

The Big Bebop: It's International Jazz Day!

Have you ever heard music that makes you want to tap your feet or have a little dance? For lots of people, that's jazz! Jazz is a type of music with a strong beat and lots of rhythm, often played using instruments like saxophones, trumpets, pianos and drums.



Pictured: A saxophone and a piano are often played in jazz music. **Source:** Canva.

Every year on 30th April, people around the world celebrate International Jazz Day. Led by groups including UNESCO, the event uses music to help people share ideas and learn about different cultures. One organiser said the day helps 'bring people together through music'. Jazz began many years ago in the United States, but

now it is played all over the world. From big concerts to smaller performances, people join in to enjoy and share the music.

So, whether it's clapping, tapping or swaying along, International Jazz Day is a chance to find your groove and sing your song! **What kind of music do you enjoy?**

Fresh Food Plan

What is your favourite healthy food? Crunchy carrots or juicy apples? In West Northamptonshire, England, people are working together on a new food plan to help everyone enjoy tasty, healthy meals. The plan has been created by the local council with help from the University of Northampton. It aims to make it easier for families to find food that is good for them, good for the planet and doesn't cost too much. There are lots of ideas in the plan. These include helping people learn about healthy eating, supporting local farmers and shops, and making sure



Pictured: Lots of colourful fruit and vegetables! **Source:** Canva.

less food is wasted. One organiser said that by working together, communities can help make sure everyone feels supported and can enjoy healthy food. From farm to fork, it's all about making food fair, fresh and fun for everyone! **What is your favourite meal?**

What makes a great place to live?



A great place to live would have lots of open spaces for families and friends to enjoy the outdoors.
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Minesweeping 'Hero Rat' Honoured

Over his lifetime, minesweeping Magawa, an African giant pouched rat, used his sense of smell to locate an incredible 100 landmines and unexploded bombs! He has been honoured in Cambodia, with a giant statue carved from local stone. The monument to the 'Hero Rat' was unveiled by Dr. Ly Tuch, First Vice President of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance



Pictured: The statue of Magawa the minesweeping rat. **Source:** លី ធុង - Ly Thuch on Facebook.

Authority, during a ceremony that also marked International Day for Mine Awareness. 'Before us stands Magawa – a small creature, yet one who changed the ground beneath our feet,' said Dr. Tuch. 'For years, Cambodia lived with land that could not be trusted... But Magawa moved through that same land with calm precision. Where others saw risk, he found what was hidden. Where fear remained, he helped restore confidence. More than 100 landmines and explosive remnants were cleared through his work... The statue we unveil today carries more than form. It carries a message – that even the smallest actor can leave a lasting impact.'

Did you know that rats could do this? Can you name any other animals that have jobs?



Pictured: The unveiling of the statue. **Source:** លី ធុង - Ly Thuch on Facebook.

World Women's Snooker Day



Pictured: Bai Yulu playing snooker. **Source:** World Women's Snooker on Facebook.

Tuesday 28th April is World Women's Snooker (WWS) Day. This year's annual celebration of all things to do with women's snooker takes place during the World Snooker Championship, which is being held at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England. World Women's Snooker posted about the action day, saying, 'The day aims to raise awareness of the WWS Tour and the opportunities available for women to pick up a cue and play our sport competitively at all levels.' Bai Yulu, from China, is the reigning Women's World Snooker

Champion. She recently became the first woman to make scores of multiple centuries, with a break of 108 points during a match against Michael Holt in the World Snooker Championship! She wants to inspire more people to enjoy the sport saying, 'Throughout all my practising, what I have always wanted to do is let more people, or more girls, see snooker, become interested, and want to try it.' she said.

Have you ever played snooker? Do you know how many points you gain by potting each coloured ball?

What makes a great place to live?



A great place to live would have everything you need close by. Lots of shops, things to do and your family and friends not too far away!

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