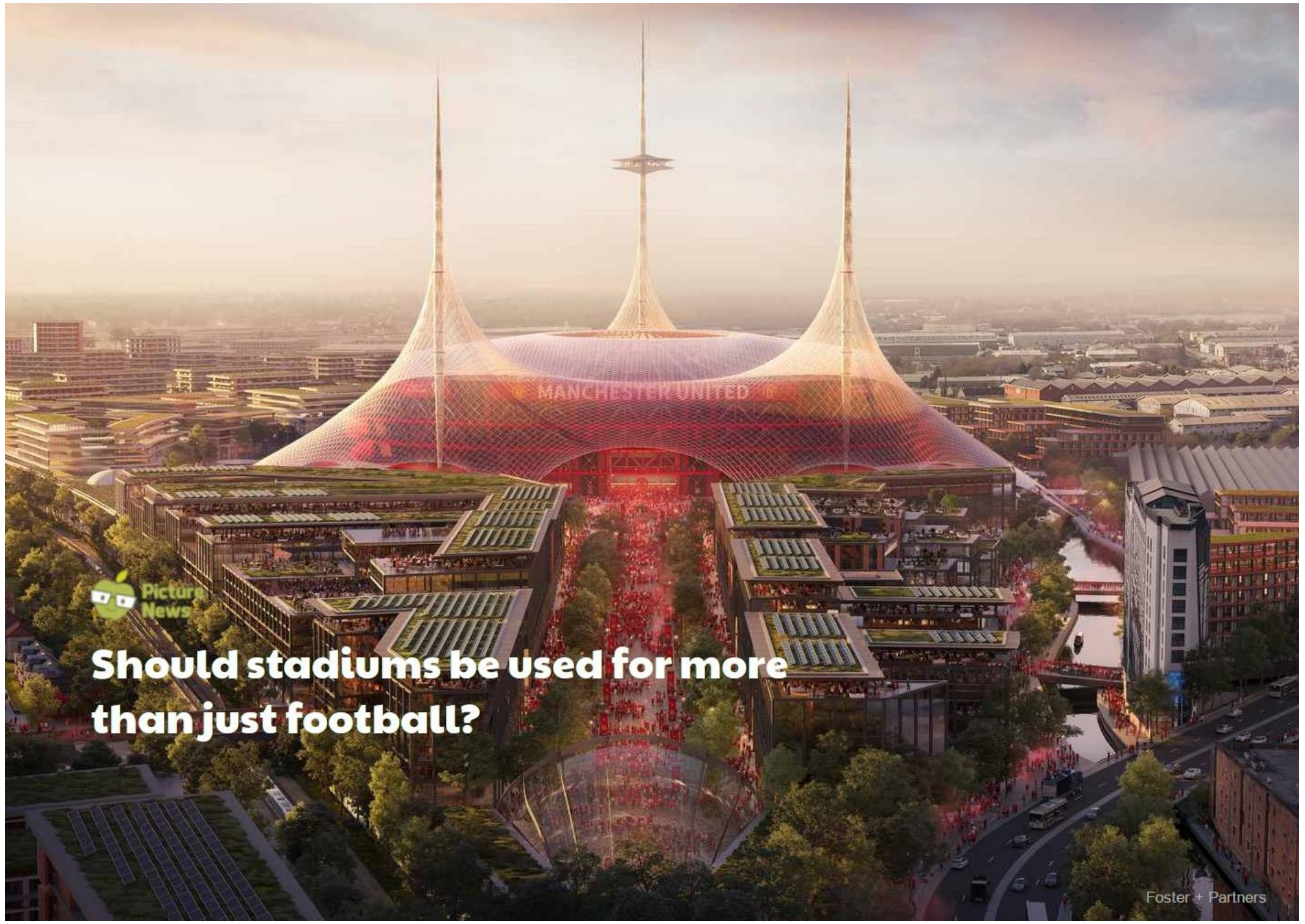


What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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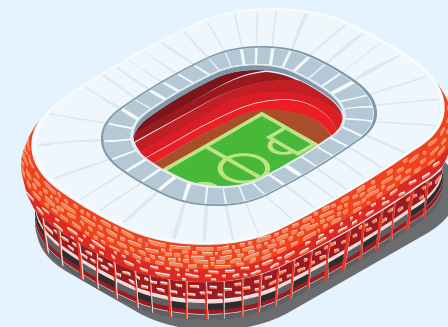


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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
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How does it make me feel?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
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exhilarated
exuberant
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fretful
perturbed
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uneasy

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compunctious
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responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
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wary

thankful

appreciative
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relieved

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distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
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stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposd
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below, all about the proposed new stadium. Do you believe it is a good idea overall?



What are the plans for Manchester United's new stadium?

Co-owner of Manchester United, Sir Jim Ratcliffe, said he wants to build the 'world's greatest football stadium', which the club hopes will be completed in five years' time.

It will have three masts, inspired by the team's trident logo, and the tallest will be higher than any other building in Manchester.

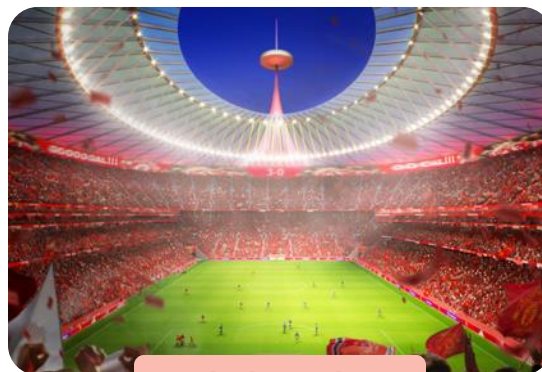
Manchester United's current stadium, Old Trafford, has been the team's home since 1910.

It is thought that the new stadium would be great for the local area.

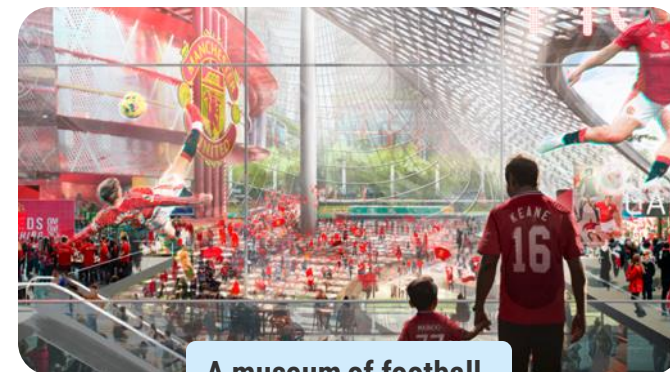
It's not yet known who might pay for the stadium.



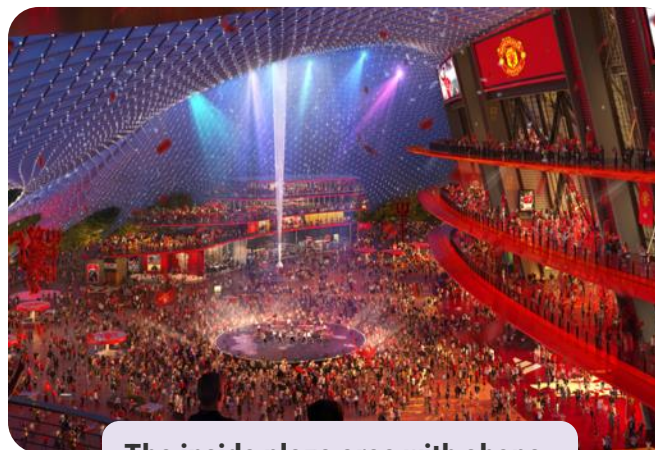
Look at some of the designs for the new stadium. Share which parts you like the most and why.



Inside the stadium.



A museum of football.



The inside plaza area with shops, restaurants and entertainment.



Outside the stadium, with seating areas and big screens to watch games.



Look at the resource below, which shows some famous stadiums from around the world.

The Rungrado 1st of May Stadium on Rungra Island, Pyongyang, North Korea.

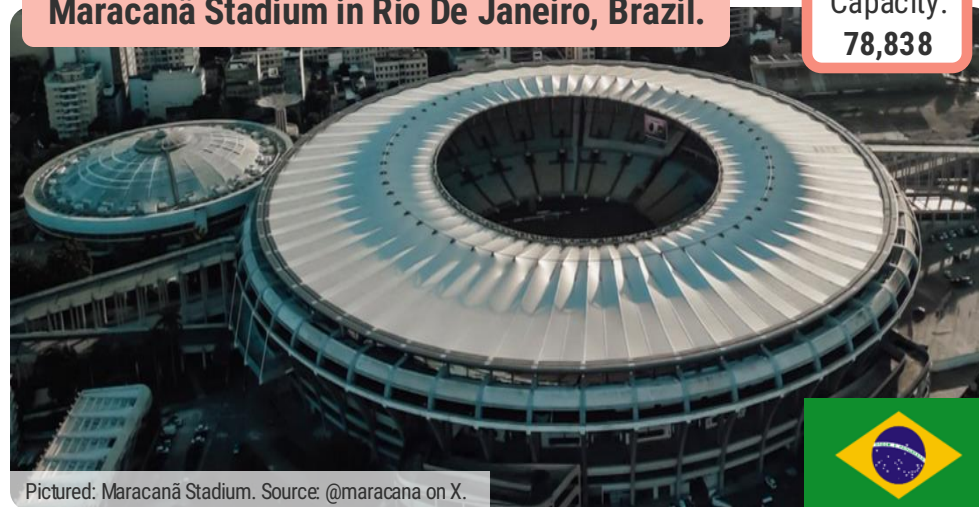
Capacity:
150,000



Pictured: Rungrado 1st of May Stadium. Source: Nicor.

Maracanã Stadium in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Capacity:
78,838



Pictured: Maracanã Stadium. Source: @maracana on X.

The Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar.

Capacity:
88,966



Pictured: Lusail Stadium. Source: Photo taken by Mohammad H on Flickr.

The Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, China.

Capacity:
91,000



Pictured: Bird's Nest Stadium. Source: Photo taken by Edwin Lee on Flickr.

What do you like or dislike about these stadiums? Why do you think they are famous?
Do you notice any special features that they have?



Look at the resource below, which shares some ways that football clubs support those in their local community.

Liverpool FC Fans Supporting Foodbanks Initiative



Liverpool FC works with the Fans Supporting Foodbanks project, which collects food from supporters on matchdays. This food is then donated to local foodbanks, to help those in need in the Liverpool area. The scheme has now spread to other clubs nationwide.

How do food donations help local families? Why do you think this has spread to other clubs too?

Pictured: Liverpool fans sorting food donations.
Source: @TheAnfieldBuzz on X.

Tottenham Hotspur Players Teaching PE in Schools



Tottenham Hotspur's community coaches (and occasionally first-team players) regularly visit primary schools in north London. They help teach PE lessons, run after-school sports clubs, and deliver workshops on health and fitness. These visits give children hands-on experience learning football skills and life lessons - directly from the professionals they admire.

What impact do you think it has when children meet professional footballers in school?

Pictured: Michael Dawson visits a primary school in north London. **Source:** @SpursFoundation on X.



What Would You Do?

Imagine you're in charge of your favourite club or organisation. What project would you launch to help the community?

Everton FC The People's Place (Mental Health Hub)

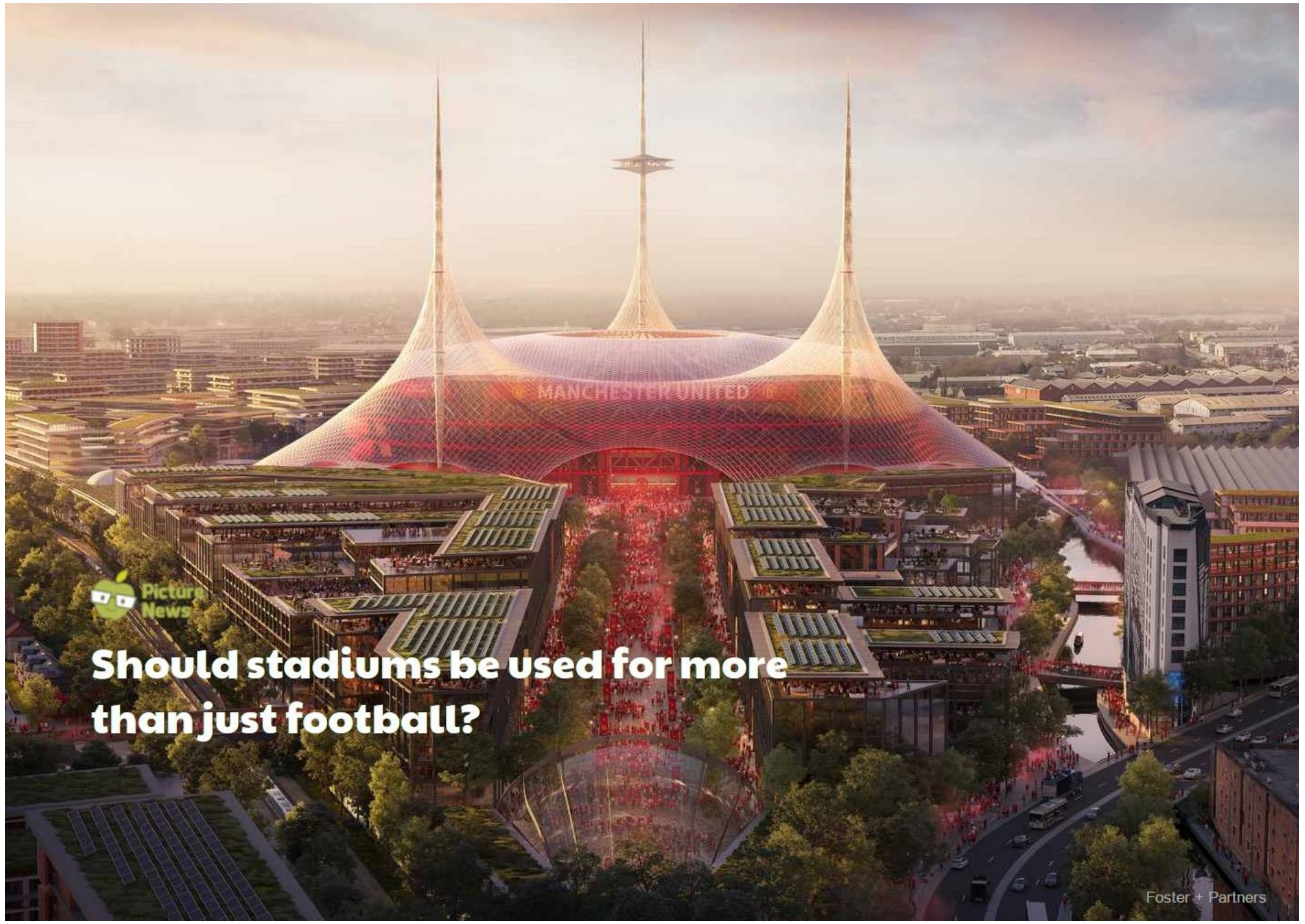


Pictured: The sign at The People's Place centre at Goodison Park. **Source:** @EITC on X.

Everton in the Community opened The People's Place, near Goodison Park, to help people look after their mental health. It's a friendly space, where anyone can talk about worries with a trained helper, take part in group chats, or join fun activities to boost their mood. By creating this special centre, Everton supports not just its fans, but everyone living nearby who might need a little extra help.

Why might a calm, welcoming space like this be important for people's wellbeing?

What do you think of these initiatives? Which do you believe would make the most impact in the community? Why? Do you have a local football club? Are you aware of any projects like this in your local area?

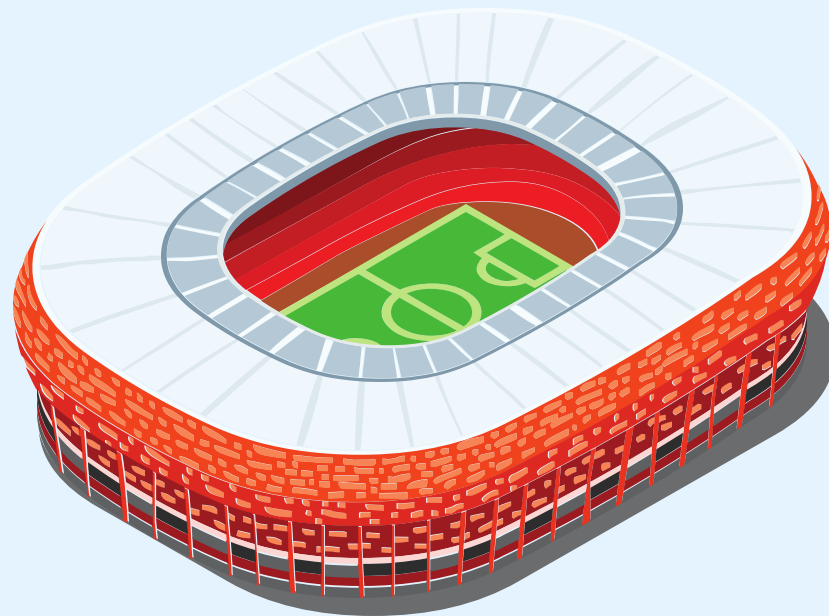


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Reflection

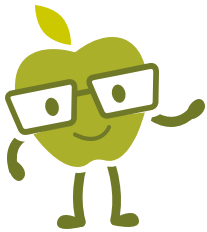


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Media Literacy

Can you consider different perspectives?



Explanation: Let's think about how we can understand other people's views and learn from different perspectives.



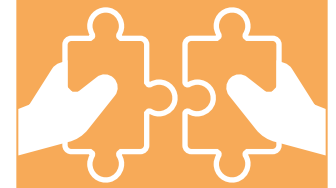
Analyse



Evaluate



Research



Act

Questions to

Discuss

- How might different people feel about the new stadium? (E.g., fans, locals, players).
- Why might some people support the plans? Why might others have concerns?
- Why is it important to respect views that are different from our own?

Reflection

Hearing different perspectives helps us understand the bigger picture and reminds us that people experience the same news in different ways.

Activity

Choose one group of people affected by the stadium plans. Write a short response or speech from their point of view. Share your ideas with the class.

What do you notice about how different people see the same story?



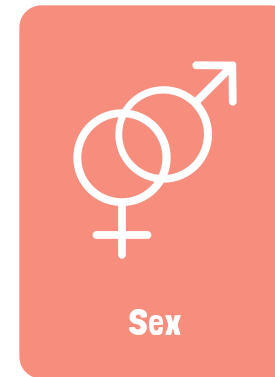
Democracy

It's important for big decisions, like building a new stadium, to involve local communities. By holding meetings and using surveys, everyone's voices can be heard.

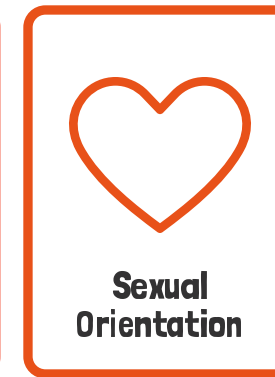
Protected Characteristics



Both men's and women's teams can share new stadiums, showing that all players should be valued and treated fairly, no matter their sex.



Sex



**Sexual
Orientation**



Age



Disability



**Gender
Reassignment**



**Marriage and
Civil Partnership**



**Pregnancy
and Maternity**



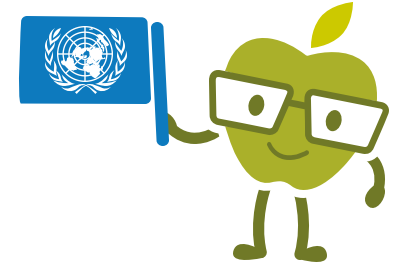
Race



**Religion
or Belief**



UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to share their views on issues that affect them, and for their opinions to be taken seriously. When young people speak up, it helps ensure that projects, such as the new stadium, benefit everyone in the community.



Useful Vocabulary



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Can you use them in your writing this week?

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- Look at this week's poster, and talk about what you can see. Do you know what this week's story could be about?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource, which is about the proposed new stadium. Do you believe it is a good idea overall?
- If you could design a new stadium, what might you include? What features do you feel are important?
- Talk about who you think the stadium is for. Is it for the fans, the players, the community, everyone? Who should have a say in any decisions for the new stadium?
- Watch this week's useful video, which provides more information about the design and plans for the stadium, and share your thoughts.
- Do you have a football stadium close to where you live? Have you ever visited it?
- Do you think football stadiums should have other uses? What else could they be used for?

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KS1 focus

What are some of the most famous stadiums around the world?



- Have a think about the word 'stadium'. What do you think this might mean?
- A stadium is a large building, where people can come together to watch things, such as sporting events or music concerts.
- Have you been to a stadium before, or have you ever seen one on the television? If so, can you remember where the stadium was and what it is called? Why did you go there/why were you watching it on the television? If you visited one, who did you go with? Share and discuss the children's experiences of stadiums, then create a thought shower of ideas together.
- Can you remember any details of the way the stadium looked? What shape was the building? Was it tall or short? Was it a round structure or did it have straight sides? What was it like inside? Add these details to your thought shower.
- Look at resource 1, which shares some examples of four different stadiums from around the world. Why do you think they might be famous?
- What do you think about any of the designs of these stadiums? What do you like, or dislike, about them?
- Think about the stadiums' capacities (the maximum amount of people that can be inside). Which stadium has the largest capacity? Which one has the smallest?

Reflection

Stadiums can be built in all sorts of different shapes and sizes. They are special buildings that bring people together via their shared interest and create great times of celebration and fun!

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KS2 focus

How do football clubs support their local communities?



- Have you ever been somewhere large and exciting, like a big concert hall, theatre, or stadium? What was it like being there?
- What does it mean for a football club to be part of a community? If you support a club or team, how does it make you feel connected to others?
- Why do you think some people feel a strong connection to their local club? How might football clubs support people who aren't fans or don't go to matches?
- Look at resource 2, which outlines some ways that football clubs and players support people in their local community. Did you know this outreach was taking place? How does it make you feel?
- Can you think of any other examples where a club has supported people in the community? Has your local club (if you have one) ever done a special event or fundraised for a local cause?
- Why might clubs or players find themselves in a good position to help people that live nearby? Think about the money, attention, and number of fans a club can attract. How could these things be used to do good in the community?
- Do you think clubs should be responsible for helping their communities? Why? What other companies or organisations could help in the community?
- How could you find out more about community initiatives happening in your local area?

Reflection

Football clubs can be powerful forces for good - helping local people, creating opportunities, and supporting communities far beyond the pitch.

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KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Choose a football club or another organisation you're interested in, and find out one way it helps people in its local community. This could be through foodbank collections, free sports sessions, mental health support, or any other community project. Make some notes, then create a fact-file or a poster to share your findings. You might want to include:

- The club/organisation's name.
- What the project does.
- Who it helps.
- Why it's important.

You can add any pictures, fun facts, or quotes you find along the way. If you can, present it to your class to spread the word!

Option 2

Schools are a central part of many communities, just like football clubs can be! Think about the ways your class or school could help people in your local community. Talk in small groups and share your ideas - what could you do to support others? You might want to organise a litter pick, make cards for a care home, hold a fundraiser, or something else! Choose one idea and plan what you need to do to make it happen:

- What will you need?
- Who will help?
- How can you let people know?

Present your group's idea to the class, then vote on which project you'd like to try first! Working together, you can make a real difference.

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KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Let's design a special new stadium! You can create a list of shared ideas as a class, or create one on your own.

You might like to think about:

- Who will use the stadium, and what will its name be?
- The shape of your stadium – will it be a curved building or have straight sides?
- What material will your stadium be made of? E.g., glass, metal, wood.
- Will it have windows? What interesting shape could they be? Will they be small or large?
- What will the capacity be? What will the seating area inside be like?
- Will your stadium have any special features? E.g., lights that change colour, a roof that closes when it rains.

Option 2

Sometimes, before an important new building is created, people make something called a 'time capsule'. This is like a special memory box, that is filled with different things from the time the building was being constructed. The time capsule is then buried in the ground, in the hope that one day in the future, it will be discovered, and people will learn about the past and when the building was made. If you were to make a time capsule to be buried in the ground, what would you like to put inside? Here are some ideas:

- A recent newspaper.
- A photograph of the place before the building was built and the plans for the design.
- A letter with some interesting facts.
- Some coins.

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This week's useful websites

This week's news story

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/c3d80p2v0x9o>

This week's useful video

Manchester United's new stadium
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Some winter sun? We'd butter-fly to Mexico!

Many people enjoy some extra sunshine in the winter and often go on holiday in search of warmer temperatures. This is the same for monarch butterflies!

At the end of summer, monarch butterflies fly up to thousands of miles, from North America and Canada to the forests in Mexico. They remain there until winter is finished. They then fly north again, in search of the milkweed plant – the only plant they will lay their eggs on, and the only leaf caterpillars will eat once they have hatched from their eggs. Residents in North America are being encouraged to plant milkweed plants, to help the monarch butterflies even more.



Pictured: A Monarch butterfly.
Source: Canva.

Scientists have discovered that this year, the number of monarch butterflies migrating to Mexico has doubled from last year's record low number. 'It's now time to turn this year's increase into a lasting trend!' said Jorge Rickards of WWF Mexico. ***Did you know that butterflies can taste their food through their feet?***

What a feeling! Dancing on the ceiling!

Upside-down houses have become a fun day out for many people in recent years, after the first one was opened in England in 2018. There are now 12 in the UK, with the latest one opening in Bristol. 'Each location is unique, with its own identity' says the Upside-Down House UK website. Visitors to these topsy-turvy houses get to walk around a variety of rooms, with it looking as though they are walking on the ceiling! Hanging above their heads, the wrong way around, is all the furniture you would find in a room such as tables, chairs



Pictured: An upside-down house!
Source: Canva.

and beds! The best part is revealed when a photo is taken and rotated, where it looks as though the person is on the ceiling with everything else the right way up below them! ***Have you ever been to an upside-down house?***

Is it important to have a morning routine?



Yes, my mummy helps me get ready for the day.

Luca

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Rusty-spotted cat

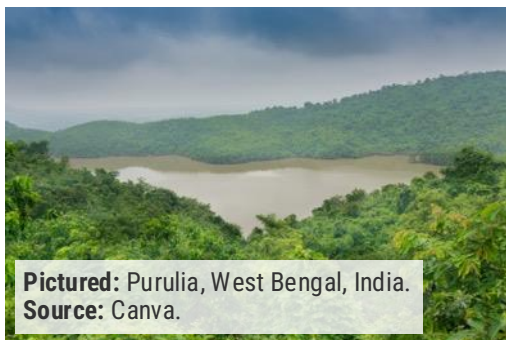
One of the world's smallest cat species has been captured on film for the first time ever, in its home of West Bengal, India. The Human & Environment Alliance League, an organisation working on biodiversity conservation in the country, released their video footage. They also posted on social media, saying, 'Intrigue. Disbelief. And an overwhelming rush of excitement! These were the emotions we felt when we first came across this clip while reviewing footage from our camera traps. The moment small cat specialist Dr. Shomita Mukherjee confirmed our suspicion—that the feline in the video



Pictured: A Rusty-spotted cat. **Source:** Canva.

was none other than the rare and elusive Rusty-spotted cat—our excitement knew no bounds!' The very rare, tiny wildcat species measures 35-48cm in length, has a long 15-30cm tail, and weighs only 0.9-1.6kg. The Rusty-spotted cat has short, reddish-grey fur over most of the body, with rusty spots on the back and flanks. The smallest wildcat in Asia is 200 times lighter than a lion, but still an excellent hunter. It uses its brilliant eyesight to catch prey in the forest undergrowth, and eats mostly rodents and birds but also lizards, frogs, and insects. The miniature cats are historically only found in the deciduous forests of Sri Lanka and India.

Do you know any facts about wildcats?



Pictured: Purulia, West Bengal, India. **Source:** Canva.

Aspiring Artist

Eight-year-old, prize-winning artist, Kevin Kovacs from Wellington in Somerset, England, was recently invited to hold his first solo exhibition, and has sold his first paintings! The exhibition is being held at the Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre until 29th April. Kevin is very passionate about his art and uses watercolours to paint old buildings and boats, inspired by family trips to the coast. He taught himself to be an artist with encouragement from his parents, who are both keen photographers. His mum explained, 'We bought him all kinds of mediums – paints, watercolours, and all kinds of art supplies – and I could see he was enjoying it when he was around two.' In 2023, aged 7, he won the Termly Copley Prize, with a painting entitled, 'Gentleman Looking at Something in Kevin's Eyes!' The painter also came



Pictured: Artwork by Kevin Kovacs. **Source:** Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre on Facebook.

first in his age group when he entered The Sun Christmas Card Competition. Kevin says his other interests, outside of school, include Lego, Airfix Kits, and vintage cars. Kevin is hoping to put together more exhibitions of his artwork, saying, 'I am happy that people can see my art on the walls—and I hope for another exhibition in London.'

Do you enjoy painting with watercolours?

What are your favourite things to paint?

Is it important to have a morning routine?



I think it's good to have a morning routine for a fresh start for the day.
Pip

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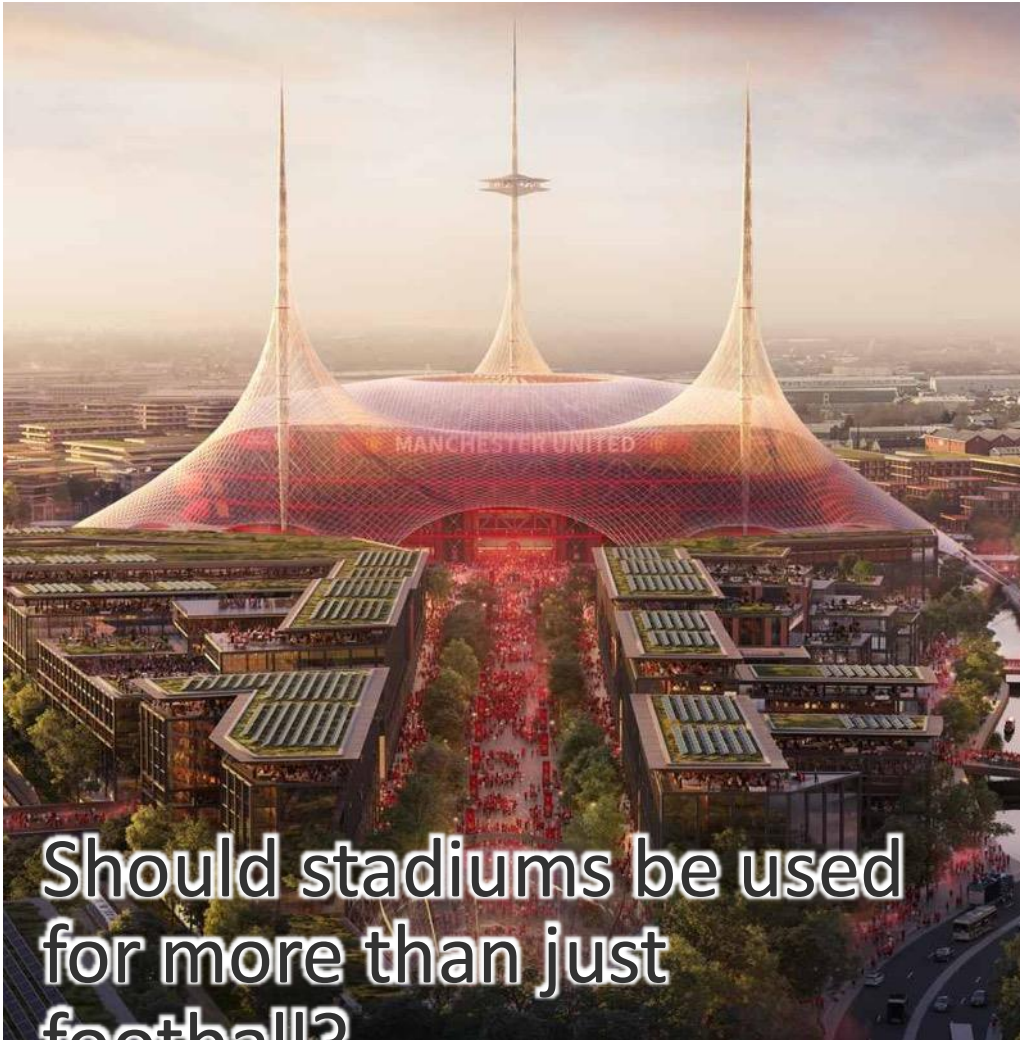
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Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is the closest football stadium to where you live? Is it ever used for things other than football?
- > Do you enjoy watching football or other sports? Have you ever been to a game in a stadium or perhaps visited one? Ask someone at home to share their experience.
- > Share your thoughts on the new stadium. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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