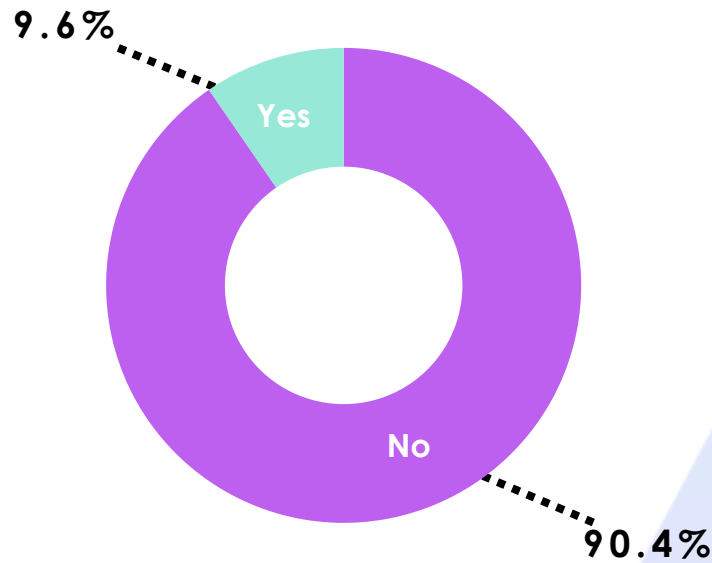


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Will you be the first smokefree generation?



This VoteTopic received 52,751 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Should the gender of your role models matter?

- Are your main role models in life someone you know personally or someone famous?
- Is it important whether your role model is similar to you?
- Do you need role models to help you to achieve your goals?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"More importantly, I saw someone who looked like me and helped me believe I could achieve as I followed my own unique path."* - Coco Gauff, winner of the US Open
- *"You can't be what you can't see."* - Marian Wright Edelman, civil rights activist and lawyer.

A CLOSER LOOK: MARY ANNING



In the past, women rarely had the chance to receive the same level of education as men. However, some trailblazers navigated their own routes in spite of this.

One such woman was Mary Anning. Born in 1799, she hardly ever attended school, teaching herself to read and write. After her father's death, Mary started selling fossils that she found on the local beach to support her family financially. While exploring the coast near her home, she discovered and excavated an Ichthyosaurus fossil. Mary developed a keen interest in fossils, teaching herself geology (the study of rocks) and anatomy (the study of living bodies). Despite making many discoveries and working with some major scientists, the Geological Society of London refused to admit her because she was a woman with no formal education. Her story has only been uncovered and shared widely in the twentieth century.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- When was Mary Anning born?
- Why did Mary Anning sell fossils after her father's death?
- Which type of dinosaur did Mary Anning excavate first?
- Name four things that Mary Anning taught herself to do.
- True/False: Mary Anning was admitted to the Geological Society of London.

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Further Post Office problems

Former chairman of the Post Office Henry Staunton has revealed that the current boss Nick Read is under investigation. He also shared that he had been told to slow down spending on compensation for subpostmasters.



Equal prize pot for London Marathon

The London Marathon will be the first marathon in the world to offer equal prize money for its wheelchair and able-bodied athletes. All winners in the elite races on 21st April this year will receive the same amount (£43,500).



Council cuts culture in Birmingham

Birmingham City Council has announced that it will cut 50% of its culture budgets this year, rising to 100% in 2025-26. They have also announced a 21% council tax rise for people living there to deal with £300 million of debt.



Hungary finally approves Sweden joining Nato

Sweden applied to join Nato after the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. After long delays, Hungary has agreed to approve Sweden becoming a member of this defence alliance.



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