

COP 26 – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

From 31/10 to 12/11, world leaders gathered together in Glasgow to talk about ongoing climate issues.

WHAT DOES “COP 26” MEAN?

Firstly, COP stands for ‘Conference of Parties’. These COPs have been happening since 1992 when lots of different countries signed a treaty promising to ‘stabilize greenhouse concentrations in the atmosphere and prevent dangerous changes to the climate’. Almost every year after this, the involved parties have met to discuss up to date climate issues. This year was the 26th meeting, hence the name.

HOW IS IT DIFFERENT TO OTHER COPS?

COP 26 is different to other COPS as it is the first major test on the Paris

Agreement (2015). The agreement was negotiated, and the countries agreed to ‘limit the rise in global average temperature to below 2C and pursue efforts to not exceed 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.’

During this event, Glasgow was inundated with climate protests as a spotlight was shone on the lack of progress that world leaders have made in some areas.



By Grace Morrison

Travis Scott - Astroworld

Travis Scott, world famous rapper with many albums available worldwide, recently held a concert in NRG park, Houston Texas. 50,000 people attended so, clearly, Scott's security had to be aware of the threat of trampling.

However, whilst Travis was performing his new song, many people who attended the concert soon began to feel bodies push up against them, feet stamping onto theirs and the light above them soon began to be enveloped by others' shoulders.

The concert was now becoming more and more densely packed, and soon people began screaming for help. Travis and his security team 'apparently' failed to hear any of the shouts and screaming, continuing with his song while his security team still did nothing.

One woman eventually had to call the police, as Scott and his team failed to assist. This tragedy has resulted in 10 deaths with the ages of victims spanning from as young as 9yrs old. At least 25 others were transported to hospital and 13 remained hospitalised until that Saturday.



Travis has released an apology video on Instagram, but there is a lot of debate whether his video was truly sincere or whether it was organised by his PR team.

More than 125 people who were caught up in the crush have sued Scott and other organisers for \$750m (£556m).

The investigation into the event is still ongoing, whilst half of the victims' families have rejected Scott's offer to pay for their funerals.



ARCHAEOLOGIST IN EGYPT DISCOVER THE TOMB OF AN ANCIENT ROYAL TREASURE

Archaeologists excavating at Saqqara, an ancient necropolis just south of Cairo in Egypt, have unearthed the tomb of a royal treasurer from the time of King Ramesses II, who reigned from around 1279 to 1213BC. The tomb walls bear painted scenes of men bringing animals as offerings for the deceased, the slaughter of animals, and carvings of the tomb owner himself, a man named Ptahemwia.

The archaeological team from Cairo University report that the tomb's design is similar to an ancient temple, but so far, only the entrance area has been excavated. Hieroglyphic inscriptions relate that, in addition to being a royal treasurer, Ptahemwia served as a royal scribe, a supervisor of cattle, and was responsible for the divine offerings at a temple of Ramesses II in Thebes (modern Luxor).



By Leigh Phillips

Jesy Nelson's Blackfishing

Recently, the remaining members of the band Little Mix have revealed that they had talked to Jesy Nelson, before she left the group, about her blackfishing.

They have said they brought it up to her in a “friendly, educational manner”, in an interview with The Sunday Telegraph.

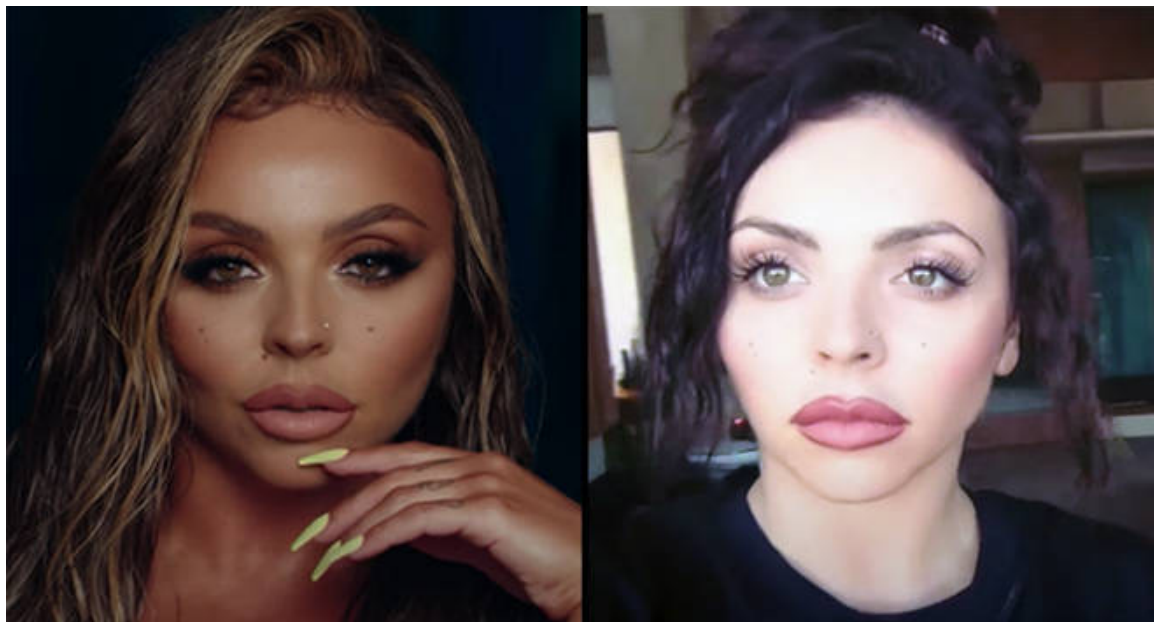


{The picture above shows Jesy Nelson, left, and the last few members of Little Mix Perrie Edwards, Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Jade Thirwall, Right.}

The comments have divided fans, with some applauding Little Mix for them joining the conversation and defending them while others accused them of using it to promote their new single.

“This is the first time they’ve ever said anything about Jesy’s blackfishing publicly, so why are they being told to “get over it”?” Said one twitter user, *“Not the baddies saying that Little Mix should leave Jesy out of their mouths, “Not again”, “Oh now move on” when Jesy was the one who talked about Little Mix at almost every radio interview.”* Said another, *“Can’t they just clear the air, they have been silent this whole time.”* Another said.

Nelson have been accused of blackfishing – the practice of a non-black person trying to appear black – but has denied using fake tan when it is obvious to anyone she is.



In many peoples options they think slight tans from the sun is ok but completely changing your skin colour like Nelson has done is wrong.

This controversy has only really come to light as she has moved to the USA and because of her new music video, in the UK tanning is a national concept and many people take part in it but in the US many believe it is not as ok. Some people had thought that Nelson may have been half black and half white but it has been proven that both her mum and dad are white.

In Nelson's new music video, Boyz ft. both Nicki Minaj and Diddy, she is the same skin tone as, light skinned black women, Nicki Minaj.

A lot of people have also expressed anger at Minaj, as she has recently publicly supported Nelson and made disparaging remarks relating to Little Mix member, Leigh-Anne Pinnock.

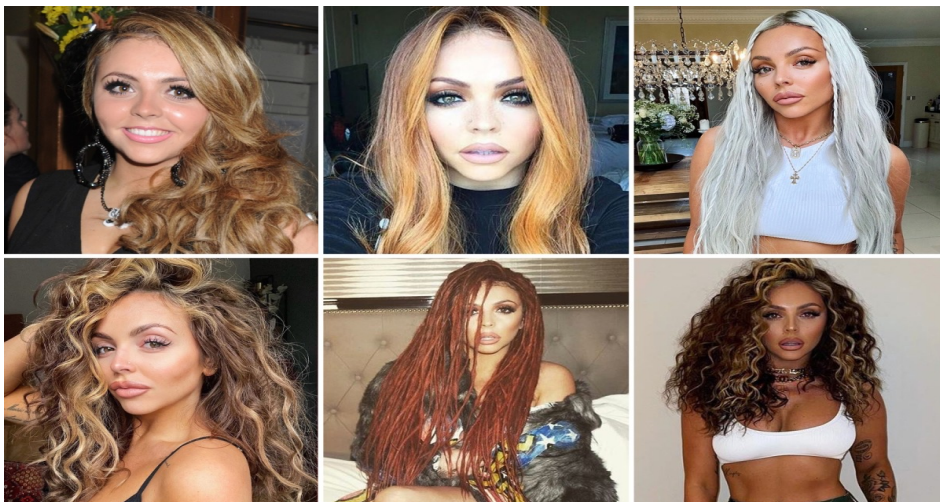


{Above shows Jesy, left, and Nicki, right.}

Despite Nicki Minaj’s support, many other Black celebrities – and people on social media – have come out and said that it is not ok and that she is just trying take bits and pieces of POC culture without having to face racism as she is in fact a white woman.

Throughout Nelson’s new music video she used vocal effects to mimic AAVE – African American Vernacular English – and also features typically Black hairstyles such as braids.

In my opinion the music video was in no way memorable or good, it was cliché and cringe and also the “z” on the end of the title “Boyz” just made it worse as it remained me of every early 2000s to 2010s song that didn’t even make to the top 100. It was an unoriginal and boring first solo venture.



An Inspector Calls and Social Responsibility

My English class have been looking at the play “An Inspector Calls”, and it has been bringing up lots of questions about socialism and its place in society.

An Inspector Calls is a play written in the 1940s, first performed in the Soviet Union in 1945. It is set in 1912 and takes place in the dining room of an upper-middle class family, the Birlings. The patriarch of the family, Mr Birling, owns a local factory and is very proud of all he has accomplished. His wife, Mrs Birling, comes from a higher social class than her husband and cares deeply about her family’s reputation. Their daughter, Sheila, can be seen as naive and sheltered, and their son Eric is described as “half-shy, half-assertive” and “not quite at ease”. They are joined by Gerald Croft whose father owns Croft limited, a more successful competitor of Birling and

Gerald is visiting the Birlings for dinner, as they are celebrating his engagement to Sheila. The dinner is interrupted by Inspector Goole, a small man who makes a big impression. He tells them he needs information about a girl who died in the infirmary that night after drinking bleach. He believes that each person at the dinner had a different part to play in her suicide.



During the play, we come to realise that the inspector already knew what happened and only wants the Birlings (and Gerald) to confess and accept what they did to cause the young girls death.

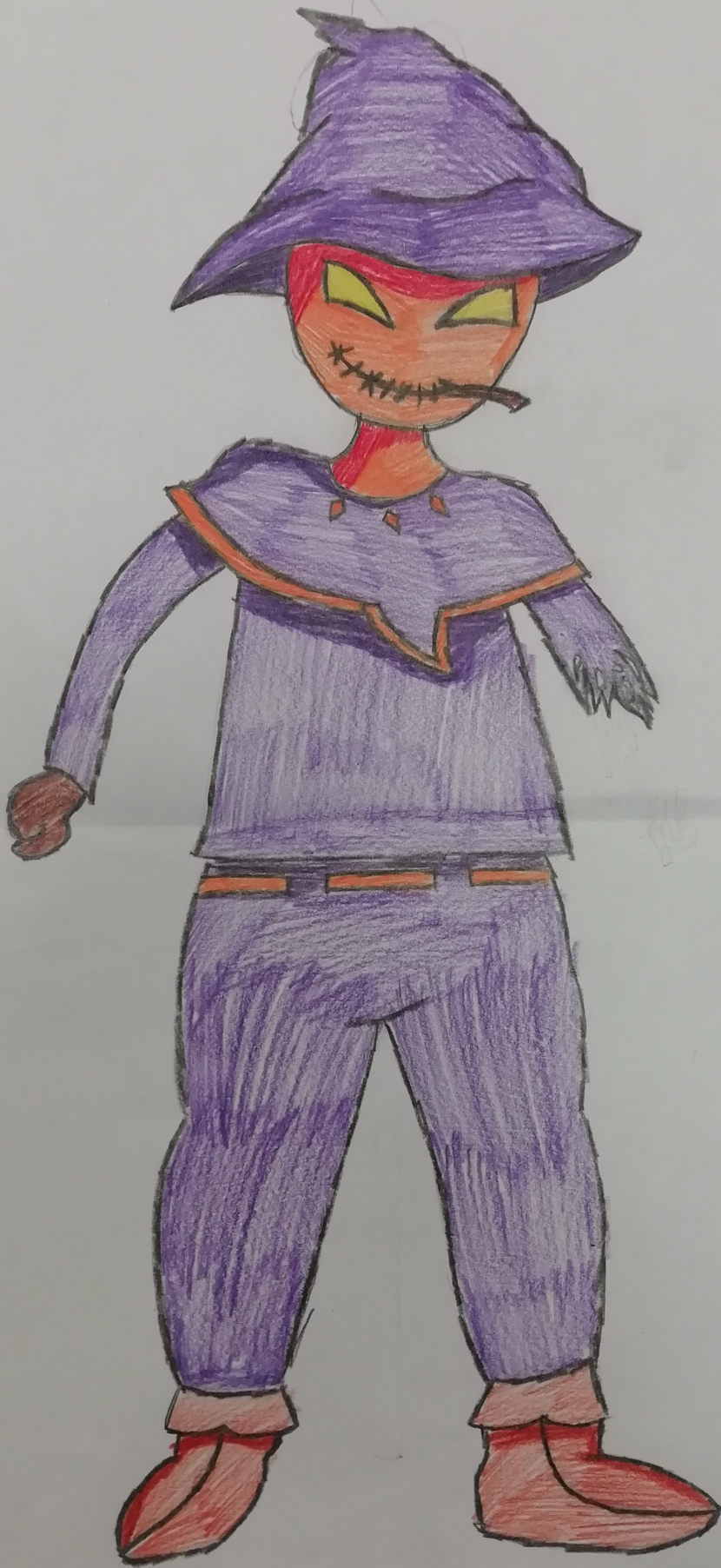
The play uses Eva Smith's death to highlight social responsibility. So, the million-dollar question; are we responsible for others?

When asked to debate Socialism vs Capitalism, many people in the class stood on the side of Capitalism. They stated this was because Socialism would take away their 'hard earned money'; we all know this isn't true at all. Growing up, we are all told the story of Robin Hood, about how he and his merry men steal from the rich and give to the poor. However, we didn't realise that when he stole from the rich, he didn't steal everything the rich owned. You see if you take £100 from a billionaire its nothing, but in the hands of someone living in poverty it could be everything; that's what Robin Hood and Socialism have taught, and continue to teach.

Socialism has helped us as a country to progress in so many different ways. If new generations aren't taught about socialism in ways like: reading "An Inspector Calls", we will fall back into a strict class system that has failed so many generations before us.



By Jena
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Original Artist : SwankyBox
Game : Zardy's Maze

By Callum McBlain

Film Review- Eternals

Eternals is a much- anticipated new arrival to the Marvel Cinematic universe by the acclaimed Director Chloe Zhao.

Zhao brought Eternals to the big screen in a magnificent way and the visuals of the movie just show that we haven't even scratched the surface of what Marvel can do. However, it is the lowest rated Marvel movie with 46% on Rotten Tomatoes. To put that into perspective, the lowest rated Marvel movie prior to Eternals was The Incredible Hulk with 67%. That is a massive jump, which is why I was very hesitant going into the movie, but I loved it! You need to go and see it to make your own decision.

The movie includes the Marvel Universe's first deaf person, whose name is Makkari. She is a speedster, played by Lauran Ridloff, who was my favorite character because she was very funny, and I really liked her power.

The movie also includes the first openly gay character named Phastos, played by Brian Tyree Henry, who is the builder of the team and makes all their suits and equipment.

There is also one last thing I want to touch on, but I won't spoil. So, all I can say is, wait until after the credits for a surprise cameo. I hope you go and see the movie to make up your own mind if you like it.



Film Review- Red Notice

Red Notice is an amazing action and adventure movie directed by the talented director Rawson Marshall Thurber. It includes a very strong cast with Ryan Reynolds, Dwayne Jonston and Gal Gadot. It's an Indiana Jones type of film with a lot of action scenes that make it very interesting, but I do also think it perhaps lasts too long. The film would benefit from cutting down half an hour of footage as there are just a lot of things that could have been taken out.

The plot of the film involves Ryan Reynolds' character who is a thief trying to steal the world's most expensive item, but Dwayne's character is a cop trying to take him down. Also, Gal Gadot's character is trying to steal the item as well.

On Rotten Tomatoes, a review site, 35% of critics liked the film but it was a lot more popular with the audience who gave it 92%. I enjoyed it and think you should watch this film.

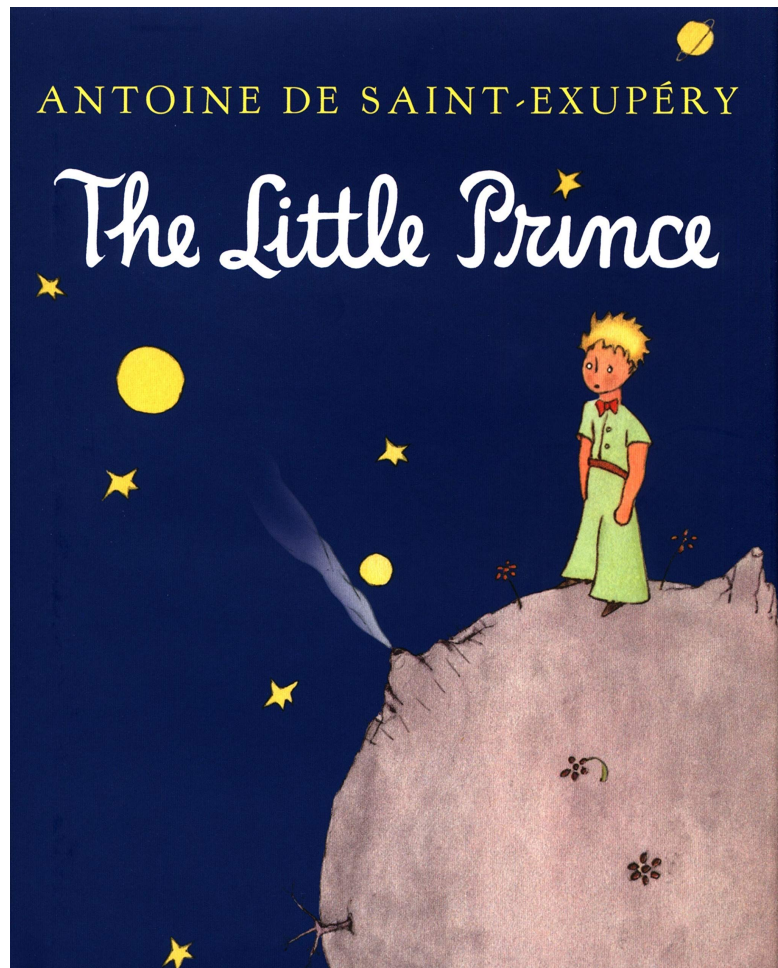


Book Review- The Little Prince by Antonine De Saint-Exupery

The Little Prince is an amazing book by Antonine De Saint-Exupery. The book is incredibly unique and amazing. For me, I find it weird how such childlike ideas came from what must be a very open-minded adult.

The book is about a pilot who is forced to land in the Sahara dessert where he meets a foreign Prince. The Prince tells the pilot about his planet and characters he has met in his extra-terrestrial world

Overall, this book is one I have enjoyed and has seemed to change my mind on how I see things. Reading this book, it really felt as though the author transported me to the Sahara desert. I was a little bit sad to finish the book because I never wanted it to end, so hats off to Antonine De Saint-Exupery for writing the best book of all time.



Loveless by Alice Oseman

By Mary Tompkins

Georgia has just started her journey in her new university- a place where everyone says you make new friends and experiences that will stay with you forever. Along with her best friends, Pip and Jason, and her new roommate Rooney, the group begins to realise things about themselves that they wouldn't have before. But when Georgia finds out that Jason has feelings for her, all the while terms like asexual and aromantic are being thrown at her left right and centre, she doesn't know what to do. Will she be able to figure out who she really is? And will she be able to create the dream Shakespearean play that they've been planning all year? Read to find out!

Available at:

Waterstones: £7.99

BUUKS: £3.20

[Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) (special cover): £14.16

Age rating: 15+

My rating: 10/10



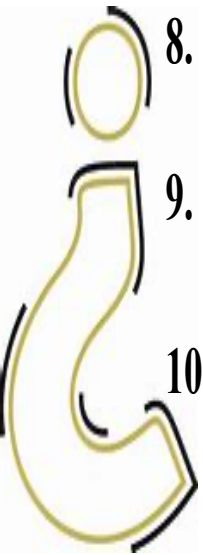
Loveless
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Top 10 most popular riddles according to the UK



A lot of people like to solve riddles. Maybe writing some? However, have you ever wondered what the top 10 most popular riddles in the UK are?

1. The more you take the more you leave behind = Footsteps.
2. What has a head, a tail, is bronze/brown but has 0 legs? = A Penny.
3. David's father has 3 sons: Snap, Crackle and -----.
What is the name of the third son? = David.
4. What comes once in a minute twice in a moment but never in a thousand years? = The letter 'M'.
5. What has many keys but can't open any doors? = A Piano.
6. What has 6 faces but doesn't wear makeup, has 21 eyes but cannot see? = A Die. (Dice)
7. What goes up and down stairs but never moves? = A Carpet.
8. Give me food and I will live, give me water and I will die.
What am I? = A Flame. (Fire)
9. What can you catch but never throw? = Covid-19 (and a *cold* but let's make this relatable...) **#STAYSAFELENZIEACADEMY**
10. What gets wetter the more it dries? = A Towel.



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By Harry Love

