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KATE: Hi, I'm Kate Holland. Welcome to Newsreel Easy.

- Coming up:
The top footballer who's come out as gay.
Josh Cavallo: I'm a footballer and I'm gay.

And Ariana Grande's to star in a new musical movie.

But first

More Diversity in UK Children's Book

A new report has revealed that 15 per cent of children's books in the UK have minority ethnic characters in them. That's four times as many as four years ago.

Farrah Serroukh, who helped write the report, told me:

FARRAH SERROUKH: The world is shrinking. We need to get better at being together. So, books are a really great gateway into unpicking that with children

Junior goes to Primary School in Liverpool and he told BBC Newsround that he's pleased there are now more characters like him in children's books.

JUNIOR: My mum told me when she was a little kid, the books that they had, there was no black people in it. And so now that there's like books with different people coloured skin in it, it makes me happy.

Josh Cavallo

Now, why is it still a big deal to be an elite sportsperson and be gay?

Last month, Australian football star, Josh Cavallo, came out publicly on his Twitter feed.

JOSH CAVALLO: There's something personal that I need to share with everyone. I'm a footballer and I'm gay. The response and support I have received is immense. I'm Josh Cavallo, I'm a footballer and I'm proud to be gay.

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KATE: Josh is one of only two openly gay male professional footballers in the world.

I've been speaking to 14-year-old Django who plays for his local team in the south of England.

DJANGO: I thought it was brilliant that we now have another footballer added to the gay community. I think that's brilliant.

KATE: What do you admire about what he did?

DJANGO: To be a footballer there's a stereotype you have to be manly, straight, masculine. Whereas, you know, a stereotypical gay person, let's say - isn't. I think it's good that we now have someone who's going against stereotypes.

KATE: How about in the team that you play for – what would it be like, do you think, if someone came out there?

DJANGO: I don't think in my football club that would be an issue. Our managers are really nice. One of the player's brothers who helps coach, he's really nice.

KATE: I also chatted to Zac, who's 17, and has played football all of his life.

I asked him if he had ever noticed any anti-gay feelings in teams he's played for...

ZAC: There'll be jokes here and there and stuff, but I don't think anyone really takes them that seriously - teammate banter, I think. But everyone, at the end of the day always comes out still all friends with each other.

Ariana Grande

ARIANE GRANDE: All of Oz has to love you...

KATE: That's Ariana Grande singing 'The Wizard and I' from the musical *Wicked*.

It's just been announced that she's going to star in a new movie version of the hit show set in the Land of Oz.

ARIANA GRANDE: All right, why not?" I'll reply / Oh, what a pair we'll be / The Wizard and I / Yes, what a pair we'll be / The Wizard and

KATE: Thank you for listening and speak to you all soon! Goodbye!

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