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THEME

— Madame Perrin !

Ah non, pas lui !

— Oui !

Elle le voit marcher dans l'allée avec ses bottes en caoutchouc, il va encore se lancer dans des considérations météorologiques, la pluie c'est bon pour le jardin, moi, dans mon potager...

— Mais vous ne venez jamais me voir, madame Perrin !

— Oui, dit Mathilde, je me promets toujours de le faire et puis vous savez ce que c'est...

Il lève une main, il sait ce que c'est !

— Ce sont des poires.

Mathilde trouve que c'est le fruit parfait pour ce crétin.

— Oh, des poires? dit-elle, émerveillée.

Un plein panier, elles ont toutes des points noirs ; elle en tâte une, dure comme la pierre. Alors donc les fruits, la météo, le jardin. Et plus rien à se dire, comme d'habitude.

— Vous avez vu cette histoire, la semaine dernière à Messin? demande Lepoitevin.

— Non, qu'est-ce qui s'est passé? C'est tout moi, ça, je ne suis jamais au courant de rien !

Le Serpent majuscule, Pierre LEMAITRE, Editions Albin Michel 2021

Pour le thème, merci de rédiger une ligne sur deux et de laisser une marge conséquente à gauche

Vaccinologist Barbie: Prof Sarah Gilbert honoured with a doll

Prof Sarah Gilbert has had quite a year. The co-creator of the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab has been made a dame, been given an emotional standing ovation at Wimbledon – and now a Barbie doll has been made in her honour.

Gilbert, who led the development of the Covid vaccine at Oxford University, said she initially found the gesture “very strange” but hoped it would inspire young girls to work in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (Stem).

“I am passionate about inspiring the next generation of girls into Stem careers and hope that children who see my Barbie will realise how vital careers in science are to help the world around us,” she said. “My wish is that my doll will show children careers they may not be aware of, like a vaccinologist.”

As well as the likeness of Dame Sarah, the toy company has created models in honour of five other women working in Stem around the world.

They include US healthcare workers Amy O’Sullivan and Dr Audrey Cruz, Canadian doctor and campaigner Dr Chika Stacy Oriuwa, Brazilian biomedical researcher Dr Jaqueline Goes de Jesus and Dr Kirby White, an Australian medic who co-created a reusable gown for front-line staff.

Lisa McKnight, senior vice-president and global head of Barbie and dolls at Mattel, said: “Barbie recognises that all frontline workers have made tremendous sacrifices when confronting the pandemic and the challenges it heightened. To shine a light on their efforts, we are sharing their stories ... to inspire the next generation to take after these heroes and give back.”

Over the years, Mattel has made dolls to the likeness of stars including Johnny Depp, Jennifer Lopez and Cher, in celebration of their career milestones. Last month a Barbie doll modelled on tennis star Naomi Osaka sold out hours after its launch.

Meanwhile earlier this year Radio 1 presenter Clara Amfo unveiled a Barbie doll in her image. Known for fighting racial inequality and championing women’s rights, Amfo’s Barbie was released ahead of International Women’s Day in March.

Mattel also recently released a Rosa Parks Barbie (as part of its Inspiring Women series). In 2019, Barbie was accused of having a “wokeover” after Mattel launched a new range of gender-inclusive dolls that are free of labels.

They join a growing list of inclusive Barbies and Kens. There’s now a Barbie that uses a wheelchair, a black Barbie with a natural hairstyle, and a Ken with a slightly higher BMI.

Question 1: What has Mattel done and why? Answer in your own words (80 words, +/-10%)

Question 2: In your opinion, what can be done to reduce the STEM gender gap. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. (180 words +/-10%)

