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**Hi girls,**

**Hope you are all keeping well. I hope you enjoyed active homes week last week. We are going to continue with the theme of sport this week.**

**On Monday you will read a newspaper article about E-sports. On Tuesday you will read about Cork Olympian, Sonia O'Sullivan. Wednesday will be all about Katie Taylor. Thursday's activity is to create a boxing kit for Katie. On Friday you will write a sports fact file. Have you heard about Captain Tom Moore, the 100 year old man who has raised millions for charity by completing 100 laps of his garden on April 30<sup>th</sup>? Perhaps you could do a sports fact file on him.**

**The suggested work below is to be carried out over a week. Don't worry if you don't get it all done. Uncompleted work could be carried on to the following week. Try your best. Spend 30-45 minutes a day on English. Scroll down through the document to get activities.**

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**Spelling**

Continue with SNIP spellings.

Complete one session per week.

Get a parent or guardian to test you on Friday.

Revise spellings from previous weeks also. You are familiar with how to do this from how we test 'old' spellings on a Friday.

Monday

# Daily News

Sport World News

15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Football Stars Compete in Virtual 'E-Sports'!

### What are e-sports?

- E-sports are competitions that are played on computer games, usually online.
- More sportspeople are going online to keep competing, as well as to entertain their fans.

Football stars will be competing in a new tournament. There's a bit of a difference though — this one will be done entirely through computer games!

The 'FIFA 20 Stay and Play Cup' will see footballers from 20 top European clubs compete against each other in a head-to-head tournament, played on games consoles.

Footballers from teams like Chelsea, Liverpool, Real Madrid and AS Roma will play against each other. The knockout tournament will last from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April and it will be **live-streamed** on Twitch.



Photo: Sports stars are competing in e-sports.

Stokes, England's cricketing hero in 2019, tried his best in his first race but came in last. After winning, Leclerc said that he gave "everything" to his performance.

Cyclists too were also able to race in the Tour of Flanders **virtually**; however, they needed to work a bit harder! They pedalled for 30km on

EA Sports (the company which make the FIFA games) will also donate \$1million to Global Giving's Coronavirus Relief Fund, helping those affected by coronavirus. That's about £800 000.

It's not just football which is getting into e-sports! On 5<sup>th</sup> April, racing fans were treated to a virtual version of the Vietnam **Grand Prix**. The competitors, which included **professional** drivers and a few famous faces too, raced against each other online.

Apart from not using real cars, there were some other key differences from a real grand prix. Unlike the different types of racing car there are at a real-life grand prix, all the cars at the virtual race had the same power. This meant that the damage on the cars was reduced.

The winner of the race was Charles Leclerc, from France, who normally races for Ferrari. Ben

cycling machines in their own homes connected to computers. The computer worked out how fast they were moving and moved the cyclists along the screen at the same speed.

### Glossary

<b>live-streamed</b>	A live showing of an event over the Internet.
<b>grand prix</b>	Any race from a motoring competition.
<b>professional</b>	Someone who is paid for the job they do.
<b>virtually</b>	Something not happening in reality.

# Questions

Game On!

1. 'The knockout tournament will last from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April.'

Tick the phrase which is the closest in meaning to 'knockout' in this sentence.

- ☐ beat up
- ☐ boxing
- ☐ gentle
- ☐ winner stays on

2. Who won the virtual Vietnam Grand Prix?

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3. How do you think Ben Stokes felt after the race? Explain your answer.

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4. Why did the drivers get to be less careful than usual? Tick one.

- ☐ Ben Stokes is not a professional driver.
- ☐ The cars could take more damage.
- ☐ The cars could not go too fast.
- ☐ No one would see what happened.

5. Do you think other sports will host virtual sports events?

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# Sonia O'Sullivan

## Sonia's Early Years

Sonia was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1969 in Cobh, County Cork. She first began running when she was in secondary school. She joined the Ballymore Athletics Club with her friends because they heard that, if you were part of the club, you got to go away on weekends!

Sonia was always interested in sports at school. She was noticed by many teachers for her talent and was encouraged to progress in sport. Sonia trained both with her athletics club and individually. She contacted coach Sean Kennedy to help her make a training timetable. Her performances later earned her an athletic scholarship to Villanova University, Pennsylvania, in 1987.

She worked very hard to find a balance between her studying and training while she was in America. Her dedication paid off as she earned a degree in accountancy and was ready to return to Ireland to pursue her career as a track and field athlete in 1991.







## Getting on Track

Sonia trained day and night, in all weather conditions when she returned home to Ireland. A year later, she competed in her first ever Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, 1992. Sonia gained fourth place in an elite field in the 3000 metres.

In 1992, O'Sullivan improved her personal bests in a number of distances between 800 and 5000 metres. She set an amazing six Irish national records in this time! The most impressive part of this was that five of these records were broken in the space of eleven days.

## Breaking World Records

1993 was a very important year for Sonia. She earned herself a high ranking as one of the top female middle-distance runners in the world. She ran in the World Championships although her desire to win first place was not fulfilled. Five days later, at the ISTAF meet in Berlin, Sonia recorded the season's best time (14:45.92)

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over 5000 metres. This earned her the title of third fastest female runner on the All-Time World List.

In 1994, Sonia continued to break many records, including:

- Setting the fastest time of the year in four events: the 1500 metres, 1 mile, 2000 metres and 3000 metres.
- Breaking the 2000 metre world record, setting a new time of 5:25.36. This record was left unbroken until February 2017!



Sonia continued to be admired and set more world records. However, like every athlete, Sonia did have her setbacks. She was disappointed with her performance in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta where she was affected by stomach ache and did not finish the race. However, she made her comeback in the 2000 Sydney Olympics where she won her silver medal in the 5000 metre race. Sonia declares this the greatest triumph in her career.

## Never Giving Up

Sonia suffered from a hamstring injury in 2007 which held her back. Sonia was a true hero in the eyes of the Irish nation, battling on with running competitions. Sonia retired later that year.



Sonia has managed to pursue an extremely impressive running career representing Ireland whilst also raising her two daughters with her husband in Melbourne. Today, she spends her time encouraging young people to get involved in sport. She has also written two books 'Running to Stand Still' and 'Sonia, My Story'. Sonia has certainly made her mark on Irish history as one of the most successful Irish athletes of all time.

### Did You Know?

Sonia's face was printed onto the Irish postal stamps in 1997 which would have been the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Irish Free State.



# Questions

1. Where and when was Sonia O'Sullivan born?

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2. Why did Sonia and her friends originally join the local athletics club?

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3. Who was involved in helping Sonia train in her early career and what did they do to help her?

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4. Where did Sonia go to study after secondary school and what did she study there?

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5. Where did Sonia rank in her first ever Olympic Games?

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6. How many Irish national records did Sonia O'Sullivan break in 1992?

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7. What world record did Sonia break during 1994? What was her time on this record?

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8. What setback did Sonia have in 1996?

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9. What does Sonia declare as the biggest triumph in her career?

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10. What did you find most interesting about Sonia O'Sullivan? Explain your answer.

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Wednesday

## Katie Taylor

Katie was born on 2nd July 1986 and grew up in Bray, Co. Wicklow, where she lived with her mother and father (Bridget and Peter Taylor) and her three older siblings.

Katie's love for sport was not only focused on boxing. Throughout her childhood and teenage years, Katie took part in soccer, Gaelic and camogie with her local clubs: Bray Emmets and Fergal Ógs. Katie also enjoyed athletics and she was a member of her local running club, Bray Runners. Katie clearly showed a strong interest and passion for sport in her life. From a young age, she impressed many with her ability to apply her skills and strengths to a variety of sports.



Katie first began boxing at the age of 11 in 1998. Although Katie had passion for most sports, she decided to set her goals on one in particular: boxing. This decision was heavily influenced by her father, Peter Taylor, who had been an Irish Senior Light Heavyweight Champion boxer. Peter was working as an electrician, who then dedicated himself full-time to his daughter Katie's boxing career as her coach.



Katie first made boxing history on 31st October 2001 – at the age of just 15 – and this fight was the first officially sanctioned women's bout ever held in Ireland. It took place in the National Stadium in Dublin. In this fight, she competed against Alanna Audley, another female boxer from Belfast. Over the course of three ninety-second rounds, Katie emerged the winner.

In the following years, Katie continued to impress and astonish the boxing and sporting world with several notable successes. She competed in several competitions in Ireland and across Europe in the following tournaments: International Norway Box Cup, where she won and also earned 'Best Boxer of the Tournament Award 2004'; the International 'Italia' Women's Tournament, Rome 2004, where she also won and earned another title as 'Best Boxer of the Tournament'; The Women's European Boxing Championships (Ireland's only representative); and the 20th Ahmet Comert Cup tournament in April 2005, Istanbul, Turkey. This success persuaded Katie to pursue a full-time career in boxing.

In May 2005, Katie made Irish history once again when she became the first Irish

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woman to win a gold medal at the Senior European Championships. This event was held in Norway and Katie competed against Eva Wahlstrom, a Finnish fighter, Lucie Bertaud, a French boxer and Gulsum Tatar, a Turkish fighter. Katie won the gold medal by the skin of her teeth as the score at the end of her match with Tatar was 12 – 12; however, Katie won 29 – 28 based on the punches thrown.



After several continued international successes throughout 2006, 2007 and 2008, Katie was awarded the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Female Boxer of the Year for 2008. In the same year, she was also named as the Irish Times/Irish Sports Council Sportswoman of the Year for 2008.

Katie Taylor qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. This was the first time that women's boxing was included as an Olympic event. Katie's first appearance was on 6th August fighting against Natasha Jones, a British boxer. Katie won 26 – 15, which gave her a place in the semi-final. Katie received a huge congratulations and support from her fans at the Olympics, which was truly magical and motivating for her.

Two days later, she competed in the semi-final against Mavzunz Chorieva, a boxer from Tajikistan. Again, Katie used her combination of quick moves, knowledge of skills and concentration to achieve victory. She won 17 – 9 in the semi-final; she had earned a place in the Olympic final! With her father by the ringside, as well as thousands of Irish fans gazing in anticipation at big screens in her hometown of Bray and throughout the country, Katie defeated Sofya Ochigava, a Russian boxer, in the final bout by 10 – 8. This earned Katie her first Olympic Gold Medal and



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# Katie Taylor

she also became the first ever Olympic female lightweight champion!

Katie has been an inspirational role model for women's boxing in Ireland: not only is she a national, international and world gold medal winner, she is also a kind, motivated and determined young woman.



## Did You Know?

Katie has played for Ireland's senior women's football team. She scored the opening goal of Ireland's big match against Hungary in 2007.



# Katie Taylor Questions

1. When was Katie Taylor born?

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2. What sports did Katie compete in during her childhood and teen years?

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3. Which family member influenced her decision to focus on boxing?

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4. Where and when did the first ever officially sanctioned women's bout occur in Ireland?

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5. Other than winner of the match, what other 'Title' did Katie earn in the International Norway Box Cup and the International Italia Women's Tournament?

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6. Why was May 2005 an important time in Irish sporting history?

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7. Where was the 2012 Summer Olympics held? What was different about these Olympics?

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8. What medal did Katie win in the London Olympics? Who did she beat in her final match?

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9. What other sport has Katie represented Ireland in?

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10. Which attributes have made Katie a successful boxer?

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# Thursday

## Design a Boxing Kit for Katie Taylor

Design a new boxing kit design for Katie Taylor's upcoming fight, which includes a top and shorts that she might wear. Include any important symbols and add suitable colours to your design.



Top (Front)	Top (Back)
Shorts (Front)	Shorts (Back)



# Friday

## Sports Star Fact File

Sports Star:	Image:
Sport:	
<b>Early Life</b>  Born:  Family:  Education:	
<b>Interesting Facts and Information</b> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<b>General Information</b>  Weight:  Height:  Age:  Nickname:  Achievements/Records:
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