

What's happening in the news this week?



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

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What makes a good friend?



Individual Liberty

Our words and actions can have both positive and negative impacts on others. We have the power to make choices that help our friends feel valued.



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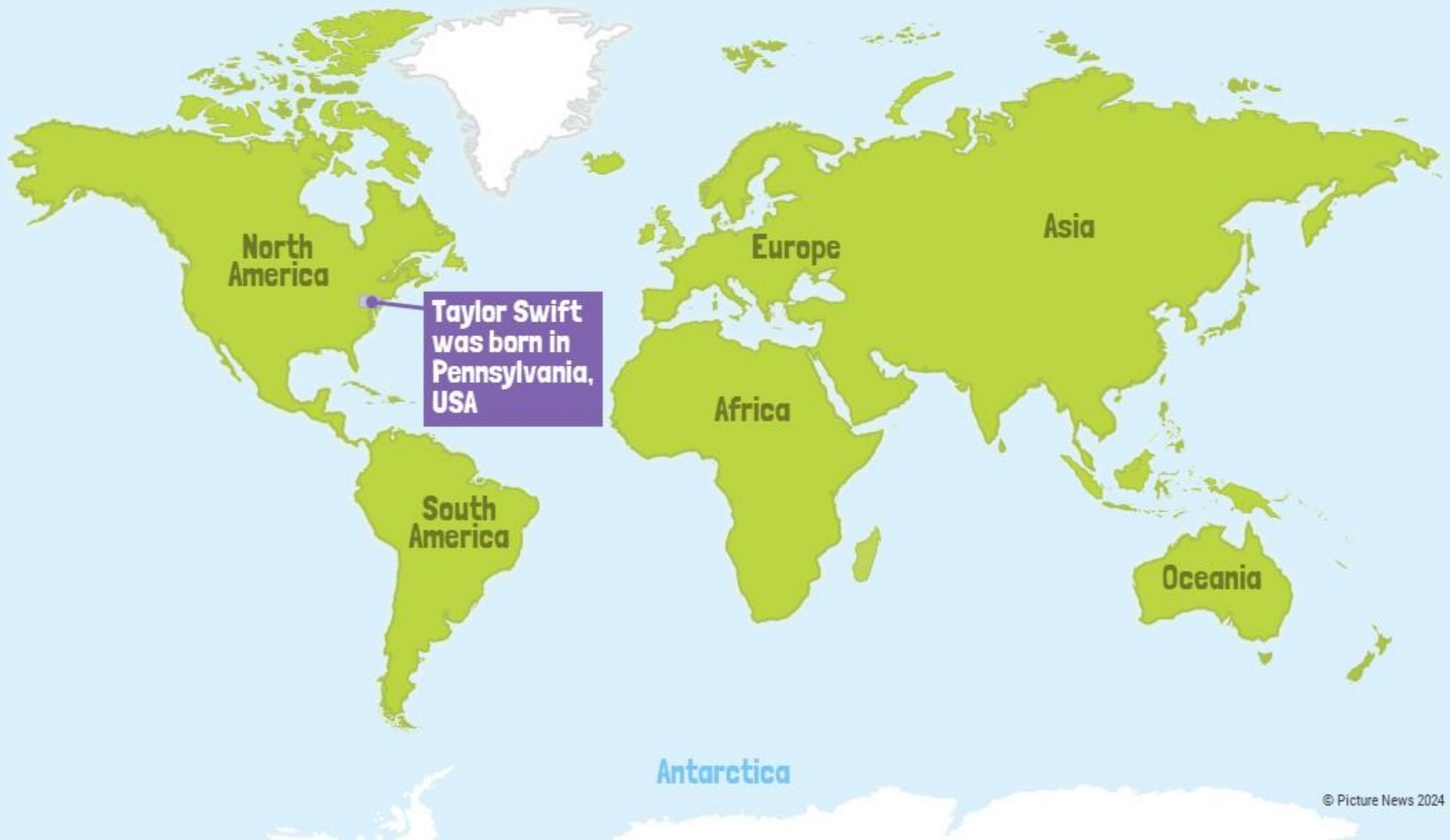
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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below and share your thoughts about the popularity of the Taylor Swift friendship bracelets and Devon's project.

Why are Taylor Swift fans sharing bracelets at her concerts?

Fans worldwide have been making and trading friendship bracelets at every Taylor Swift concert on the 152-show tour, as a way to make new friends. They are inspired by the lyric, 'So, make the friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste it', in the song, You're On Your Own, Kid. It's not uncommon for fans to meet up before a concert to create bracelets together, and there are even Facebook groups dedicated to swapping crafting tips and outfit ideas!



After I made the bracelet for my great-grandma, I realised that a lot of older people don't have grandchildren or great-grandchildren to make nice things for them. The whole of Edinburgh is going to be buzzing that weekend and I wanted to make sure that everyone gets to be part of that excitement.



Pictured: Devon Dickinson with her great-grandma, Margaret, wearing the Taylor Swift friendship bracelets.

Source: Devon Dickinson.



Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of actions we can take to be a good friend.



Listening.



Helping.



Using kind words.



Sharing.



Including others.



Smiling.

**Do you agree these actions can help us be a good friend?
Can you think of any other things you could do?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the history of friendship bracelets.

Friendship bracelets are ancient. Different versions of them are thought to have originated in many parts of the world. The decorative knots can be traced back to China over 2000 years ago, but it is the indigenous communities of Central and South America that are widely recorded as the first to use friendship bracelets in the way we do today.

In the 1970s and 80s, friendship bracelets rose in popularity. They were used to symbolise peace, love and people uniting.



Loom band bracelets.

Bracelet-making kit.



What were friendship bracelets made from?

Macrame is the process of tying knots into creative and decorative patterns. Ancient friendship bracelets were created using this process. Materials such as grasses, animal fibres or brightly-coloured string could be used.

In the 1970s/80s, it was popular to craft them using embroidery floss or cotton thread. Some were embellished with beads or charms.

In the 2010s, loom band bracelets became a trend. The elastic bracelets were collected, swapped or given to friends.

**Were you aware of the origins of friendship bracelets?
Does anything surprise you? Do you have any questions?**



What makes a good friend?

Reflection



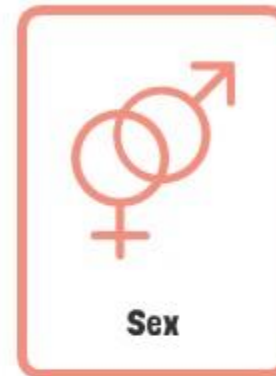
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Protected Characteristics



Learning about and accepting the religions and beliefs of our friends can help us understand one another better and enrich our lives. Friendships can flourish thanks to both similarities and differences.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief



UN Rights of the Child



We have the right to meet with friends and join groups. Governments should support children to nurture friendships and be part of groups or clubs that they enjoy.



Useful vocabulary



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Can you use them in your writing this week?



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- Look at this week's poster and share what you think this week's story could be about.
- After reading the story, discuss your experience of friendship bracelets. Have you ever made, given, or received one? Do you think they are a good way to show that you care?
- Can you think of other things you could do or give to show your friends how important they are to you?
- Read through the information found on the assembly resource and share your thoughts about the popularity of the Taylor Swift friendship bracelets and Devon's project.
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows one Taylor Swift fan's experience of the concert. Have you ever attended a show or event with friends? What was your experience?
- Thinking about some of your friends; what qualities do they have that make them a good friend to you?
- Do you think anyone could become friends (e.g., regardless of age, locality, or other differences)?

Reflection

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KS1 focus

What are some actions we can take to be a good friend?



- Write the word 'friend' on the whiteboard. What do you think makes a good friend? Think of a friend you have; what actions do they take that help to build and nurture your friendship?
- Look at resource 1, which shares some ideas of actions a good friend might take. Do you agree these actions can help us be a good friend? Can you think of anything else a good friend might do?
- Which actions do you think are most important? Which are the least important?
- What are some things a good friend might say?
- People sometimes say, 'Actions speak louder than words'. What do you think this means? Do you agree that actions are more important than words in a friendship? Does everyone feel the same?
- What are some things that a good friend would not do/say? Why are these things detrimental to a friendship? Have you ever done any of these things? What happened?
- Discuss the different elements of being a good friend with a partner. Think and talk about what you look for in a friend. Do you and your partner want the same things in a friend?
- Work as a class to share ideas to come up with a list of the top ways to be a good friend. How will you narrow down and order the options?
- Reflect on how you are a good friend. Is there anything you think you could do more/better?

Reflection

We can consider what makes a good friend in others. It is also important to reflect on our actions and words in our own friendships.



KS2 focus

What is the history and significance of friendship bracelets?



- Share any experiences you have had with friendship bracelets. Have you ever seen them being sold? Have you ever made one or know someone who has? Have you ever given or received one? What materials are used to make friendship bracelets?
- Friendship bracelets have been around for a very long time. Look at resource 2, which shares some information about their history. Were you aware of their origins? Does anything surprise you? Do you have any questions?
- In the 1970s and 80s, some people used friendship bracelets to symbolise peace, love and unity. What do you believe friendship bracelets symbolise? What do they mean to you? Do you think they are more important to some people than others?
- If you have ever given or received a friendship bracelet, share how it felt. If not, imagine how it might feel. Do you think receiving a friendship bracelet someone has made means more than one they bought? Why?
- Discuss who you would make a friendship bracelet for. What would you use to make it? What design/pattern might it be? Why would you make it this way? How would it be a symbol of your friendship with this person?
- Think about other ways you can recognise and celebrate your friendships.

Reflection

Traces of friendship bracelets can be found thousands of years ago. In modern times, some people use them to show how much they care for and value their friendships. We may prefer to show this care and value in different ways.

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KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Create a poem inspired by friendship. Begin by discussing the following:

- What words can be used to describe a good friend?
- How do friends make you feel?
- Describe a fantastic moment with a friend and a difficult, low or sad moment.
- Can friendship be like something in nature, such as the sea, a rock or a tree? Does it change and grow? Is it solid?

Write your poem using any structure or poetry devices you choose!

Option 2

Design a friendship bracelet! Think about:

- What materials will you need? Colourful thread, beads, loom bands, grasses/flowers?
- What technique(s) will you use? Threading, knotting, plaiting, twisting?
- What colours, patterns, designs do you hope to create?

Gather your resources and make your friendship bracelet. Once you have completed it, evaluate your work. Consider:

- Did anything change from your original design? Why?
- Were any of the techniques you used easier or harder than expected?
- How pleased are you with the bracelet?

Perhaps you could recognise your class friendships with your bracelets, making sure everyone is able to give and receive one.

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KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

With July fast approaching, you will be beginning to think about transitioning into new classes or year groups. Can you write a handy guide for the children moving up into your year, to help them to be a great friend to others? You might like to think about:

- What advice will you give?
- What actions or words will you include?
- How will you set out your guidance? E.g., as a poster, an acts of kindness jar, a letter.



Option 2

Plan something nice to do with or for a friend. It could be something small, like sitting together for lunch or giving them a hug! Or something else, like inviting them round for tea or making them something special such as a card or a friendship bracelet!

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This week's useful websites

This week's news story

<https://bit.ly/4b108qq>

This week's useful video

Taylor Swift fan in Edinburgh
www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/69081393

This week's Virtual Picture News

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Euros 2024 – Explained!

The Euros has just entered its second week – but how does the tournament actually work? Take a look at this handy guide that tells you all you need to know! The UEFA European Championship is a football tournament held every four years, also known as the Euros. This year, the competition hosts are Germany, and matches will take place at stadiums all over the country. Teams must play a series of qualifying matches to get into the tournament. The hosts are automatically given a spot in the competition. Only 24 countries compete. The teams are divided into six groups of four teams, each team will play the other teams in its group to

win points. This is the group stage. The top two, or in some cases three, teams in each group will go on to the knockout stage – where only the winner of each match will go on to the next round. The final of the Euros is due to be played in Berlin on 14th July. Who will you be supporting?



Pictured: Euros 24 logo. **Source:** @Euro24 on X.

A Special Sighting

What animal can curl into a ball and is covered in scales? It's a pangolin! An incredibly rare type of pangolin has been spotted in Senegal, Africa, for the first time in 23 years. The giant pangolin is endangered, which means there are not many of them left. One of the main reasons for this is poaching. Their meat is considered a delicacy in many parts of Asia and Africa and their scales are sought after, so the animals are hunted and trafficked. These adorable animals are easily caught, as their response to danger is to simply curl up and wait, which means they can just be picked



Pictured: Giant pangolin searching for termites. **Source:** Canva.

up by poachers. Conservationists are working hard to gather the evidence needed to find hunting groups and arrest those responsible. The recent sighting in Senegal has been most welcome news indeed for pangolin lovers around the world!

Is voting the best way to change things?



I think voting is a good way for everyone to express their opinion, but it's a shame that there will always be some voters who are disappointed. **Damian, 9**

Elephant Nicknames

A new study has revealed that African elephants have nicknames for each other! Scientists were really excited to discover that the elephants they studied use special noises to call one another. The nicknames are not the usual trumpeting noise that we are used to hearing from elephants, but take the form of low, reverberating rumbles. 'It's really exciting,' said Dr Joyce Poole, from ElephantVoices, who is part of the study's team. 'Elephants live in a pretty complex society. They're quite a bit like ourselves, families are not together all the time, they split up and come back together.' The study discovered that elephants could call to each other in this way from as far

away as two kilometres. Dr Poole explained, 'They have a vocalisation that I refer to as a 'let's go' rumble. An elephant will stand and point the direction that she wants to go and call repeatedly. And sometimes the elephants then get involved in a discussion. They call back and forth, and I have often wondered, are they talking about, "Well, I don't want to go to the swamp." I would not be surprised if we found they have place names for the places they go regularly.' The researchers used artificial intelligence to analyse recordings of communication between elephants on two reserves – Amboseli National Park and Samburu National Reserve in Kenya. The recordings were taken over decades, beginning in 1986. Although dolphins and parrots can mimic sounds that they hear, elephants are the only non-human animals to create individual names for their friends and family. **Do you know any interesting facts about elephants?**



Pictured: Asian Elephant Trumpeting.
Source: Canva.

Youngest Radio Station Manager Ever

10-year-old Martha Sheehan has made broadcasting history as the youngest radio station manager ever! At 10 years and 262 days old, Martha launched 'Fun Kids Space Station' during a special sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester, UK. She was completely in charge of the whole on-air broadcast – from the creative concept to the selection of songs that were played on the first show. Martha's official radio station began broadcasting after she pushed a big red button on 9th June, in a planetarium filled with 80 excited children. She has been very busy getting everything ready for the successful launch, planning upcoming features, producing new jingles, and putting together lots of special playlists.



Pictured: Martha Sheehan, receiving her Guinness World Record certificate.
Source: Guinness World Records on Facebook.

Would you like to work at a radio station?

Do you think it would be fun to be in charge?

Is voting the best way to change things?



Voting can change many things and is often the fairest option, but I feel that the individual's voice, my voice, can't always be heard. Kellie

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



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever been to a show or concert? If so, what was it like? Ask someone at home about their experiences.
- > Thinking about your own friends, what is it about them that makes them special? Ask others at home about their friends.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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