



Article 50 to be triggered!



The flag of the European Union

Theresa May, our Prime Minister, has announced that she will trigger Article 50 on 29th March.

On this day, the UK will officially tell the other members of the European Union that we will be leaving the group. Talks will then start about various things such as travel and trade. The UK will have up to 2 years to make all the arrangements before we 'officially' leave.

The UK has been a member of the European Union for nearly 41 years - in June 2016 voters in the UK voted to leave the EU.

World Poetry Day!

World Poetry Day is held every year on 21st March and was declared by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999. The purpose of this special day is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world!

The United Nations agreed that poetry can meet a social role as it allows people to express opinions and thoughts regarding a range of issues. They also added that poetry can help young people reflect and change the way they look at their place in the world. During World Poetry Day, poems are both read and written and famous poets are studied.



The Picture News team's favourite poem:

The Swing

By Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing,
Up in the air so blue?
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing
Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,
Till I can see so wide,
River and trees and cattle and all
Over the countryside-

Till I look down on the garden green,
Down on the roof so brown-
Up in the air I go flying again,
Up in the air and down!

Source: familyfriendpoems.com

Did you write any poetry last week? We'd love to hear it! We'll publish our favourite poems after the Easter break! Email us at: help@picture-news.co.uk



Canadian teacher wins global prize



Maggie MacDonnell, a teacher from the Canadian Arctic has been named as the winner of the annual Global Teacher Prize.

The winner was announced by a video-link with astronauts on the International Space Station.

In a video message broadcast at the ceremony, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau congratulated Ms MacDonnell saying, "You chose to teach at the Ikusik school in Salluit, a remote village in the Canadian Arctic. There are no roads to Salluit - it is only accessible by air and it gets cold, really cold." He also tweeted, "Congratulations Maggie! Thanks for everything you do to help your students build stronger futures."

Do pupils need internet lessons?

A report written by the House of Lords states that "Learning to survive in a world dominated by the internet should be as important for children as reading and writing."

Committee Chairman Lord Best said, "Lessons about online responsibilities, risks and acceptable behaviour should be made compulsory in schools. The internet is a fantastic source of information but children need awareness of its hazards."



Chief Executive of the PSHE Association, Jonathan Baggaley, added that making the subject statutory would give it space on the timetable to teach "the knowledge and skills to manage the challenges of life online".

What do you think? Do you already feel you know enough to use the internet safely? Should it be made compulsory in school? Let us know! Email: help@picture-news.co.uk



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