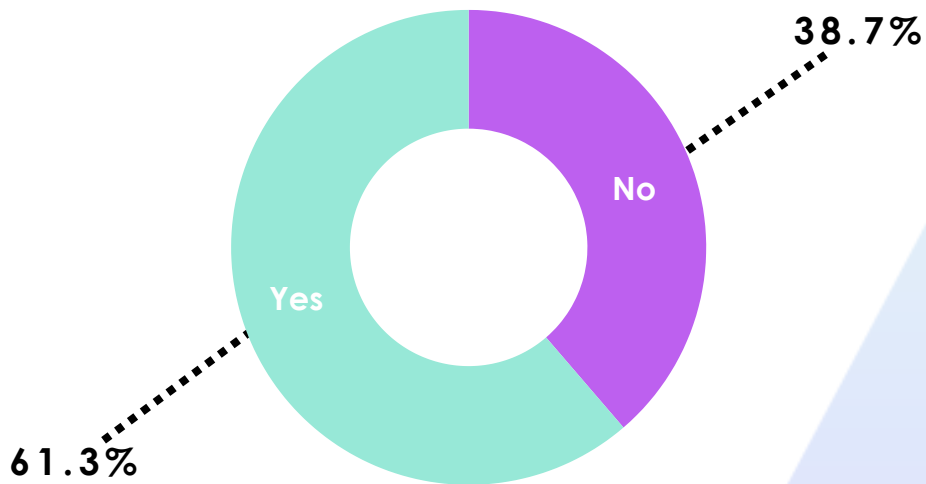


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Do you think alien life exists?



This VoteTopic received 58,998 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Does money compensate for injustice?

- How do you think injustice affects people's lives?
- How can money improve someone's life if they have been treated unfairly?
- What else can help people who have faced significant injustice?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"People need to get on with their lives, they need to be able to draw a line under it. They'll never forget it, but they've got to be able to get on, but unfortunately they do need money to keep them going." - Alan Bates, Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance.*
- *"It is 21 years of my life that I have lost. They doubted me, they questioned me. My daughter asked me if I had taken the money and I had no answers . . . When we were watching the drama together, she actually apologised to me." - Parmod Kalia, former Subpostmaster.*

A CLOSER LOOK: THE POSTAL SERVICE



The first system for delivering letters in the UK was originally introduced in 1635. At this point, letters were carried from one 'post' to the next 'post' by people on foot or on horseback. At each post, the 'postmaster' would take the letters for people in their area. It was only used by the King or members of the Royal Court.

King Charles I decided that this should be for the use of the public too. The first Post Office was set up in Bishopsgate Street in London, and there were four main post roads connecting London, Dover, Plymouth and Edinburgh.

If you sent a letter from London to Edinburgh in 1635, it could take up to two months to get a reply.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- When was the first postal system introduced to the UK?
- What was a postmaster's job in 1635?
- Who decided to make this into a public service?
- Which four cities were the first to be connected by post roads?
- How easy do you think it would be to maintain a friendship if it took two months to get a reply?

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

South Africa takes Israel to court

South Africa has presented a case to the International Court of Justice where it accuses Israel of genocidal acts in the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Israel has presented its defence to the court. A final ruling could take several years.



Surprise inflation rise

Economists were expecting inflation to fall from 3.9% to 3.7% last month. Tobacco and alcohol price rises have led to inflation increasing instead. Chancellor Jeremy Hunt says that plans to reduce inflation are working.



New cancer treatment released

A new cancer treatment has been released that is gentler and allows patients to take part in normal daily activities more easily. Blinatumomab helps the body's own immune system to recognise and destroy cancer cells.



UK temperatures plummet

Icy winds blowing in from the Arctic have led to temperatures in the UK falling to 5°C less than the average at this time of year. The lowest recorded temperature so far is -14°C at Dalwhinnie in the Scottish Highlands.



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