

70,149 VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Could pre-loved clothes become more popular than buying new? The majority of young people say yes.

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UP FOR DISCUSSION: STREET SAFETY & KNIFE CRIME

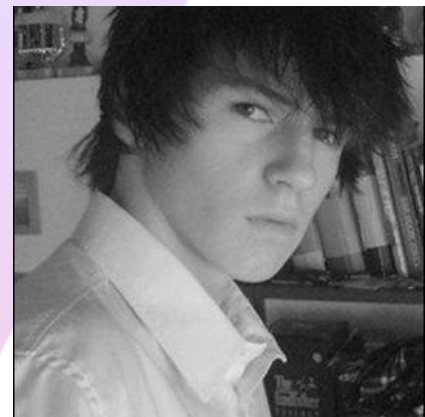
This week, VotesforSchools voters will be answering the questions: “Do you know how to be safe on your streets?” and “Should there be stricter rules on knife crime?”

Why not discuss what you think about these questions at home? What do you know about keeping safe?

THIS WEEK’S BIG READ: THE BEN KINSELLA TRUST

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a charity that tackles knife crime. It was set up in honour of Ben Kinsella, who was a victim of knife crime at age 16 in 2008.

Just a few months before he died, Ben had written to the Prime Minister to ask the Government to do more about knife crime. Today, The Ben Kinsella Trust work hard to make this a reality. They educate young people about the dangers of knife crime and help them take a safer path.



GUIDED READING CHALLENGE

- What type of organisation is The Ben Kinsella Trust?
- Find and copy a word from the first paragraph that means “stop”.
- How old was Ben when he died?
- Who did Ben write to about the issue of knife crime?
- Write down two things that The Ben Kinsella Trust does.

TEACHERS ACCEPT PAY RISE DEAL

After many months of strikes and debates, 95% of teachers voted to accept a 5.5% payrise in a recent poll. A representative for the National Education Union (NEU) said he was glad to see teacher pay being given the attention it deserves.



STORMONT BACKS VOTES AT 16

Politicians in Northern Ireland have officially called on the British Government to introduce rules that would allow the voting age to be lowered to 16. This would be the same as in Scotland and Wales, and would apply to local elections.



BRITAIN GOES COAL-FREE

After 142 years of coal-powered electricity, the UK has officially closed its final coal-fired power plant. Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in Nottinghamshire turned off its generators for the last time on Monday 30th September.



MAPPING CLIMATE CHANGE

In 2023, Switzerland's glaciers lost 4% of their volume due to climate change. As a result, they have had to redraw some of their borders with Italy. The main area where changes will be made is at the bottom of the Matterhorn mountain.

