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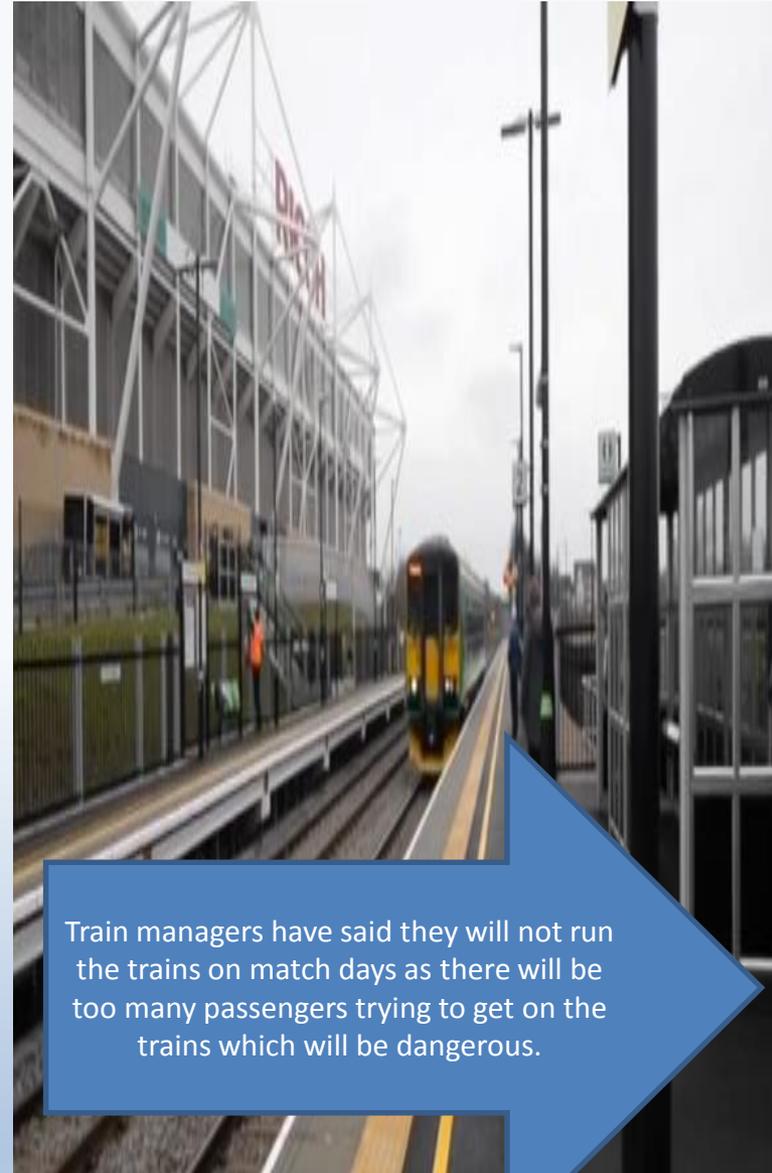
Happening in Coventry.

After nine months of delays Coventry Arena railway station has finally opened to the public and welcomed its first handful of passengers. The first trains pulled into the £3.4million station from around 6.10am today with passengers bound for both Coventry and Nuneaton. However supporters of Coventry City Football Club and Wasps will not be able to use the arena station on match days due to safety concerns. There will also be no capacity to transport concert-goers. This has upset many people in Coventry.

Local Coventrian, John Grant is believed to be the first person to use the new platforms next to the Ricoh Arena and the neighbouring retail park, getting off the 6.10am train from Coventry. He said: "I normally go running before work. I got off at the station then ran back to the house."

Questions.

- **Why do you think Coventry City FC supporters are cross about the new train station?**
- **Why do you think the train company does not want to run the trains on such busy days?**
- **Who was the first person to use the train?**
- **Do you think he felt special? Why?**
- **What have you been first at?**



Train managers have said they will not run the trains on match days as there will be too many passengers trying to get on the trains which will be dangerous.

Happening in France.



As reported in a previous CGNN, migrants and refugees have been leaving their homes in places like Syria and Afghanistan, where there is fighting, in big numbers over the last year.

Many travel great distances in search of a better life in Europe and some end up living in a makeshift camps in Calais in France hoping to make their way to the UK.

Now the French government have asked them to leave parts of the camp that are close to a motorway because they are trying to illegally sneak into lorries and get a ride into the UK. The French also feel the current camps (top left) are too dirty and run down.

The French government has now built new containers for the refugees to live in which are cleaner and more sanitary.



**IF YOU TAKE IT FOR GRANTED
YOU DON'T DESERVE IT**

Questions.

- Describe the conditions in the refugee camp.
- How does this compare to your home?
- Do you feel lucky? Why?
- Why do you think the refugees left Syria?
- Do you think the children will have the same chances of success in life as you? Why?
- What do you think is meant by the phrase: “don’t take things for granted”?