



# Inside the life of a young actor

Jordan Nash says it's not all glitz and glamour.

Jordan Nash plays the character Peter Pan in a new film called *Come Away*, which combines the adventures of *Alice in Wonderland* with *Peter Pan*. "I took the original Peter and tried to make him my own," Nash tells *The Week Junior*. He combined elements of his own personality with Peter from the story by J.M. Barrie, which was first published in 1911. "Peter's very brave," says Nash, "which is confusing, because I'm a scaredy cat."



Jordan, who is 13 years old, grew up in London and "luckily," he says, has no siblings. He is home-schooled so his parents accompany him on set, teaching him lessons in the trailer between scenes.

Jordan got his first big role when he was five, but says "I don't have a

clue how I got into acting." However it happened, he clearly has a knack for it. He was recently nominated for Best Debut Performance in the BBC Audio Drama Awards for his lead role in *Oliver: Lagos to London*.

The best part of his job is the travel. For *Come Away*, he spent a month in the US, with the *Maleficent* star Angelina Jolie, who plays his mother. Off set, she took him sightseeing and they had an Indian takeaway at her house. Nash says the worst part of his job is waiting around. Between scenes there are long pauses while the equipment is moved and the set is taken down. "Ah, the glitz and the glamour," says Jordan, "I haven't experienced much of that."

*Come Away* is available to download now.



Jordan Nash

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Peter Pan was first written as a play, before becoming a novel.



Bob Bryce loves working on the railways.

## Never too old to learn

More than 60 years after leaving school, Bob Bryce has become one of the UK's oldest apprentices (people learning how to do a job while at work). The 76-year-old is a train ticket inspector in England but is doing a level 3 supervisor apprenticeship (the equivalent of an A level) to improve his skills. During the pandemic, Bryce has been studying online, which he said was a challenge at first. Bryce, who has one exam left, said he loves working on the railways. "It's the best job I've ever had, which is why I want to keep working as long as possible," he said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn new things at my age."

## Fighting for an education

Francisco Vera, an 11-year-old Colombian boy, has been praised for his fight to improve access to education. Vera posted a video online asking the government to improve internet connectivity to help children learning at home during the pandemic. The United Nations (an organisation of 193 countries that work together on issues such as climate change and peace) congratulated Vera him for his activism. It's not the only issue Vera is passionate about. "I grew up in the mountains with ducks, chickens, goats and birds," Vera said. "That motivated me to be an animal rights defender, and then an environmental activist."



Francisco Vera

## THEY SAID IT!



**"To me reading is a great adventure, I'd loved it since I was very small and I would love everybody else to enjoy it as much as I do."**

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, talking about how her father inspired her love for reading.

