



'Of the week' Sheet

Monday 22nd April – Friday 26th April

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Thought of the Week

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."
– Anne Bradstreet

Word of the Week

Imbroglio (Noun)

Definition: an extremely confused, complicated or embarrassing situation

Pronunciation: Im-brow-lio

Usage: 'The debate over where to have the end-of-term party turned into a real imbroglio!'

Etymology: Mid 18th century. From the Italian *imbrogliare*, 'to confuse', which comes from the Old French *broillier* 'to mix'. The verb *embroil*, meaning 'to involve someone in a complicated situation', has the same root.

Poem of the Week

The Trees by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Thinking Challenge of the Week

In a drawer you have an equal number of black socks and white socks. They are not stored away in pairs. Without looking, how many times will you have to reach into the drawer to come out with a matching pair?



Feminist of the Week

Sagarika Sriram, United Arab Emirates
Educator and climate adviser



Teenager Sagarika Sriram is fighting to make climate education mandatory in schools. Using her coding skills, she set up the online platform Kids4abetterworld, designed to help educate children around the world and support them in sustainability projects in their communities.

She backs this up with online and offline environmental workshops, teaching children how they can have a positive impact on climate change.

Alongside studying for her A-levels in Dubai, Sriram is part of the children's advisory team of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, where she champions environmental rights.

"It is not time for alarm but for action, so each child is educated to live sustainably and drive the systemic changes we need to see in our world". - *Sagarika Sriram*

Fact of the Week



The U.S. government saved every public tweet from 2006 through 2017

Starting in 2018, the Library of Congress decided to only keep tweets on "a very selective basis," including elections and those dealing with something of national interest, like public policy.

Book of the Week

Title: Black Butterflies
Author: Priscilla Morris



Summary: SARAJEVO. SPRING 1992.

Each night, nationalist gang's erect barricades, splitting the diverse city into ethnic enclaves; each morning, the residents – whether Muslim, Croat or Serb – push the makeshift barriers aside.

When violence finally spills over, Zora, an artist and teacher, sends her husband and elderly mother to safety with her daughter in England. Reluctant to believe that hostilities will last more than a handful of weeks, she stays behind while the city falls under siege. As the assault deepens and everything they love is laid to waste, black ashes floating over the rooftops, Zora and her friends are forced to rebuild themselves, over and over. Theirs is a breathtaking story of disintegration, resilience, and hope.

Female Scientist of the Week

Susan Adele Greenfield, Baroness Greenfield, CBE, FRCP (born 1 October 1950) is an English scientist, writer, broadcaster and member of the House of Lords (since 2001). Her research has focused on the treatment of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. She is also interested in the neuroscience of consciousness and the impact of technology on the brain.



In January 2000, Greenfield received a CBE for her contribution to the public understanding of science. Later that year, she was named Woman of the Year by *The Observer*. In 2001, she became a Life Peer under the House of Lords Appointments Commission system.

Thinking Challenge Answer: To be guaranteed a pair you will have to reach in the drawer three times.