



# LETTERS

from  Picture News



July 2024 edition

## Hello!

Welcome to the last edition of Letters from Picture News for this academic year.

This newsletter recaps on a busy half term for the team and our schools, and looks ahead to the autumn term with an exciting bunch of webinars lined up for you. Keep reading to find the Stars of Picture News video, which features some of our schools!

Enjoy!

### Why not ...

Catch up on our Training Videos for handy hints and tips, to make the most of your resources!

[View here >](#)



## Pack Spotlight

### Is voting the best way to change things?

10th June 2024



Following the general election announcement, we explored the act of voting within democracy. Children thought about how general elections work, and discussed choices and ways to use our voices.

### What makes a good friend?

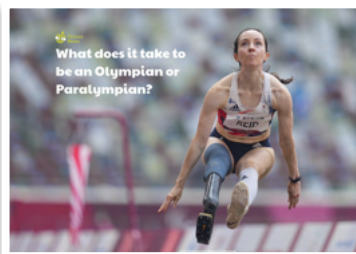
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A 'Swiftie', named Devon, has made it her mission to create friendship bracelets for care home residents. She was inspired by Taylor Swift's Eras Tour, which has prompted a friendship bracelet exchange phenomenon among fans. This led to wider thoughts on friendship and how we can show our appreciation for our friends.

### What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?

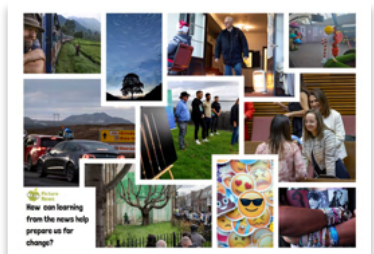
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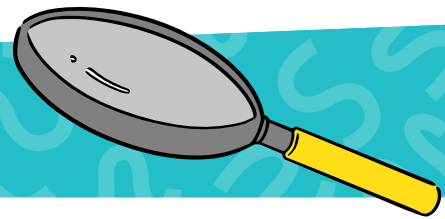
Ahead of this summer's Games – and our biggest assembly with Stef Reid MBE – this pack discussed the preparation and challenges Olympians and Paralympians face prior to competing. Children explored the different Olympic and Paralympic sports, and what important lessons can be learned from Paris 2024.

### How can learning from the news help prepare us for change?

July 2024 Special Pack



This Special resource reflected on a collection of Picture News packs from this academic year. Children considered how people and situations in the news can be a source of inspiration as they navigate transition in school, and prepare for new year groups or schools.



NEW!

# Stars of Picture News

Remember our previous call to schools to share their thoughts on Picture News?

Well, we've turned your amazing footage into a video! Check it out here – can you spot your school?



# Picture News Day

Jo, Lisa and Chloe hosted this year's Picture News Day, all about percussion music in light of the current project, the World Percussion Group 2024 Academy!



It was a fun-filled day of interactive challenges and activities. A huge thank you to musician and music teacher, Jo Hudson, who joined us to share her musical expertise!

# Things to look out for

## Coverage document

It's the end of the half term, which means another coverage document is on its way! It'll land in your inbox before the end of term to help you organise and evidence your Picture News work.



## Information for parents

We've launched a new flyer with details for parents – feel free to share this to offer more information about Picture News and how our resources work. We hope it's helpful!

## The new academic calendar for 2024 – 2025

It's back! The latest calendar includes new and updated awareness days and campaigns to explore in school next year, with space to add your own events.



SUCCESS!

# Our BIGGEST live assembly

On the morning of Wednesday 3rd July, 427,343 children joined us and special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE, for our biggest live assembly!

We celebrated the upcoming Paris 2024 Games and discussed the journey to become a world-class athlete. Stef shared her experiences as a four-time Paralympian, and offered inspirational sporting stories!

THANK YOU to all the schools who participated. The Zoom recording can be found below.



Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) and comedian and author, David Walliams, introduced the assembly with some welcome messages!



WATCH IT HERE >

## HQ Happenings

Inter-school sports competition – Winner!



Ahead of the Games and our biggest assembly, we launched the inter-school sports competition this half term.

Children from schools nationwide completed the challenges and submitted their long jump results, with the winners announced by Stef Reid in the assembly!

Well done to all children who took part in the competition. Yusuf, Hugo and Thomas had a special mention from Stef Reid in the Biggest Olympic Assembly for their jumping achievements!

## New chapters

This half term we've welcomed two new team members!

THE TEAM >



Cody has joined us as Sales Director and is looking forward to meeting our schools.

You can learn more about Cody and the rest of the team [here](#).

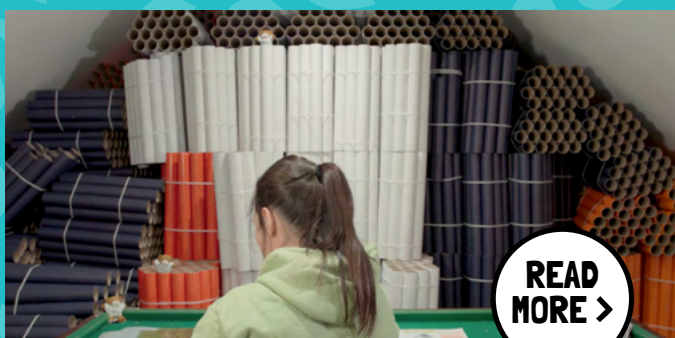


Nur has joined us this half term as a Researcher and Content Writer intern! She's helping to create resources and is enjoying learning about all things Picture News.

## Our birthday

Summer 2024 marks Picture News' 8th birthday! It all started in the attic of Katie and Rob Harrison's home.

Our blog rewinds the clock to 2016, and the early days of Picture News!



READ MORE >

## Upcoming training and events next year

Though summer is just beginning, we're planning ahead to the autumn term, with some exciting CPD opportunities scheduled. Be sure to join us!

### Welcome to Picture News

2nd September 2024, 11:30am – 12:00pm

[Register here](#)



If you're new to Picture News, or are curious to learn how to make the most of your resources, this webinar is for you! We'll offer an overview of how it works and the many ways to implement Picture News, with time for your questions too.

### Welcome to Picture News in the Early Years

2nd September 2024, 11:30am – 12:00pm

[Register here](#)



Early Years Consultant, Lisa, will share how Picture News in the Early Years works, and how to optimise your resources! If you're new to Picture News, or are keen to start using our Early Years resources, then be sure to come along.

### \*NEW DATE\* Practical Ideas for Using Current Affairs Within Primary English

With Special Guest, Emily Weston

3rd October 2024, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)



Katie and Emily Weston, a primary English Lead, will explore how Picture News and current affairs can be used within English lessons.

### \*NEW DATE\* Using Current Affairs in the Early Years to Support Speaking and Listening

With Special Guest Ruth Swailes

9th October 2024, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)



Picture News Early Years Consultant, Lisa, will be joined by Early Years expert, Ruth Swailes, for this webinar! They'll discuss how the news can enhance speaking and listening skills, with time for your questions.

## Goodbye!

Earlier this academic year, we introduced our newsletter for the first time! Thank you for your support and feedback this year. Any suggestions for future editions next year are welcome.

I hope you have a restful break over the summer, and best of luck for the new term in September!

Take care 😊

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### Stay connected over summer!

We'll continue to update our social media throughout the holiday, sharing good news, display inspiration, helpful resources and more in anticipation of your return to school.

Be sure to follow us so you don't miss out.

