

Euros 2024 – Explained!

The Euros has just entered its second week – but how does the tournament actually work? Take a look at this handy guide that tells you all you need to know! The UEFA European Championship is a football tournament held every four years, also known as the Euros. This year, the competition hosts are Germany, and matches will take place at stadiums all over the country. Teams must play a series of qualifying matches to get into the tournament. The hosts are automatically given a spot in the competition. Only 24 countries compete. The teams are divided into six groups of four teams, each team will play the other teams in its group to

win points. This is the group stage. The top two, or in some cases three, teams in each group will go on to the knockout stage – where only the winner of each match will go on to the next round. The final of the Euros is due to be played in Berlin on 14th July. Who will you be supporting?



Pictured: Euros 24 logo. **Source:** @Euro24 on X.

A Special Sighting

What animal can curl into a ball and is covered in scales? It's a pangolin! An incredibly rare type of pangolin has been spotted in Senegal, Africa, for the first time in 23 years. The giant pangolin is endangered, which means there are not many of them left. One of the main reasons for this is poaching. Their meat is considered a delicacy in many parts of Asia and Africa and their scales are sought after, so the animals are hunted and trafficked. These adorable animals are easily caught, as their response to danger is to simply curl up and wait, which means they can just be picked



Pictured: Giant pangolin searching for termites. **Source:** Canva.

up by poachers. Conservationists are working hard to gather the evidence needed to find hunting groups and arrest those responsible. The recent sighting in Senegal has been most welcome news indeed for pangolin lovers around the world!

Is voting the best way to change things?



I think voting is a good way for everyone to express their opinion, but it's a shame that there will always be some voters who are disappointed. **Damian, 9**

Elephant Nicknames

A new study has revealed that African elephants have nicknames for each other! Scientists were really excited to discover that the elephants they studied use special noises to call one another. The nicknames are not the usual trumpeting noise that we are used to hearing from elephants, but take the form of low, reverberating rumbles. 'It's really exciting,' said Dr Joyce Poole, from ElephantVoices, who is part of the study's team. 'Elephants live in a pretty complex society. They're quite a bit like ourselves, families are not together all the time, they split up and come back together.' The study discovered that elephants could call to each other in this way from as far

away as two kilometres. Dr Poole explained, 'They have a vocalisation that I refer to as a 'let's go' rumble. An elephant will stand and point the direction that she wants to go and call repeatedly. And sometimes the elephants then get involved in a discussion. They call back and forth, and I have often wondered, are they talking about, "Well, I don't want to go to the swamp." I would not be surprised if we found they have place names for the places they go regularly.' The researchers used artificial intelligence to analyse recordings of communication between elephants on two reserves – Amboseli National Park and Samburu National Reserve in Kenya. The recordings were taken over decades, beginning in 1986. Although dolphins and parrots can mimic sounds that they hear, elephants are the only non-human animals to create individual names for their friends and family. **Do you know any interesting facts about elephants?**



Pictured: Asian Elephant Trumpeting.
Source: Canva.

Youngest Radio Station Manager Ever

10-year-old Martha Sheehan has made broadcasting history as the youngest radio station manager ever! At 10 years and 262 days old, Martha launched 'Fun Kids Space Station' during a special sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester, UK. She was completely in charge of the whole on-air broadcast – from the creative concept to the selection of songs that were played on the first show. Martha's official radio station began broadcasting after she pushed a big red button on 9th June, in a planetarium filled with 80 excited children. She has been very busy getting everything ready for the successful launch, planning upcoming features, producing new jingles, and putting together lots of special playlists.



Pictured: Martha Sheehan, receiving her Guinness World Record certificate.
Source: Guinness World Records on Facebook.

Would you like to work at a radio station?
Do you think it would be fun to be in charge?

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Voting can change many things and is often the fairest option, but I feel that the individual's voice, my voice, can't always be heard. Kellie

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