

Read the stories from page 19 of First News and then try the puzzle.

To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



CRAZY BUT TRUE

PURRFECT POSTIE

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The neighbours, who live in Hackney, East London, have now become pen pals. They've sent and received around ten notes, which Billy takes back and forth between them. The new friends have been sharing recipes and ideas for good programmes to watch on TV.



Your cat likes to come visit us when he is outside. He will sit at the door and meow to be let in. It's actually hilarious & we love him!! We have no idea where he is coming from. What's his name? We call him Billy 😊
From your friendly neighbour

OFFICIAL DINOSAUR

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Mr Lewis has invited young people to vote between two dino species discovered in the area. The first is *Podokesaurus holyokensis*, famed for being named by Mignon Talbot – the first woman to name and describe a dinosaur. The second is *Anchisaurus polyzelus*, which is among the oldest dinosaurs to have been found in North America.



Mr Lewis is filing the paperwork today (15 January). Which one do you think has scooped the win?

DID YOU KNOW?
Twelve states in America already have a state dinosaur!



TINY TEARAWAY

A PET hamster has been reunited with its owners, after making a great escape on New Year's Eve.

The tiny animal was spied heading to the shops in Glasgow on 31 December. CCTV footage caught him clinging on to an unaware shopper entering a Poundland store, before heading for the pick 'n' mix!

The Scottish SPCA collected the escapee, with animal rescue officer Amy Stirton saying: "We've named the little adrenaline junkie Tom Cruise for now, given his *Mission Impossible*-esque attempt to get some treats."

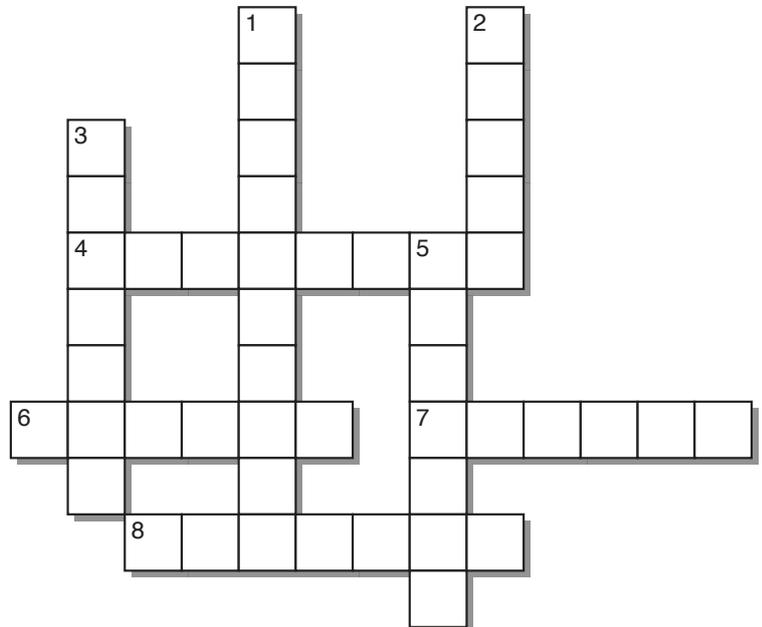
After a rescue appeal to find the hamster's owners, the cheeky rodent is now back home where it belongs.

ACROSS

- 4) Back together after a period of separation (verb 8)
- 6) See 1 down
- 7) Amusing behaviour; capers (plural noun 6)
- 8) A type of animal; a group of animals that are able to reproduce (noun 7)

DOWN

- 1 and 6 across) A person with a compulsive desire for excitement and adventure (noun 10,6)
- 2) Well known for; notable for (adjective 5)
- 3) Inquisitive; prying; interested in things (adjective 7)
- 5) A runaway (noun 7)



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