

# What's happening in the news this week?



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

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# Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?



# 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?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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# This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below about the decision for Wales to pay their men's national football team the same as their women's team.

**What is the new pay deal?**

A new deal to pay the men and women's national football teams in Wales has been agreed. In order to reach the deal, the Wales men's senior team agreed to a 25% pay cut, thus enabling a 25% rise for the women's team, which now brings them both equal on pay.

**Which other countries pay both men and women's national teams the same?**

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**A joint statement from Wales men and women's teams.**



Above: A tribute to the Welsh women's football team, by the Welsh Women's Football Fan Site

**Share your thoughts on this news.**



Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of different sports we might take part in.

Football



Swimming



Tennis



Goalball



Cricket



Gymnastics



Skateboarding



Boccia



Canoeing



Dodgeball



**Which have you tried before? Are there any you would like to try but haven't yet? Can you order them from your favourite to least favourite? Does everyone agree?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the growth of women's football.

The Doubling Female Participation ambition set out in the FA's (Football Association) strategy (Game Plan for Growth) was to be achieved by 2020. A national network of Wildcats Girls' Football Centres for girls aged 5-11, aimed to make a significant contribution to this.

Between 2016 and 2020, Women's participation in football at grass roots level rose by 54%.

According to the FA in 2020, there were 3.4 million women and girls playing football in England, with 9,251 competitive female teams and 88 Community Club Organisations providing opportunities for 55,800 women and girls.



### Women's professional football leagues

The first professional women's football league was in the USA in 2001. After two seasons, the Women's United Soccer Association collapsed. In 2009, professional women's football returned to America.

In Australia, the W-League has been one of the trailblazers for professional women's football, since it began in 2008.

In Europe, the top women's leagues in France, Spain, and Sweden are all professional.

In Asia, Japan launched their first professional women's football league in September 2021.



When I was at school, there was no football for girls in our PE lessons and we didn't have a girls' football team.

I didn't join an 11-a-side team until 2009, when I was 26 years old. Since then, I have seen more women's teams forming and grassroots leagues growing, which is great as there is so much more opportunity for women and girls to play football.

**Melanie Dove**



I think if you look at players now in the WSL, it's a full-time professional league. If you look at the Championship, some of those clubs are professional as well. There are more and more girls playing the game at all levels so the numbers are staggering actually. It's so different to what it was ten years ago.



**Hope Powell, Manager of England women's national football team, 1993 - 2013**

### Broadcasting

Ahead of the 2021/22 season, the FA announced a record-breaking three-year deal with Sky Sports and the BBC for the broadcast rights to the Women's Super League (WSL). It became the biggest broadcast deal of any professional women's league in the world and was worth around £8million-a-year

Since 2012, viewing figures for women's matches have doubled but this was the first time the broadcast rights to the WSL had been sold separately from the men's game.

The money made from broadcast deals are shared across the WSL and the Women's Championship, so clubs can invest in players, staff and facilities.

*How do you think the WSL receiving this broadcast deal has impacted the sport's popularity?*



**What factors do you think have contributed to the increase in popularity of women's football?**





# Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?



# Reflection



Representing your country in sport is a huge achievement – and one that is likely to have taken huge effort and sacrifice. Receiving fair pay for both men and women is a key part in creating a fair society.





## Democracy

If we do not agree with something or do not think it is fair, we can use our voices to make changes.

Wales' national men and women's football teams will now receive equal pay.

# Protected Characteristics



Both men and women should be treated fairly. This includes being paid fairly for the job they do.





# UN Rights of a Child



All children have rights and should not be treated unfairly for any reason. This includes whether we are a girl or a boy.



# Useful vocabulary



## Committed

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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 you can see. Explain that the Football Association of Wales has announced it will pay their women and men's national football teams the same.
- Read the information found on the assembly resource about the decision for Wales to pay their men's football national team the same as their women's team. Share your thoughts on this news.
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows an interview with Wales manager, Gemma Grainger, speaking about the news. How do you think that it will impact on both younger players and wider society?
- For the women to be paid the same as the men, the men's team agreed a 25% pay cut. Why do you feel they made that decision?
- Talk about the sports you enjoy watching and playing. Did you watch the Women's Euros tournament last year? Do you believe interest in women's sport is increasing?

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## KS1 focus

### What sports do you enjoy playing?



- Make a list of sports you have taken part in at school or perhaps outside of school with family, friends or as part of a club. Share your list with someone else. Have you all taken part in the same sports?
- Think about one of the sports you enjoy playing. Why do you enjoy it? Who do you play it with? Where do you play? Can you explain the rules?
- Look at resource 1, which shares some examples of different sports we might take part in. Which have you tried before? Are there any you would like to try but haven't yet? Can you order them from your favourite to least favourite? Does everyone agree?
- There are so many different sports we can play. Some sports we play as part of a team; others we play individually. Have you ever taken part in a sport as part of a team? Who was in your team?
- Have you ever wanted to play a sport but were not allowed to? Do you know why you were not allowed to play?
- Sometimes we may not be allowed to play as it may not be safe or fair e.g., you wouldn't be allowed to play in a competitive sport with grown-ups. However, we should never be excluded from playing a sport because of who we are.
- Discuss how it might feel to be excluded from playing a sport with your classmates and ways we can make sure everyone feels included.

### Reflection

There are many sports we can enjoy taking part in. We should never feel excluded from any sport because of who we are.



## KS2 focus

### How has women's football gained in popularity in recent years?



- Think about football. Do you enjoy playing it? Are you part of a football team? Do you ever watch any football matches? Can you name any famous football teams? Can you name any famous footballers? Do you have a favourite famous footballer?
- In 1921, just over 100 years ago, the FA (Football Association) banned women from playing on Football League grounds saying '...the game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged.' How does this make you feel?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some information about the growth of women's football. What factors do you think have contributed to the increase in popularity of women's football? Discuss the role you believe the FA played in this.
- Focus on Melanie's comment. How do you think her experience of football at school compares with yours? Is football something everyone at school can take part in? If not, do you think it should be?
- Have you ever watched a women's football match? When did you watch it? Who was playing? Did you watch it on a screen or in a stadium? Who were you with? If you haven't watched a women's match, would you like to?
- Although women's football has gained in popularity, do you think there is still more that can be done?

### Reflection

There should be opportunities for us all to participate in and watch football, if we choose to.

## Picture News



### KS2 follow-up ideas

#### Option 1

Imagine you are part of the crowd in a huge football stadium waiting to watch a World Cup Final! Write a setting description. Think about the following to help you plan your ideas:

- What are the crowd doing? How would you describe them? Can you use a metaphor e.g., a vast sea of people?
- How would you describe the pitch?
- What is the lighting like? Can you use alliteration e.g., bright beams bouncing across the stadium?
- What can you hear/smell?
- How do you feel? What is your body doing? What are you thinking?

#### Option 2

The Wales men's senior team agreed to a 25% pay cut, thus enabling a 25% rise for the women's team. Calculate what a 25% pay cut of the following amounts would be:

- £10
- £100

Calculate what a 25% pay rise of the following amounts would be:

- £500
- £42

With the 25% pay cut and pay rise, the men's and women's team now earn the same.

- Can you work out what the men and women might have earned before the rise and cut?

Explore finding 25% of different amounts!

## Picture News



### KS1 follow-up ideas

#### Option 1

Use this opportunity to explore some of the sports you can play in school. Set up four different sports zones such as tennis, football, basketball, cricket, hockey, dance. Split into groups to play the game/take part. Move around each sport until you have tried all four. Discuss the following:

- Which sport did you enjoy the most/least? Why?
- Which sport did you find easiest/hardest?
- Did you recognise anyone who played fairly? What did they do well?
- How could you/your team improve if you played the sport again?

If you have time, repeat the carousel of activities putting some of the improvement suggestions into practise!

#### Option 2

Design a football strip for a national football team of your choice to wear. Think about:

- Which country will you choose to design your strip for?
- Can you locate them on a world map?
- What does their national flag look like? Will you use it or the colours in your design?
- What colours will the strip be?
- Will you include any logos?
- Will you include a pattern such as stripes?

Draw and colour your design and share with someone in your class. You could explain your choices and show them where your country is located on a world map.

## Picture News



### This week's useful websites

#### This week's news story

<http://bit.ly/3iLyDML>

#### This week's useful video

Wales to pay men's and women's national teams the same  
[www.bbc.com/sport/football/64299007](http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/64299007)

#### This week's Virtual Picture News

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## Skiing all over the world



**Pictured:** Maddock Lipp and his family skiing at the Antarctic **Source:** @QuarkExpedition Twitter page.

Maddock Lipp, an 8-year-old from Colorado, USA, has unofficially become the youngest person to ski on all seven continents. He may soon take the Guinness World Record from the current holder, Victoria Rae White, who was 10 years and 79 days old when she gained the title in 2008. Maddock, who learned to ski aged 2 close to his hometown of Golden in the continent of North America, has already glided down slopes in Europe (Italy), Oceania (Thredbo and Perisher,

Australia), Africa (Morocco), Asia (South Korea), and South America (Chile and Argentina). The Lipp family travelled to Antarctica when Maddock was 8 years and 25 days old as part of a ski expedition onboard the Ocean Diamond. Maddock Lipp says he liked skiing in the Antarctica best 'because I got to ski next to the penguins!' He celebrated by drinking Fanta and eating nachos, followed by ice cream.

**How would you celebrate breaking a record?**

## Raccoon rescue

Railroad workers have rescued a troubled raccoon after the hair on his bottom became frozen to a railway line in very cold weather conditions in Georgia, United States. The unlucky mammal is thought to have become attached to the track after sitting on it for too long in  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperatures. Describing the rescue mission, rail worker, Neil Mullis, said, 'I poured the warm water under his bottom while a co-worker worked... to try and break him loose. After about five minutes of slowly working him loose, he was free. He jumped off the rail and ran in the woods

never looking back.' Leaving only a few clumps of fur behind on the tracks, the raccoon made an injury-free escape. Raccoons are known for their intelligence and problem solving. They are brilliant climbers and can descend a tree head first. They are nocturnal animals with excellent night vision, therefore they aren't normally seen in the daytime. Raccoons have the most sensitive sense of touch of any animal, their tiny 5 fingered hands are packed with over ten times the number of nerve endings as a human hand.

**Do you know any raccoon facts?**



**Pictured:** A Raccoon  
**Source:** Canva

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# Teddy bear transformation

A teddy bear has been lovingly restored, after just its head washed up on Porth beach near Newquay, Cornwall. Tracey Williams, founder of Twitter page, Lego Lost At Sea, made the discovery after heavy storms and posted a photo (pictured above) on her page. Rev Canon Eleanor Rance, who had never attempted to restore a bear before but enjoys sewing, said, 'When I saw the Twitter post, I thought he looked so sad but that he could have a lot of life left in him still. I offered to try and restore him and he arrived in a cardboard envelope, smelling strongly of the sea. He was completely caked in seaweed and had stones and tiny shells in his ears.' It took about a year for the painstaking transformation to be complete. Eleanor's son named the soft fluffy toy Sinbad, in reference to his sea travels, and a marine biologist has even offered to examine the seaweed removed from his fur to find clues as to where he might have been on his travels! Sinbad, (pictured bottom) the well-travelled bear, will now become a therapy bear. He will be taken into schools to join in with assemblies and visit residents at their care homes.

**Can you think of anything that you would like to restore?**



**Pictured:** Sinbad - before and after his restoration.  
**Source:** Eleanor Ashton/Ranch @CassWoollibold Twitter page

**Last week's topic:**

**How much control do influencers have over our choices?**

It is better to play outside than watch influencers on TV, because watching them might make you greedy.

**Aurora**

You need to choose your role models carefully. Influencers don't change my mind.

**Ellie**

It's too silly that everyone is queuing outside the shop to get one drink. There are millions of other drinks in the world!


**Stevie**

People are going crazy over prime! The book hunt idea is actually a good idea because you can get knowledge whilst having fun.

**Jayden**



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

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# TAKEHOME



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### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts with someone at home on the news that the Welsh women's football team are going to be paid the same as the men's. Do you both feel the same way?
- Do you feel the men's team should have to take a pay cut? If not, how else do you think the extra money could be funded?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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