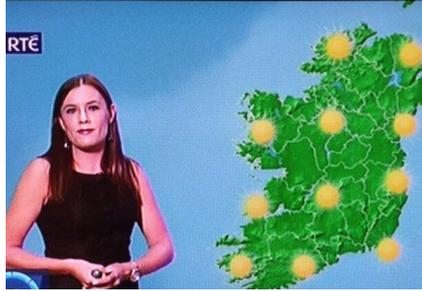


## Ireland in a Heatwave

The months of May, June and July have brought brilliant sunshine and high temperatures to all parts of Ireland.



Temperatures in some areas went as high as 32 degrees making Ireland hotter on some days than Spain and Portugal.

Sales of ice-cream have gone up by 12%, BBQ food by 10% and an increase in the sales of drinks and sun tan lotions has meant that supermarkets in Ireland have seen a rise in sales of €27 million over the last 12 weeks, according to a recent market survey.

While most people are enjoying this hot spell, the lack of rainfall has led to drought right across the country. Farmers are worried about a shortage of water for animals and crops. Grass has stopped growing leading to a lack of animal feed. As water levels drop people have been asked to cut down on water usage. Not leaving a tap running, limiting a shower to less than 4 minutes and using waste water from washing up to water plants are all simple ways of saving water. Irish Water have limited water supply in many of the larger towns and cities and have put a ban on the use of water hoses in all parts of the country.

People are being warned of the dangers of spending too long out in the sun. With 11,000 cases of skin cancer diagnosed in Ireland last year it is important to protect our skin against sun damage by wearing a sun protection factor greater than 30 or 50 in the case of children. Wearing a hat and sunglasses and drinking plenty of water is also very important.

In the 1980's Australia began a campaign to remind people of the need to stay safe in the sun. The message was known as "Slip. Slop, Slap" Slip on a shirt, Slop on the sunscreen and Slap on a hat. This message was put on posters in all public buildings, streets and motorways and has been very successful in reducing the rate of skin cancer in Australia.

## Women's Driving Ban Lifted in Saudi Arabia

It is 100 years since women in Ireland were allowed to vote for the first time and also allowed to stand for election. However, it wasn't until 2015 that women in Saudi Arabia were allowed to vote. In the Olympic Games of 2012 Saudi women were allowed to enter for the first time and just last month were allowed to drive and hold a driving licence. Before this a woman in Saudi Arabia had to hire a taxi or be driven by a male relative.

Since the driving ban was lifted more than 120,000 Saudi women have applied for driving licences. This is a huge step forward for women's independence and follows many years of protests by women's rights supporters, many of whom who were put in prison over the years.

However, women in Saudi are still under strict religious laws that does not allow them to own a passport, travel or marry without the consent of a male guardian.

## Cave rescue in Thailand

The world watched as a major rescue began in Thailand of 12 young members of a soccer team and their coach, from a cave 1km below ground and 2km from the main entrance. Rescue efforts were made even more dangerous as heavy rain flooded the cave.

The boys all under the age of 16 and their 25-year-old coach who were on a trip were missing for 9 days before being located, the heavy rain had pushed them further along the passage way to the cave. Expert divers were brought in to deliver oxygen, water and food with one diver losing his life while doing so. Heavy rain and flooding meant it took another week before the rescue could begin

A team of 90 expert divers led the dangerous rescue which involved walking, climbing swimming and diving through the narrow passages all done in complete darkness. None of the boys were able to dive so each one had to be guided out by two divers. After 17 days of being trapped in the cave all 13 were rescued safely over 3 days and are said to be well.

## Summer quiz

The answers are all the **names of people**

1. Name of American Civil Rights leader who was shot 50 years ago
2. Name the pope who came to Ireland in 1979
3. Woman who first spoke out about the cervical screening scandal
4. Limerick born singer who died suddenly this year
5. Famous Irish female boxer
6. She is the new leader of Sinn Fein
7. He played in 9 sell out concerts in Ireland in May this year
8. Well known sports commentator who died last year
9. Princess who died in an accident 20 years ago
10. World champion MMA fighter from Ireland
11. Wife of the President Michael D Higgins
12. Irish rugby team head coach
13. Winner of this year's RTE show "Dancing with the Stars"
14. Head of the Irish government

Answers at bottom of page

See how many **3 or 4 letter words** you can make by using the letters in the box. You must use the letter **a** in each word

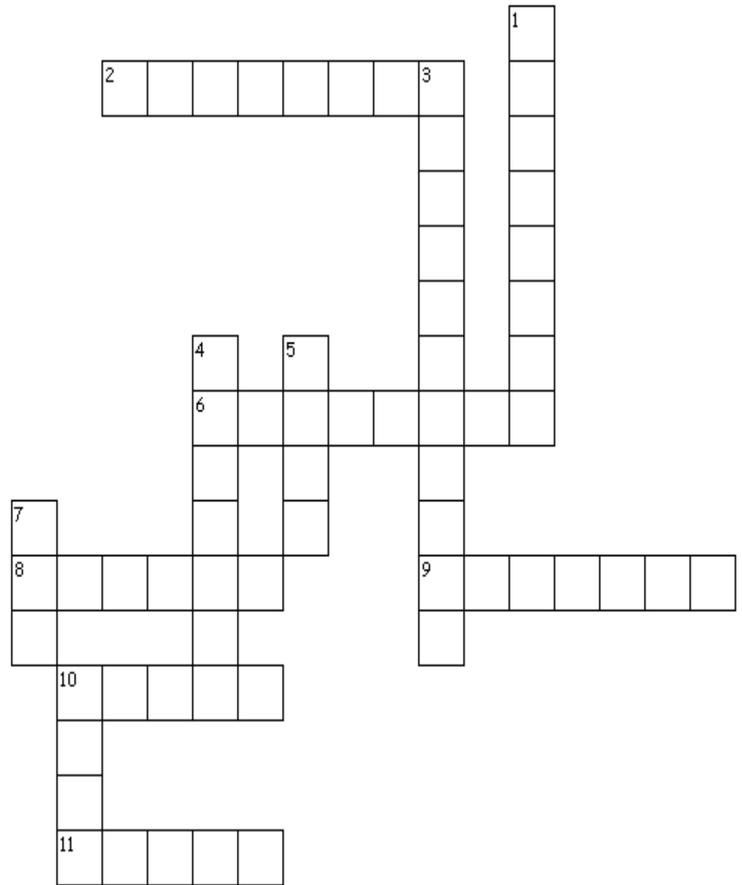
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Answers to quiz

1. Martin Luther King, 2. Pope John Paul, 3. Vicky  
Phelan, 4 Dolores O Riordan, 5. Katie Taylor, 6. Mary  
Lou McDonald, 7. Ed Sheeran 8. Jimmy McGeer,  
9. Princess Diana, 10. Conor McGregor, 11. Sabina  
Higgins, 12. Joe Schmidt 13 Jake Carter 14. Leo  
Varadkar

## Crossword

All the answers are **words about weather**



### Across

2. The Weather \_\_\_\_\_ lets us know what the weather will be like in the coming days (8)
6. A period of more than 5 days of very hot weather without rain (8)
8. When these appear in the sky rain is on the way (6)
9. A band of colours seen in the sky when the sun shines through rain clouds (7)
10. This is caused by a very strong wind (5)
11. There is a shortage of this when we have a drought (5)

### Down

1. Always protect your skin from this (8)
3. When this is high then the weather will be hot (11)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and Lightning (7)
5. Too much of this can cause floods (4)
7. On frosty mornings this can make the roads slippy (3)
10. Falls from the sky in flakes (4)