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BUMPER NEWS QUIZ 2012-13

*Test your knowledge on the news that's been going on
around the world during the last school year!*



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HEADLINE NEWS

First News End of School Year Bumper News Quiz 2012-13

September 2012:

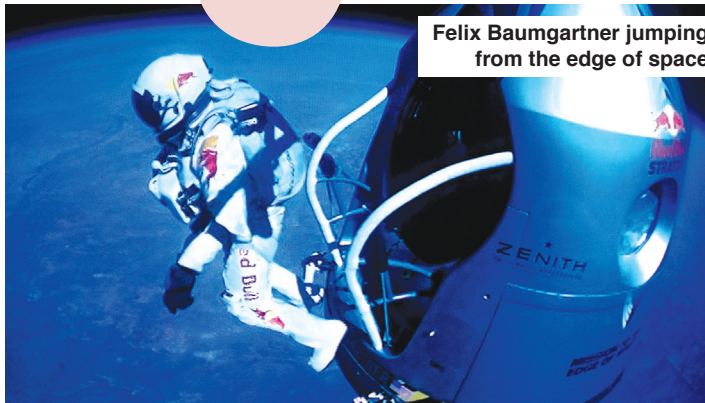
NASA's Mars Rover had landed on the Red Planet the previous month. In September, it beamed back a self-portrait. What is the clever rover's name?

- a) Discovery
- b) Explorer
- c) Curiosity

October 2012:

On October 14th Daredevil Felix Baumgartner jumped from the edge of space and skydived back to earth. How did he travel the 39km (24 miles) above the Earth to do his incredible stunt?

- a) In a one-manned rocket
- b) In a tiny capsule attached to a helium balloon
- c) In a hot air balloon



Felix Baumgartner jumping from the edge of space

November 2012:

A powerful hurricane caused devastating damage in the Caribbean and North East coast of America. What was the name of this super-storm?

- a) Hurricane Sandy
- b) Hurricane Samantha
- c) Hurricane Sarah

December 2012:

"Christmas shoppers buy one _____ every second."

What are the missing words from a headline story in 14th Dec's Issue of First News?

- a) mobile phone
- b) tablet computer
- c) cuddly toy

January 2013:

Callum Lavender from Oxfordshire flew into the record books to become the youngest solo glider pilot. How old was he?

- a) 14 years old
- b) 15 years old
- c) 16 years old

February 2013:

The remains of King Richard III who died during the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 were found buried under...

- a) a supermarket
- b) a school
- c) a car park

March 2013:

The British weather hit the headlines again this month. It made the record books for being the _____ March since 1962. Was it the:

- a) windiest
- b) wettest
- c) coldest

April 2013:

Britain's first, and only, female Prime Minister died on 8th April 2013. What was her name?

- a) Mabel Thornton
- b) Margaret Thatcher
- c) Marjorie Thoughtful

May 2013:

What was stolen from a hotel safe during the famous film festival at Cannes this year?

- a) a computer drive with all the films for the festival stored on it
- b) the awards that were going to be presented to the winning actors and film directors
- c) thousands of pounds worth of jewellery that would have been worn by some of the film stars during the festival

June 2013:

In the role of Children's Laureate, a celebrated author or illustrator inspires young people to read and enjoy books. Which children's author became the new Children's Laureate in June?

- a) Marjorie Blackman
- b) JK Rowling
- c) Louis Sacher

July 2013:

Malala Yousafzai was shot back in October in Pakistan by the Taliban who wanted to stop her talking about girls' right to education. Where was she on her 16th birthday this month, talking to the world about the importance of education for all young people?

- a) Houses of Parliament
- b) United Nations
- c) on TVs around the world

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

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September 2012:

Archaeologists carried out a dig of what they believe is an important Roman site on the banks of the Menai Strait. They found pottery, coins, roads and a honeycomb of buildings. Which country was this discovery in?

- a) Scotland
- b) Northern Ireland
- c) Wales

October 2012:

A civil war had been raging in this country for 19 months. A truce was negotiated between the government forces and the rebels groups to coincide with the Muslim festival of Eid-as-Adha, but it was broken on the first day. The crisis and suffering in the country still continues. What is it called?

- a) Syria
- b) Serbia
- c) Sri Lanka

November 2012:

A scientist discovered nine new species of tarantula. Where?

- a) Brazil
- b) Britain
- c) Belgium



December 2012:

Rumour spread that the world would end on December 21st according to the calendar of which ancient civilization?

- a) Ancient Egyptians
- b) Ancient Greeks
- c) Ancient Mayans

January 2013:

We had a lot of snow in the UK in January but where did 5834 people take part in the world's largest snowball fight on 12th January?

- a) Christchurch, New Zealand
- b) Seattle, USA
- c) Madrid, Spain

February 2013:

A meteorite travelling at 33,000 miles per hour entered Earth's atmosphere and exploded over which country?

- a) Romania
- b) Russia
- c) Rwanda

March 2013:

The longest super zip wire opened in the Northern Hemisphere. It is a one-mile ride, 213m in the air. Which country is it in?

- a) USA
- b) Australia
- c) Wales

April 2013:

A South African man travelled 8km attached to 160 helium balloons over which ocean?

- a) Atlantic
- b) Pacific
- c) Indian

May 2013:

Girls in this country were allowed to play sport in schools for the first time. Which country is this?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) South Africa
- c) Spain

June 2013:

Kids marched to lower the speed limit to 20 miles per hour in built up areas, in which country?

- a) UAE
- b) UK
- c) USA

July 2013:

High temperatures caused many deadly wildfires in which country?

- a) Australia
- b) Russia
- c) USA

September 2012:

Astronauts on the International Space Station needed to mend one of the station's circuit boards. They didn't have the correct tool so they had to improvise. What did they use to successfully mend it?

- a) a teaspoon
- b) a toothbrush
- c) a pencil

October 2012:

What animal do researchers believe have the ability to learn songs, just like people and birds?

- a) wolves
- b) mice
- c) cats

November 2012:

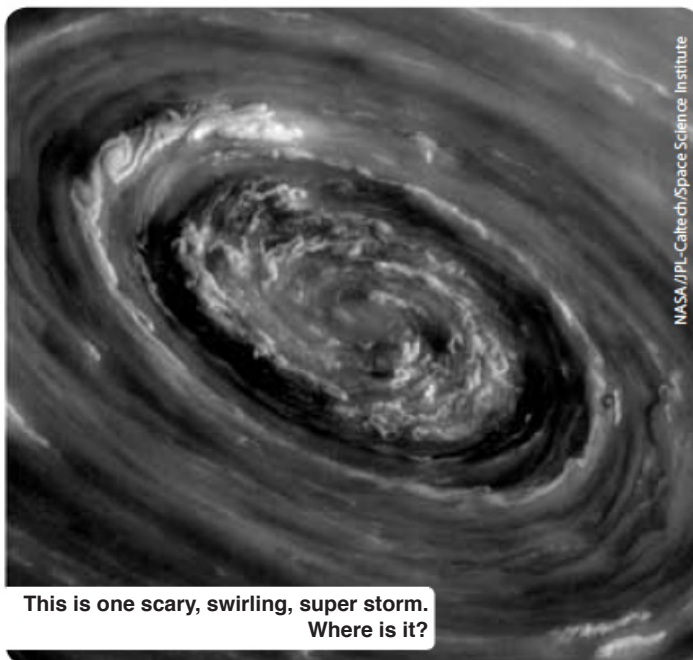
HD 40307 was discovered. What is it?

- a) an asteroid heading to Earth
- b) another moon orbiting pluto
- c) a planet orbiting a nearby star (42 light years away) that could support life

December 2012:

This picture of a scary super storm was taken from space. Where was the storm raging?

- a) Earth
- b) Saturn
- c) Sun



This is one scary, swirling, super storm. Where is it?

January 2013:

What did astronaut, Chris Hadfield, do in space for the first time?

- a) he baked a cake
- b) he painted a picture
- c) he recorded a song

February 2013:

A new satellite blasted off. It will snap hundreds of pictures of the Earth's surface every day for the next five years. How many times a day will it zip around the planet?

- a) 4
- b) 10
- c) 14

March 2013:

Poisonous brown tree snakes have become a serious problem on the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. What solution did scientists come up with to target these pests?

- a) spray the trees with chemicals
- b) send in a squadron of birds of prey
- c) parachute in poisoned dead mice

April 2013:

What have scientists found is good for your health, that children do around 150 times a day and adults only 17?

- a) laugh
- b) shout
- c) cry

May 2013:

A plane set a new record for travelling a distance of 958 miles (1541km) without stopping, powered by...

- a) the sun
- b) the wind
- c) a battery

June 2013:

Researchers in America created a mini helicopter that can be controlled by...

- a) the brain of the person controlling it
- b) a crow
- c) a robot

July 2013:

What do researchers think plants do in order to make sure they have enough energy overnight, when they are unable to convert energy from the sun?

- a) go to sleep
- b) convert energy from the light given off by street lights
- c) maths, to calculate how much food to release throughout the night so they don't run out before the sun rises

September 2012:

Who joined the judging panel of *Strictly Come Dancing*?

- a) Simon Cowell
- b) Darcey Bussell
- c) Robbie Williams

October 2012:

Which girl band reunited to celebrate their tenth anniversary?

- a) Girls Aloud
- b) The Saturdays
- c) Little Mix



November 2012:

What was the name of the final film in the *Twilight Saga*?

- a) New Moon Part 2
- b) Breaking Dawn Part 2
- c) Vampire Returns

December 2012:

Who won the *X Factor* 2012?

- a) Ella Henderson
- b) Jahmene Douglas
- c) James Arthur



January 2013:

Olympic diver Tom Daley mentored celebrities on which TV show?

- a) *Splash!*
- b) *The Great British Bake Off*
- c) *Dancing on Ice*

February 2013:

Which film won the BAFTA for Outstanding British Film?

- a) *Great Expectations*
- b) *Les Miserables*
- c) *Skyfall*

March 2013:

Which pop star shaved their hair off for Comic Relief?

- a) Adele
- b) Jessie J
- c) Ellie Goulding

April 2013:

Which boy band were immortalised in wax at Madame Tussauds?

- a) One Direction
- b) Take That
- c) JLS

May 2013:

Which celebrity chef launched Food Revolution Day on 17 May?

- a) Gordon Ramsay
- b) Delia Smith
- c) Jamie Oliver

June 2013:

Which Roald Dahl book was turned into a London musical that opened this month?

- a) *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
- b) *The BFG*
- c) *The Twits*

Which of Roald Dahl's books is this?



July 2013:

Can you name the green, one-eyed monster who stars in the film *Monsters University*?

- a) Dave
- b) Chris
- c) Mike

September 2012:

Which two animals 'fell in love' and couldn't be separated at a Yorkshire wildlife park?

- a) a goose and a sheep
- b) a pig and a monkey
- c) a mouse and a owl

October 2012:

What animal was found crawling around in the luggage hold of a plane that had just arrived from Brisbane airport in Australia?

- a) kangaroo
- b) koala
- c) crocodile

November 2012:

A 50cm shark fell onto a surprised man playing golf in California. It is thought a bird had caught it for tea and then dropped it. What happened to the shark?

- a) They grilled it on the BBQ for supper.
- b) The golfer picked it up and used it to hit his golf ball.
- c) Another golfer drove it back to the sea in a golf buggy. When it reached the sea the shark swam off.

December 2012:

A mother dog with puppies adopted an orphaned baby animal. What type of animal was it?

- a) mouse
- b) cat
- c) tiger

January 2013:

What is stored in vaults under the streets of London?

- a) 4600 tonnes of salt
- b) 4600 litres of water
- c) 4600 tonnes of gold

February 2013:

A pet tortoise was found alive 32 years after it went missing in Brazil. Where did the owners find it?

- a) it strolled into the garden one morning

b) in the attic

c) in a box with an old record player

March 2013:

What type of animal waddled out of the sea and went on a walk around a beach town in Brazil for an hour and a half before returning to the beach and swimming off?

- a) a saltwater crocodile
- b) a spider crab
- c) an elephant seal

April 2013:

What did a thief steal from a lorry park in Germany worth over £13,000?

- a) diamonds
- b) chocolate spread
- c) sausages

May 2013:

What did Kenny Rackers win at Cooper's Hill?

- a) the annual cheese rolling contest
- b) the annual kite flying contest
- c) the annual egg and spoon race

June 2013:

Surveillance cameras have been set up in Northern Ireland in order to catch...

- a) men weeing in the street
- b) dogs pooing in the street
- c) children dropping litter in the street

July 2013:

Residents in a Tokyo street in Japan woke up to find their street covered in white bubbly foam. What had caused it?

- a) During a very windy storm, the raindrops formed into bubbles in the air before landing on the pavement.
- b) A giant bubble machine had got out of control at a summer fair and spewed bubbles out continuously overnight.
- c) Someone had poured 40 litres of soap powder down a sink and it didn't take long for the bubbles to come up through the drains from the sewer pipes below.



September 2012:

What colour were post boxes painted in the home cities, towns or villages of British Paralympian winners to celebrate their achievements?

- a) yellow
- b) red
- c) gold

October 2012:

Jonny Brownlea won the World Triathlete title to add to his Olympic bronze earlier in the summer. What three sports make up a triathlon?

- a) high jump, javelin and running
- b) swimming, cycling and running
- c) hopping, skipping and jumping

November 2012:

Which racing driver won the Formula One Title for the third year running?

- a) Sebastian Vettel
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Wayne Rooney

December 2012:

Which football player left LA Galaxy to play for Paris St Germain?

- a) David Beckham
- b) Pele
- c) George Best

January 2013:

The Leicester Riders won the BBL Cup beating the Newcastle Eagles in the final 85-80. What sport do they play?

- a) baseball
- b) badminton
- c) basketball

February 2013:

Shelley Rudman won the World Championship title for the winter sport of skeleton sledging. What country is she from?

- a) UK
- b) Canada
- c) Switzerland

March 2013:

Which nation beat Sweden in the final to win the women's curling World Championships?

- a) England
- b) Scotland
- c) Wales

Shelley Rudman won the World Championship title for the winter sport of skeleton sledging, but what country is she from?



April 2013:

Celtic Football Club won the Scottish Premier League Championship again. How many times have they finished top of this league?

- a) 4 times
- b) 40 times
- c) 44 times

May 2013:

Which was the first football team ever to win the FA Cup and then be relegated from the English Premier League?

- a) Wigan Athletic
- b) Cardiff City
- c) Manchester United

June 2013:

Brazil's Alain Oliveira set a new 100m record for double amputee sprinters. What is his new world record time?

- a) 8.77 seconds
- b) 10.77 seconds
- c) 12.77 seconds

July 2013:

Andy Murray won his first Wimbledon title. He is the first British man to win this title for 77 years. What sport did he battle against Novak Djokovic for this title?

- a) tennis
- b) golf
- c) badminton

ANSWERS

How did you get on in this year's quiz?



An unusual family!



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July 2013 - b & c



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