

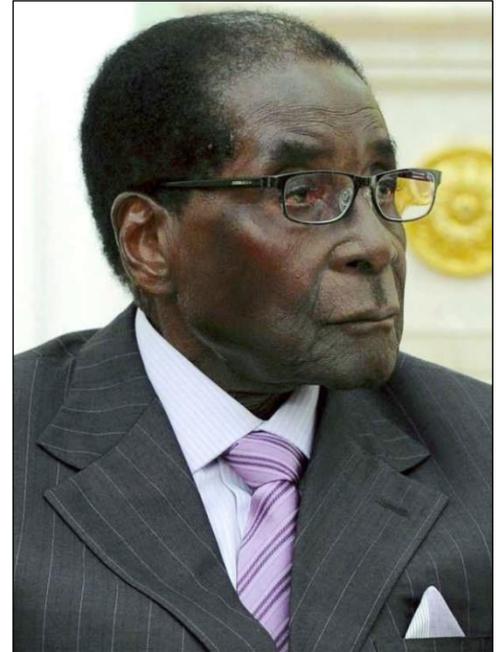


What's happening in Zimbabwe?

The army has taken over control in the country of Zimbabwe in Africa. It is thought that the army are not happy with the way their President, Robert Mugabe runs the country and how he treats people.

Mugabe has resigned, and it is thought that this could be the start of huge changes in Zimbabwe. Mugabe was in power for 37 years and was a powerful figure, and many people in Zimbabwe and around the world didn't like the way he ran the country.

People said he was a dictator who completely controlled Zimbabwe, and used violence to get his way whilst others supported him as he actively fought for Zimbabwe's independence. Mugabe is said to have tight control over the media and what people can say. In the past he has been accused of fixing elections to make



*Former President Robert Mugabe
sure he stays in power.*

School asks for £1 each day for pens and pencils



A typical pencil pot used in a classroom.

A primary school in Berkshire has asked parents for a £1 daily donation to help pay for stationery and resources for their children. Robert Piggott School in Wargrave, said the plea comes after national changes to school funding.

“One of the elements of the finding plan was to ask parents and the community to consider making donations to help meet the shortfall in funding. Like many other schools, we are now requesting voluntary contributions from parents. We would like to suggest that parents donate £1 per school day for each child to help the schools through this funding crisis.” The school said it would help to pay for many of the other resources the school needs.



The world's most expensive painting!



Leonardo da Vinci's Salvator Mundi on show at Christies' Kings Street in London.

A 500-year-old painting of Christ believed to have been painted by Leonardo da Vinci has been sold in New York for a record \$450m (£341m), after fees.

The painting is known as Salvator Mundi (Saviour of the World) and was sold for just £45 in the 1950s when it was mistaken for a copy!

It is the highest auction price for any work of art and brought cheers and applause at the packed Christie's auction room.

Are grandparents bad for your health?

Grandparents may be having a negative impact on their grandchildren's health researchers have claimed.

A recent study conducted by the University of Glasgow has said that grandparents are more likely to treat and overfeed children than other adults in their lives. The study also found some not giving them sufficient exercise. Hazel Marsden, a grandmother of six, thinks that "The grandparents' job is always definitely to indulge."

The researchers looked at 56 studies with data from 18 countries, including the UK, US, China and Japan. According to organisation Grandparents Plus, grandparents are the



Grandparents pictured with their grandchildren.

largest provider of informal childcare in the UK and they need to be "better recognised and supported".



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