

young times

Take a peek inside a spaceship

On Saturday, the hatch of the Apollo 10 space capsule will be opened and anyone can look in, says **Chloe Lambert**

Forty years ago this week, everyone was talking about just one thing. It wasn't MPs and their expenses, or *Britain's Got Talent*, but the race to get to the Moon.

On May 18, 1969, the astronauts Tom Stafford, John Young and Gene Cernan were rocketed away from the Kennedy Space Centre on board their space capsule, Apollo 10. Their mission was a success — it was the second time that Man had travelled round the Moon, and a dress rehearsal for the Apollo 11 voyage, when men first set foot on the lunar surface.

The Apollo 10 crew also broke the human speed record when they blazed back through the Earth's atmosphere at 24,791mph (more than 11km a second).

This Saturday, to celebrate the mission's anniversary, the Science Museum in London is opening the hatch cover of the original Apollo 10 capsule. For the first time, visitors can look inside and see the controls that the astronauts used to travel to the Moon and back. You can gaze through the windows and picture the sight of our tiny planet in the distance, and look at the heat shield, which was scorched as the capsule flew back to Earth.

"If you want to learn how to pilot a real spaceship, now's your chance!" says Doug Millard, senior curator of space technology at the Science Museum.



The Apollo 10 capsule came within eight miles of the Moon

"If you're lucky you'll be able to make out some scribbled calculations on the consoles. Imagine living in something the size of this spacecraft for eight days — and hurtling into space, away from everything

that you have known and loved." The Apollo 10 capsule will be open for one day only — on Saturday, May 23.

sciencemuseum.org.uk

PUZZLES

It's a fact

What colour are American banknotes?

Answer at bottom of the page

Yesterday's answer

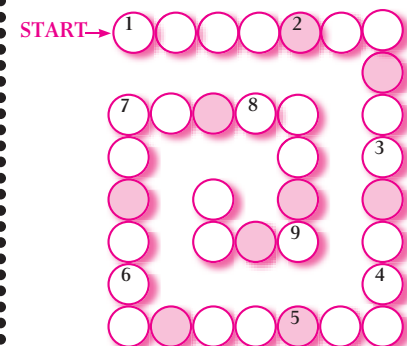
1. (c) Yellow and red 2. (a) Yellow

Puzzle of the day: spiral

Write the answer to each clue in the spiral, but be careful — the last letter of one answer is the first letter of the next! Then write out the letters in the pink circles in order below the grid to find a *Star Wars* character.

CLUES

- 1 Chaos, mayhem (5)
- 2 Kidney-shaped nut (6)
- 3 Opposite of "strong" (4)
- 4 Be aware of (4)
- 5 Shake like jelly (6)
- 6 Message sent online (5)
- 7 Nits (4)
- 8 Remove from a house (5)
- 9 Wagging part of a dog! (4)



Answer below

Yesterday's puzzle Duke, Earl, Viscount

Today's answers:
 Green
 Chewbacca

Interview the next Children's Laureate for *The Times*

Nobody knows yet who the next Children's Laureate will be — but you could be the first young person to interview him or her, at the official announcement party in London on Tuesday, June 9. To enter, e-mail the one question that you would most like to ask the next Children's Laureate to youngtimes@thetimes.co.uk by 10am on Friday, May 29. Include your name, date of birth, and your parents' or guardians' telephone number. You must be aged between 5 and 16 on June 9, 2009. Full terms and conditions on timesonline.co.uk/youngtimes



Yesterday's puzzle answers

Seeing double
 grateful, definite, surprise, occasion, guardian, business, excerpts, equipped, aqueduct, schedule, mimicked, mortgage

One too many
 tomorrow, rhinoceros, sandwich, separate, query, luxurious, necessary, inoculate, disappeared, sugar, GYMNASTICS

Jumble
 slithered, conifer, pirates, athletics, surgeon

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