



'Of the week' Sheet

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Monday 6th May – Friday 10th May

Thought of the Week

"That is one good thing about this world ... there are always sure to be more springs." - **L. M. Montgomery**

Word of the Week

Quotidian (Adjective)

Definition: commonplace, ordinary, everyday OR occurring daily

Usage: 'Anne Tyler's novels bring the quotidian details of domestic life into sharp focus, and give them meaning and significance'

Etymology: Middle English. From the Latin *quotidianus*, and earlier, *cotidie*, 'daily'

Poem of the Week

A Water Lily Is Born

by Hargan (Year 9)

The very first breath
When my heads been drowning under the water
My petal spreads
I see my forever daughter
I'm rising
I'm reaching
I'm praying
I'll reach another day
Away
From the winter

Thinking Challenge of the Week

What do these picture words say?

1. NOON GOOD
2. Pot ooooooooo
3. Man
Board



Feminist of the Week

Arati Kumar-Rao, India
Photographer



Working across South Asia, independent photographer, writer and National Geographic Explorer Arati Kumar-Rao documents the changing landscape caused by climate change. She chronicles how drastically depleting groundwater, habitat destruction and land acquisition for industry devastate biodiversity and shrink common lands, displacing millions and pushing species towards extinction.

Kumar-Rao has crisscrossed the Indian subcontinent for over a decade, and her hard-hitting stories reveal how environmental destruction impacts livelihoods and biodiversity.

Her book, *Marginlands: India's Landscapes on the Brink*, encapsulates the experiences of those living in India's most hostile environments.

"At the root of the climate crisis is the lamentable loss of our elemental connection with land, water and air. It is imperative that we reclaim this connection".

Fact of the Week



The CIA headquarters has its own Starbucks, but baristas don't write names on the cups

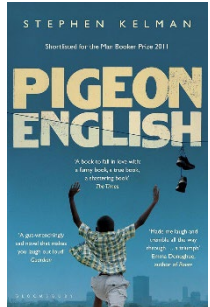
Its receipts say "Store Number 1" instead of "Starbucks," and its workers need an escort to leave their work posts.

Book of the Week

Title: Pigeon English

Author: Stephen Kelman

Summary: Eleven-year-old Harrison Opoku, the second best runner in Year 7, races through his new life in England with his personalised trainers - the Adidas stripes drawn on with marker pen - blissfully unaware of the very real threat around him.

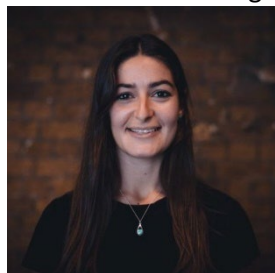


Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister Lydia, Harri absorbs the many strange elements of city life, from the bewildering array of Haribo sweets, to the frightening, fascinating gang of older boys from his school. But his life is changed forever when one of his friends is murdered.

As the victim's nearly new football boots hang in tribute on railings behind fluorescent tape and a police appeal draws only silence, Harri decides to act, unwittingly endangering the fragile web his mother has spun around her family to keep them safe.

Female Scientist of the Week

Sasha Haco is an English *theoretical physicist and entrepreneur*. Haco received her PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of Cambridge in 2019. She spent a year as a visiting fellow at Cambridge from 2017 to 2018 and also spent a year at Harvard. In 2020, Haco was heavily featured in the Netflix documentary *Black Holes: The Edge of All We Know*, which chronicled the use of the Event Horizon Telescope to take the first photograph of a black hole, as well as the work of Haco, Hawking, Perry and Strominger as they attempted to better understand the black hole information paradox. Haco founded Ditto Software in 2018 and most recently co-founded Unitary, where she currently serves as the chief executive officer. Unitary works to develop tools to identify and moderate abusive online content. In 2021, Haco was honoured with the Women in Innovation award recognizing her efforts addressing challenges in society.



Thinking Challenge Answer:

Good afternoon

Pot 8 O's = potatoes

Man overboard