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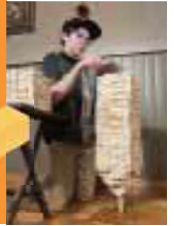
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## RASHFORD TACKLES RACISM



Star turns his attention to **abuse on social media**

**MANCHESTER United's Marcus Rashford has got the Government to take action on school meals, but can he get social media companies to deal with racists?**

by Ian Eddy

Rashford and several other Premier League players have spoken out in the last week about abusive racist messages they were sent online. He said that it was "humanity and social media at its worst".

"Yes I'm a black man and I live every day proud that I am," he said. "No-one, or no one comment, is going to make me feel any different."

He said it would be irresponsible to share the messages. "I have beautiful

children of all colours following me and they don't need to read it. Beautiful colours that should only be celebrated."

Bournemouth's Junior Stanislas has also been sent racist messages. He told the BBC that it would help if social media accounts were verified, so people can't hide behind anonymous profiles.

Twitter and Instagram say there is "no place" on their platforms for racism, but many people think that they don't try hard enough to tackle abuse.

Hollie Varney from equality and

inclusion organisation Kick It Out told us: "We are always disappointed when footballers receive racist abuse on their social media channels – it's unacceptable. We will continue our work to make football a game where everyone feels they belong, regardless of their background. We have to learn to appreciate people's individuality, and it's important we treat everyone as equal. We want to see social media used in a positive way, for education and the power of good, not for hate."

## SNOW JOKE



Was it fair to sack the man who kicked a snowman's head off? Turn to p5 and take part in our poll!

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The First News digital team have been hard at work over the last few months creating a new and improved digital edition of the newspaper.

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## 2. QUICK NEWS

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### FOOTIE FUNDS

A football fan from Hertfordshire is using his art skills to help raise money for non-league clubs. Artist Sam Edwards has been painting football grounds for free and donating the pictures to the clubs so they can be sold on. He's so far painted Ware, Ullswater United and Ponte Colls (below) and many more. Sam said he decided to combine his two passions after hearing that clubs were struggling in the current pandemic.



### DRIVE-IN TOUR



*Billionaire Boy* by David Walliams is set to go on a drive-in tour this year. The popular book has already been a hit in theatres, but the only difference this time is that instead of sitting in theatres, people will sit in their cars to enjoy the performance. The tour will take place this April and visit 15 different places across the UK.

### HONEST HEADTEACHER

A London headteacher is thought to have made history by becoming the first to publicly announce his sexuality to pupils. Nicholas Hewlett, the head of St Dunstan's College in Catford, revealed he is happily married to another man during an online school assembly. He said he hoped by sharing the information, it would give his pupils the courage to be true to themselves too.

# QUICK NEWS

TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

### PASS THE PIZZA!

It's National Pizza Day on 9 February! What better reason is there to tuck into your favourite pizza dish? What's your topping of choice? Let us know in our poll at [first.news/polls](https://www.first.news/polls).



### READING DIVERSITY

A free collection of books by black authors will be given to primary schools in England. The *Happy Here* collection will feature works by Patrice Lawrence (below) and Clare Weze, among others. The charity BookTrust wants to offer more diverse reading for young people. *Happy Here* is set for release on 5 August 2021.



### EMERGENCY SHOP

A family from Manchester travelled to do their food shopping in an ambulance, with the emergency blue lights on! The group drove to Asda in the second-hand ambulance, before going into the store. Police were alerted and the ambulance was immediately seized. The driver was also arrested.

### EGYPTIAN TREASURES

A display of ancient Egyptian artefacts is set to tour America and Europe. *Ramses and the Pharaohs' Gold* will look at treasure from the ancient Egyptian royal dynasties. It will visit five cities, including Paris and London, from November 2021 to January 2025.

### GREAT LOSS

Freddy, the world's tallest dog, has died aged eight. The Great Dane measured 226cm (7ft 5in) when he stood on his hind legs, scooping him a Guinness World Record in 2016.

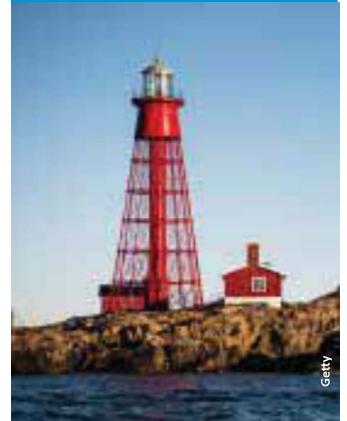
### RIP CAPTAIN TOM

Captain Sir Tom Moore has died with COVID-19 at the age of 100. The WW2 veteran raised more than £30 million for NHS Charities Together, and broke two Guinness World Records – becoming the oldest person to get a No1 single in the UK charts and raising the most money during a solo charity walk, lifting the spirits of the nation. In May, he was knighted by the Queen at Windsor. The Queen has sent a private message to his family.

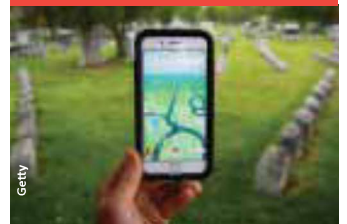


### FILM FEST FOR ONE

A Swedish nurse has won an unusual competition to watch an entire film festival on her own – on a remote island, in a lighthouse! Lisa Enroth beat thousands of film fans to the bonkers prize and is now enjoying a whole week of movies as part of the Gothenburg Film Festival. She's staying at the Pater Noster lighthouse on Hamneskär island, off the coast of Sweden, with no phone or computer. This year's festival is being streamed online, due to the pandemic. Lisa has been working on COVID-19 wards herself, so we hope she's enjoying her well-earned break!



### TOP CATCHER



A gamer from Britain has managed to collect one million Pokémon on his phone. Twenty-year-old Alex Kelly from Dundee is one of only a few people in the world to reach the impressive number on the Pokémon GO app. He's now walked more than 17,000 miles on his quest to catch the virtual monsters.

### NEW MCB LEADER

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) has elected its first female leader. Zara Mohammed is now the new secretary general of the organisation, which aims to empower Muslim communities. The 29-year-old said she hopes her new role will inspire more young people and women to become leaders.

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## Here's what our fans have to say!

“ To everyone at First News, thank you so much! I love it. I tell all my friends about it and they love it too. You do a fantastic job and it makes me understand the news much better. Every week I can't wait for it to come through the door. ” **Sienna, age 10**

“ I read First News, it is great! I keep randomly telling my family and friends facts and they say: 'Where did you learn that?' and I say: 'First News!' ” **Popjam user**

“ My kids race to the door when First News is delivered on Friday. Thank you for delivering something to pull them away from screens. We get some good conversations and the whole family have taken to the puzzles. ” **Jo, parent and teacher**

“ I love First News. It promotes brilliant conversation with my children at home, as well as encouraging them to read. Thank you! ” **Tracey, parent**



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