

Weekly Quiz - Answers

- Which country has announced plans to remove Queen Elizabeth as their Head of State and become a republic?
 - Barbados - The Caribbean island nation's government said "The time has come to fully leave our colonial past behind.". It aims to complete the process in time for the 55th anniversary of independence from Britain, in November 2021. That would leave 14 countries in the Queen's realm.
 - extensions to the free school meal voucher scheme - The 22-year-old Manchester United forward successfully campaigned to extend free school meals this summer. He is also campaigning to expand the number of young people who are eligible for free school meals - and offer them free food and activities during school holidays in England. Mr Rashford references his own experiences of using a food voucher scheme as a child and was praised for pressing the government into a U-turn on the issue.
- Who won the 2020 US Tennis Open title for a second time?
 - Naomi Osaka - The victory gives Osaka her third grand slam title. She beat Serena Williams to win the 2018 US Open, and then defeated Petra Kvitova at Melbourne Park to win last year's Australian Open.
- Researchers analysing the number of cases, deaths and Covid-19 policies across 194 countries have found that ...?
 - countries with female leaders have done better - It was found that in almost all cases where the countries were led by women, lockdowns ended sooner and had better health outcomes in the first wave of the pandemic. Only 19 countries in the study had female leaders.
- What is KFC getting rid of?
 - the 'It's Finger Lickin Good' slogan - In a statement, the company explained the slogan felt "a bit off" given the current public health crisis, but confirmed it would reappear at an unknown date down the track.
- The fee for plastic shopping bags in England will increase from April 2021. What will the price of a plastic carrier bags be when the new rules come into effect?
 - 10p - Along with doubling the current fee, the new rules will also mean small retailers - those employing 250 people or fewer - will no longer be exempt. Environment Secretary George Eustice described the UK as "a world-leader in this global effort". Greenpeace said the move was "a small step in the right direction" but urged the government to go further.
- Which television show has announced that the 20th series, which screens next year, will be its last?
 - Keeping up with the Kardashians - The famous family announced last week their E! show will end in 2021 after 14 years.
- Who is funding a ship to rescue migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea from Africa to Europe?
 - British graffiti artist, Banksy - The Louise Michel is a 31m boat funded by British artist Banksy. According to UN data, 443 people have died or have gone missing attempting the journey so far in 2020.
- A new study has revealed three prehistoric "terror crocodiles" that lived in North America between 75 and 82 million years ago. One of them is said to have teeth the size of ...?
 - bananas - The "terror crocodiles" grew up to 10 metres long, weighed up to 5,000 kilograms and lived in North America between 75 and 82 million years ago. Deinonychus is believed to have eaten a range of things including turtles and dinosaurs that went to the waters edge to drink.
- Africa has been declared free from ...?
 - wild polio - Africa has been declared free of wild polio with approximately 95% of the continent immunised. Polio once paralysed some 75,000 children a year across Africa.
- Footballer, Marcus Rashford, continues to make significant progress with his campaign about which of the following?
 - What did a bodyguard for the Foreign Secretary accidentally leave on a plane at Heathrow?
 - a loaded gun - Dominic Raab's bodyguard has been "removed from operational duties" after allegedly leaving his gun on a plane at Heathrow. A cleaner is reported to have found the loaded Glock 19 pistol in its holster on a seat on the United Airlines flight after it landed in London on Friday.
 - Which seriously endangered animals did scientists extract eggs from last week, in an attempt to save them from extinction?
 - Northern white rhinos - Scientists have successfully extracted eggs from the last two remaining female northern white rhinos, a step on the way to possibly saving the subspecies from extinction.
 - Which of the following has NOT seen sales increase significantly during the coronavirus lockdown period?
 - clothing - Spending on household goods was particularly strong in August, with retailers reporting a 9.9% jump in sales of homeware products compared with the pre-pandemic levels seen in February. The price of puppies has more than doubled during lockdown with dogs costing almost £1,900 on average. The volume of items sold in clothing shops sits 15.9% below February's pre-pandemic levels.
 - What is the most common language spoken in The Netherlands?
 - Dutch
 - Why was a 15-year-old Dorset newspaper girl given an award by the police?
 - she alerted police about a customer that hadn't collected their mail - Naomi Jupp noticed that a customer's daily delivery was going uncollected. She deliberately left the latest newspaper sticking out of the letterbox, and called police when she saw it again the next day. Police arrived and took the elderly customer to hospital for treatment. Officers presented her with a Neighbourhood Inspector's Special Recognition award.

VISUAL ANSWERS

- b. Moscow** - St Basil's Cathedral
- Japan** - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will step down as Japan's leader due to ill health. He has been that country's leader since 2012
- Tour de France** - The Tour de France is the premier Grand Tour of cycling. It consists of 21 stages over 3 weeks, with riders competing on hills, in cities and on the flat.
- Greece**
- Messi** - After requesting to leave Barcelona on a free transfer last month, Lionel Messi has changed his mind and decided to stay for the 2020-21 season because he doesn't want to end his 20-year tenure with the club through a bitter court battle.