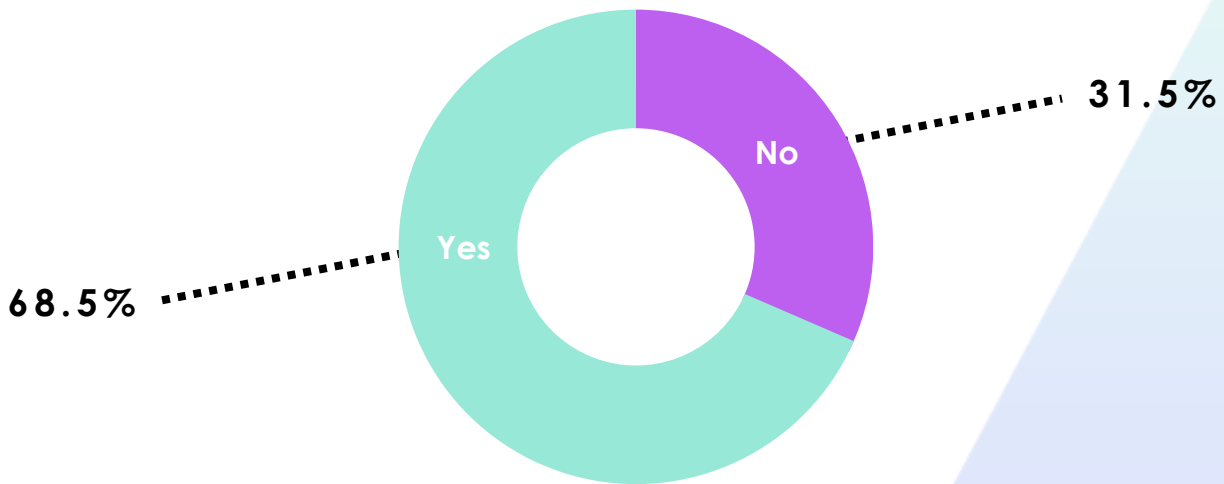


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Is it time to call a general election?



This VoteTopic received 45,511 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Secondary:

Does your school do enough to tackle bullying?

- What can teachers, parents, and friends do to tackle bullying?
- Can some forms of bullying be dealt with at home rather than school?
- What are the best ways to tackle bullying in schools?

Secondary 16+:

Is enough being done to tackle workplace bullying?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- "From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying." - The Anti-Bullying Alliance
- "Bullying hurts. It can destroy confidence. It crushes mental health and causes physical ill health." - Rachael Maskell, MP

A CLOSER LOOK: MICROBULLYING



You have probably heard of bullying before, but what about microbullying? The prefix “micro” means “small”, so the phrase literally means “small bullying”. But can bullying ever be small? What does microbullying look like?

Bullying is often defined as repetitive and targeted unkind acts. Microbullying is also something that happens repeatedly, but the difference is it can be subtle comments or acts that leave the victim unsure whether they are being bullied or not. This might include unkind banter, or comments which make the victim feel insecure.

While microbullying might seem less harmful than other forms of bullying, it can have a serious effect upon the victim’s mental health. If you think you are experiencing microbullying in a relationship, consider speaking to a friend or trusted adult for advice.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Have you heard any other terms with the prefix “micro” that describe actions or attitudes?
- Describe the difference between bullying and microbullying.
- Explain what the word “subtle” means.
- Give an example of microbullying from the text.
- How can microbullying affect the victim?

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

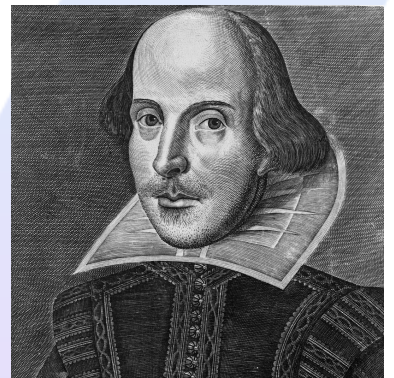
The King's Speech

King Charles delivered his first speech in Parliament as King at 11.30am on Tuesday 7th November 2023. His speech marks the official way the Government reopens Parliament after a break before sharing plans for the year ahead.



400th anniversary of First Folio

Shakespeare's First Folio, containing 36 of his plays, turned 400 years old on 8th November. Without this version of his plays, we would have lost half of his dramatic work, as many of the plays hadn't been printed before.



Laughing gas banned in the UK

Possession of nitrous oxide, also known as NOS, has become a criminal offence in the UK. Now categorised as a Class C drug, possession of laughing gas will carry a sentence of up to two years in prison.



The Festival of Lights

Diwali is taking place from 10th-14th November. The Festival of Lights is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The name comes from the word deepavali, meaning "rows of lighted lamps".



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