



# Coverage Autumn 1 2023



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| 28 <sup>th</sup> August    | The use of dogs in schools and classrooms is becoming increasingly common, with 'therapy dogs' - as they are often referred to - being used to help pupils feel calmer and less anxious.   | Can pets make good companions in schools?               | Individual Liberty           | Religion or Belief        | 28<br>ACCESS TO EDUCATION                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September  | Almost ten years ago, 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives. | What can we learn from new adventures?                  | Individual Liberty           | Race                      | 10<br>CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September | In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.  | Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water? | Rule of Law                  | Age                       | 3<br>BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD            |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September | More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s.   | Is a school more than just a building?                  | Mutual Respect and Tolerance | All                       | 28<br>ACCESS TO EDUCATION                   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the lunar South Pole. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface, after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole.                      | How important is space exploration?                     | Individual Liberty           | Race                      | 17<br>ACCESS TO INFORMATION                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records.  | Can anyone break a world record?                        | Mutual Respect and Tolerance | Religion or Belief        | 3<br>BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD            |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October    | October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK.  | How does change happen?                                 | Democracy                    | Race                      | 2<br>NO DISCRIMINATION                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October   | The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning.   | How can we remember things that were important to us?   | Individual Liberty           | Religion or Belief        | 12<br>RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS          |

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| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> | Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures. | Should speed limits be lowered in your local area? | Rule of Law        | Age                       | <br>6<br><small>LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT</small> |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, crossed the line in a new world record time at this year's Chicago Marathon, wearing Nike Alphafly 3 'super shoes'.                   | Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?          | Rule of Law        | Race                      | <br>7<br><small>NAME AND NATIONALITY</small>           |