to get their hands on the drinks, though not everyone's experience was quite as stressful. Rob Leat, a fitness trainer from Bristol, said he arrived at his local store 15 minutes before it opened and there was already a line of people there wanting to buy the drink. He said, 'Hats off to Aldi, it was really well organized and everybody in the queue was respectful'.

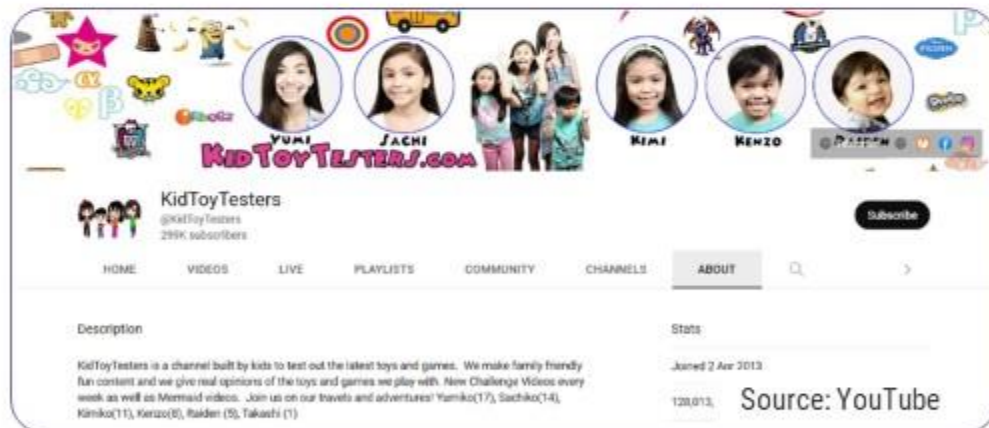
Talk about why you think it became so popular.



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about influencers.

What is an influencer?

An influencer is a person who has the ability and power to affect what people want or buy or they can impact the behaviour of others. They do this through social media and rely on a huge number of people following them or subscribing to their channel. Bloggers, YouTubers and podcasters with huge followings are all types of influencers.



There are some children who are influencers such as KidToyTesters

Influencers



How does an influencer get paid?

There are many different ways influencers get paid for their work. It can be through displaying adverts, by representing and being paid from one company in particular or by promoting and selling their own products.

What do you think about influencers? Do you think they have an important job?



Look at the resource below, which shares examples of things that might influence the choices we make.

Community

The people who we see and interact with regularly such as neighbours, people at school, local shopkeepers.

Fictional characters from books or films

Characters we admire because of the way they behave, their values, their clothes, what they look like etc.

Internet

The things we see online that may connect us with others, entertain us, persuade us, help us learn.

Experiences

The experiences we have such as holidays, activities or challenges we overcome.



Descending Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain.

How might this experience influence these children?

Family and friends

People who we care about. We may want to be like them or want them to be proud of us.

Education

The things we learn at school, our experiences at school and our teachers and friends.

Culture

The ideas, customs and beliefs of a group of people.

Word of mouth

The things we hear from other people first hand.

Celebrities

Famous people we admire.

Music

Listening to music may have the power to influence how we feel, our mood or how we behave.

Can you think of anything else that may influence someone? Place the examples in order of things that you think influence you the most to things you think influence you the least.



How much control do influencers have over our choices?

Reflection



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Whilst they may guide some of our choices, it's important for us to remember to make our decisions with an open mind, considering both positive and negative consequences.





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We all have the power to influence so should consider how our behaviour, actions and words can affect others.

Protected Characteristics



Our beliefs consist of the things we believe to be true about ourselves, the world and others. They are firmly embedded and affect the way we think and behave. There are many things which may influence our beliefs.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



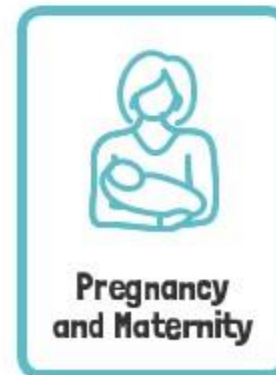
Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or belief



UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to be protected from exploitation (being taken advantage of). Learning about social media and keeping safe online can help do this.



Useful vocabulary



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Craze

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Can you use them in your writing this week?

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- Look at this week's poster image and talk about what we can see. Two influencers, KSI and Logan Paul, have recently released a new drink called Prime Hydration. The drink sold out instantly online and in shops.
- Read the information found on the assembly resource about the new Prime Hydration drink. Talk about why you think it became so popular.
- What do we know about influencers or YouTubers? What are they and what do they do?
- Watch this week's useful video, which explains more about social media influencers. Are there any influencers that you like? What is it about them you admire, and do you think they are a positive role model?
- As well as influencers, what other factors or people do we think influence the decisions we make and the things we choose to buy?

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KS1 focus

What is an influencer?



- Make a list of jobs adults have e.g., plumber, train driver, teacher, manager, solicitor, dog walker, actor. Is there a job you would like to do when you are an adult? What do you think you would enjoy about that job?
- Discuss the jobs some of the adults you know have. Do you know what they do?
- Have you heard of the job 'influencer'? What do you think an influencer might do? Look at resource 1 to find out more about an influencer. What do you think about influencers? Do you think they have an important job?
- Influencers might help people decide what to buy. You can watch them trying out the item first so you can see if it will be suitable for you but we do need to be careful when watching influencers online. Discuss some of the potential dangers of influencers e.g., they may influence our decision to buy a toy we don't really want, they might make us feel sad or not good enough as we don't have toys like them.
- Think about something you would love to own like a toy or game. Can you describe your item to someone? How did you find out about the item e.g., online, an advert on TV, from a friend? Why do you want to get it?

Reflection

As we get older, we are likely to use social media. It is important to learn about it and other people who use it, such as influencers, to help keep us safe.

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KS2 focus

What are some of the things that influence the choices we make?



- Write the word 'influence' on the board. Can you explain what it means to have an influence on someone?
- There are many things that influence us, the way we behave, the decisions we make. Can you think of any examples of something that has influenced your behaviour or decisions?
- Look at resource 2, which shares examples of things that might influence the choices we make. Can you think of anything else that may influence someone? Place them in order of things that you think influence you the most to things you think influence you the least. Give reasons for your order. Does everyone agree? Why?
- When we make choices, we may not always consider what led us to our final decision. Think about something you chose recently or would really like such as a new toy or a new item of clothing. Can you think about the things that may have influenced your choice? Where did you hear about/see the new toy or clothing?
- Think about some of the hobbies or activities you have chosen to do. Can you think of something that may have influenced the hobbies or activities you choose to do? Does someone you admire also enjoy the same things? Is the opportunity to take part easy?
- Have you considered that you have the power to influence others? Discuss the influence you would like to have on someone.

Reflection

There are many things that can influence the choices we make such as other people, our experiences, our beliefs, our education. We should think carefully about how we choose to behave and the things we choose to say as we also have the power to influence others!

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KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Use the following information to discuss how you use the internet at home and school:

- What do you use the internet for at school? Do you ever watch YouTube videos as a whole class? Do you ever access online programmes to help your learning?
- Do you have a mobile phone? How do you use it?
- What online games or programmes do you use at home?
- Do you play any games online where you can connect with friends and play together?
- Do you ever watch YouTube videos at home?
- Do you have any social media accounts? Do you know if there are any age restrictions?
- How often do you use the internet?

Discuss the pros of using the internet e.g., being able to research something easily, activities and games that help us learn spellings/times tables, connecting with friends.

Discuss the cons e.g., not trusting everything you see/read, connecting with people you do not know, writing something you wouldn't normally say.

Design an internet safety poster that includes tips on how to keep ourselves safe when using it.

Option 2

Design and make a healthy smoothie! Think about:

- What ingredients will you need? Fruit, milk, vegetables?
- How much of each ingredient do you need?
- How will you measure and weigh your ingredients?
- How will you mix or blend your ingredients?
- What equipment will you need?

If possible, make your smoothie. Once you have finished, you could perform a smoothie taste test on someone else. Make sure you describe and rate the look and smell of your smoothie before you taste!

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KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Choose a classroom item such as a pen pot, a ruler, a book, a chair etc. You are going to try and persuade someone to buy this item! Think about:

- What is good about the way the item looks/feels?
- How can it be used?
- What adjectives could you use to describe your item that might make someone want to buy it? Useful, luxurious, amazing?

If possible, use a tablet to film a short video of you describing your item and persuading someone to buy it. You could watch some of them and discuss how someone, who is very good at persuading, can make items such as a classroom chair or ruler sound very exciting and like we need to buy them!

Option 2

Discuss some of the drinks you have at home and school.

- What do you enjoy drinking?
- What do you drink from? A bottle, a beaker, a glass?
- How much do you drink?

We can measure the amount of drink a container holds. We call this its capacity.

- What units do we use to measure capacity?
- Have you ever seen these measurements on a juice carton or water bottle?
- Do you know the capacity of your water bottle? How could we find it out?

Using a variety of drinks containers/bottles, explore capacity and volume. Use language and vocabulary to describe it such as full/empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter. You could also work with a partner to compare the capacity of your water bottle. Challenge – can you use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to compare the capacity of your water bottles?

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This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.stamfordmercury.co.uk/lifestyle/new-prime-drink-coming-to-the-uk-9292678/

This week's useful video

Social media influencer
www.youtube.com/watch?v=39A3og7enz8

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Christmas tree flood protection

Yorkshire business person, Sara Tomkins, has been talking about her innovative idea to tackle flooding – with pre-loved Christmas trees! She set up a company in 2020 that hires out potted fir, pine, and spruce trees over the festive period and collects them back again in the New Year. This way the trees remain alive and continue to grow. Once the trees have grown too large and can no longer be hired out to households, they are planted to give natural flood protection in Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. Dozens of the original 400 trees have now become too tall for the average living room, and have been planted in the upper parts of the Calder Valley to help stop floodwaters running down into the two towns below. Rooted Christmas tree rental founder, Sara, discussed the project saying, 'It's like people adopt them. They become part of the family. I've got a couple of people



Picture: Christmas trees in pots
Source: Canva

already asking if they can have the same tree again in 2023 and I'm trying to gently break it to them that it's going to be nine foot by then so it won't fit in their house.'

Single-use plastic cutlery and plates to be banned in England

The government has announced that single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks and certain kinds of polystyrene cups and food containers will be banned in England for environmental reasons. This follows similar announcements already made by Scotland and Wales. Research by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), tells us that each person in England uses an average of 18 single-use plastic plates and 37 items of plastic cutlery every year. Also stating that only 10% of those are recycled. 1.1 billion single-use plates and more than 4 billion pieces of plastic cutlery are used in England annually. This new rule applies to plastic packaging for food and drinks from restaurants and cafes, not supermarkets and shops (which the government will consider separately). Environment Secretary Thérèse Coffey, said, 'This new ban will have a huge impact to stop the pollution of billions of pieces of plastics and help to protect the natural environment for future generations.' Other



Picture: Disposable plastic cutlery **Source:** Canva

people, whilst welcoming the ban, thought that the government could still do more, with Megan Randles, a political campaigner for Greenpeace UK, saying, 'We're dealing with a plastic flood, and this is like reaching for a mop instead of turning off the tap'.

Do you think this ban is a good idea? Should more items be banned too?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Never-Ending Literary Treasure Hunt

A literary treasure hunt is where children search for and find hidden books, read them and re-hide them for others. One such book hunt is based in Braidwood, a small town in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia. A variety of books suitable for all ages of children are hidden all around the town, in locations such as shop windows, among shrubs, in parks, on benches and anywhere the children involved think would be a good hiding place for them. Each book is placed inside a plastic bag to keep it safe with a flyer that says: 'You are the lucky finder of this book. Read it, enjoy it, and then re-hide it for someone else to enjoy. Please reuse this bag. Add your name inside the cover and let's see how many can find it!' It has been reported that the people of Braidwood are enjoying the treasure hunt, after hearing about similar ones in other towns and setting up their own. 'It's lovely to watch the little kids' faces when they find the books, and it's just a little bit more magical,' mum of 5, Samantha Dixon said, adding 'I enjoy the fact these books are being read and are not just being left on the shelves and that kids are outside finding them not on screens.'

Do you think this is a good idea for a treasure hunt? Can you think of anything else that could be hidden for a treasure hunt?



Pictured: Children enjoying the literary treasure hunt in Braidwood. **Source:** Braidwood Hidden Books Facebook page.

Last week's topic:
Can you learn how to manage under pressure?

I think that we can help each other deal with difficult times better, that's the best way.

Ellie



I think some people manage better than others when things are hard.

Andrew

I think that sometimes you can't but if you just do what you can that's brilliant!

Selina

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you watch any influencers online? Talk to others in your home – do they watch influencers?
- > Are there other well-known people that you admire or look up to? What are they known for?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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