

Year 6 Newspaper Report WAGOLL

A clear model text showing the features of an effective newspaper report for Year 6.

Use this WAGOLL to identify key features such as the headline, subheading, opening paragraph, formal tone, facts, quotations and conclusion. You can also magpie useful sentence starters and reporting verbs for your own writing.

MYSTERY HERO SAVES PUPPY FROM ICY CANAL

Quick-thinking cyclist jumps into action after dog slips from towpath during morning walk

By School News Reporter

A puppy was rescued from a freezing canal on Tuesday morning after it slipped from the towpath near Mill Lane, according to witnesses. The dog was pulled to safety by a passing cyclist before emergency services arrived.

The incident happened at around 8:15 a.m. when the young spaniel, named Teddy, became tangled in its lead and lost its footing on the wet edge of the path. Within seconds, the dog had fallen into the water and was struggling to keep its head above the surface.

Without hesitation, a cyclist who was travelling to work stopped, climbed down the bank and reached into the canal. Although the slope was muddy and slippery, he managed to grab the puppy's harness and lift it back onto the towpath. Several members of the public then wrapped the dog in coats to keep it warm.

One witness, who had been jogging nearby, said, "It all happened so quickly. One moment the puppy was walking happily, and the next it was in the water. The cyclist reacted immediately and probably saved its life."

Police officers who arrived shortly afterwards helped to clear the path while the puppy was being examined. They thanked members of the public for responding calmly and said that quick action from bystanders had made a significant difference.

A spokesperson for the local fire service reported that the puppy was checked by a vet and was not seriously injured. They also reminded dog owners to keep pets away from slippery edges, especially during cold weather when paths can be icy.

Residents living near the canal have since said they would like to see extra warning signs placed along the towpath. Some also suggested that the area should be checked more often in winter, when frost and rain can make the path especially dangerous for walkers, cyclists and pets.

Later that day, Teddy was said to be resting comfortably at home. Meanwhile, local residents praised the unknown rescuer for his brave actions and said they hoped he would be thanked properly for helping the frightened animal.

Features to Spot

- A headline and subheading
- An opening paragraph with the main facts
- Formal language written in the third person
- Direct speech and reported speech
- Facts organised in a clear order
- A concluding paragraph

SOLAR-POWERED CAR WINS SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Year 6 pupils impress judges after designing a miniature vehicle powered entirely by sunlight

By School News Reporter

A team of Year 6 pupils won first prize at Greenfield Primary's annual science fair on Thursday after presenting a solar-powered model car that travelled the furthest distance during the final test.

The competition took place in the school hall, where pupils from across Key Stage 2 displayed inventions designed to solve everyday problems. However, it was the winning team's carefully built car, fitted with a tilted solar panel and lightweight wheels, that attracted the most attention from visitors and judges.

According to the judging panel, the design stood out because it combined scientific knowledge with practical problem-solving. When the car was placed beneath strong lamps during the trial, it moved smoothly across the track and finished well ahead of the other entries.

One judge said, "This project was clearly planned with care. The pupils explained their ideas confidently and showed an excellent understanding of renewable energy."

Members of the team explained that they had tested several versions of the car before the competition and had made improvements each time. By adjusting the angle of the panel and reducing the weight of the body, they were able to make the final design faster and more reliable.

The headteacher later reported that the fair had been one of the most successful yet and said the pupils should feel proud of their creativity. As the event ended, families and staff congratulated the winning team, who were awarded certificates and a science trophy.

Features used in this report

- A factual opening paragraph
- Technical vocabulary linked to science
- Chronological organisation of events

- Direct speech from a judge
- Formal tone in the third person
- A concluding paragraph summarising the event

YOUNG ASTRONOMERS AMAZED BY RARE METEOR SHOWER

Families gather on the school field as streaks of light race across the night sky

By School News Reporter

Dozens of pupils and parents gathered on the school field on Friday evening to watch a rare meteor shower, which lit up the sky for nearly an hour and left spectators astonished.

The stargazing event had been organised by the school's science club, who had invited families to bring blankets, torches and notebooks. Shortly after 9 p.m., bright flashes began to appear overhead, with several meteors visible every few minutes as they burned through Earth's atmosphere.

Teachers used telescopes and star charts to help children identify constellations while the meteor shower continued. Although the weather had been cloudy earlier in the day, the sky cleared just in time, allowing the audience to enjoy the unusual display.

One Year 6 pupil said, "I have never seen anything like it before. Every time a meteor flashed across the sky, everyone gasped and pointed."

In addition, pupils were encouraged to record what they saw in their notebooks and sketch the brightest trails of light. Teachers said this would help children remember the event and compare their observations during science lessons the following week.

The science club leader later explained that events like this could inspire children to learn more about space. By the end of the evening, many pupils had said they wanted to return for future stargazing nights.

Features used in this report

- An interesting headline linked to space
- A clear introduction with key facts
- Topic vocabulary such as meteor shower, atmosphere and constellations
- Direct speech from a pupil
- Reported speech from a club leader

- Extra detail to build the report

LOCAL TEAM CELEBRATES DRAMATIC CUP FINAL VICTORY

Last-minute goal seals memorable win in front of cheering supporters at Riverside Stadium

By School News Reporter

Riverside United won the county cup final on Saturday afternoon after scoring a dramatic goal in the final minute of extra time to beat Oakfield Rovers 2-1.

Hundreds of supporters had packed into Riverside Stadium to watch the closely fought match, which remained level for much of the game. After both sides scored in normal time, the final appeared to be heading for penalties before the winning goal was struck from the edge of the box.

As the ball flew into the top corner, fans rose to their feet and celebrated wildly in the stands. Stewards and coaching staff quickly gathered near the touchline while players ran across the pitch to congratulate the goal scorer.

The team manager said, "The players showed determination from start to finish. They kept believing, and in the end their hard work was rewarded."

After the final whistle, supporters remained in the stadium to applaud the players as they collected the trophy. Many families waved scarves and took photographs, while local reporters gathered interviews about what was being described as one of the club's greatest recent achievements.

Club officials later reported that a celebration parade was being planned for next week. For supporters, however, the most unforgettable moment remained the final goal, which secured a famous victory and ended the season in style.

Features used in this report

- A bold headline to hook the reader
- An opening paragraph with the main result
- Exciting but formal language
- Direct speech from the manager
- Clear sequencing of key moments
- A final paragraph that rounds off the report

