

# Game On!

At Glasgow Children's Hospital, there's a new, exciting job - a gamer-in-residence! Steven Mair, a full-time gamer, spends his days playing video games like *Mario Kart* and *Minecraft* with children, who are in the hospital. Steven's job is to help them feel less lonely and bring a bit of fun to their hospital stay. 'Lots of the children say they miss playing with friends,' said Steven. 'Gaming together helps them feel connected and happy.' The role, funded by donations, also means the hospital can get new gaming consoles. Seven-year-old Jace, one of the patients, loves playing with Steven. His mum shared, 'Seeing him smile and



**Pictured:** Steven Mair, new gamer-in-residence at Glasgow Children's Hospital. **Source:** @GCH\_Charity on X.

laugh while playing games was a huge boost for him.' With volunteers and even sports stars joining in, the gaming room is the happiest spot in the hospital!

**What do you think of the new gamer-in-residence role?**

**How might it help children staying in the hospital?**

# Kickin' for the Euros

The women's football teams from Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland are one step closer to reaching Euro 2025 after some big wins in October! They'll each face another team in the final play-offs in a few weeks to see if they can qualify for the tournament. England are the reigning champions and qualified back in July, so all four UK teams might make it! Euro 2025 will be held in Switzerland from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July, with games across Swiss cities. If Wales qualify, it will be their first major tournament ever. 'It's an amazing

opportunity,' said Welsh star Jess Fishlock. 'We're giving it our all!' All three teams are dreaming big, hoping to clinch their spot at Euro 2025!

**Will you be watching any of the matches?**



**Pictured:** Lauren Wade, winger for Northern Ireland. **Source:** @WEURO2025.

## What are the qualities that make a good leader?



*A good leader should be determined, clever, honest and kind.*

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## Speaking to the Space Station

Children at Robert Drake Primary School in Thundersley, Essex, were given the unique opportunity to speak to an astronaut aboard the International Space Station (ISS). 250 miles above Earth on the ISS, Sunita Williams was on hand to answer all their space-related queries. The NASA Astronaut and Starliner Crew Flight Test Pilot talked about training to go into space, and what it was like to be on the space station – including what there is to eat and do for fun!



**Pictured:** Sunita Williams.  
**Source:** @Astro\_Suni on X.

The co-headteachers at the school stated that, 'The pupils were so excited to come together and listen to Sunita answering their questions – the energy in the school was electric. This was the launch of our Space Week where the pupils are participating in a variety of scientific activities including rocket making, learning about famous astronauts and NASA. After the call with the International Space Station, we now have pupils who are aspiring to be our next generation of space explorers. We are very proud of all of our pupils at Robert Drake, for their positive attitudes and enthusiasm, in the build-up to this once in a lifetime experience. So many happy memories were made that will last a lifetime.'

**What would you like to ask an astronaut? Do you have any questions about the ISS?**



**Pictured:** Sunita Williams talking with girls from the Girlguiding organisation from the ISS.  
**Source:** ISS Research on X.

## Missing Macaws

Two critically-endangered parrots have been found safe and well, around 60 miles away from their home at London Zoo. Lily and Margot, who are very rare blue-throated macaw sisters, were spotted by a family in Buckden, Cambridgeshire, high up in the trees behind their garden. The parrots then flew away to a field and public footpath in nearby Brampton, where zoo staff were able to catch up to them and treat them to their favourite snacks - pumpkin seeds, walnuts, and pecans. London Zoo posted the following message once the birds were found, 'Lily and Margot, our two-year-old blue-throated macaws, were safely returned to London Zoo on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, after flying off during a routine free-flight on 21<sup>st</sup> October. They were found in Cambridgeshire thanks to local tip-offs; when Lily and Margot spotted our bird keepers, they flew down from the



**Pictured:** The appeal sent out to local residents by London Zoo. **Source:** London Zoo on Facebook.

tree they were resting and straight onto the arms of our zookeepers. The macaws are in good health and currently in quarantine—a standard 30-day precaution—before rejoining their parents, Popeye and Ollie. We're grateful to everyone who helped bring them home safely!

**Have you ever seen a parrot? Where? Do you know any facts about parrots?**

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*A good leader needs to be able to make difficult decisions and focus on what is best for everyone.*

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