



**The world this week**  
**A football prodigy**

# Where are we this week?

This country begins with an 'N'



It's in Europe,  
near Scotland.



Its national  
symbol is  
a shamrock!



# It is Northern Ireland!

It's the smallest country in the United Kingdom with a population of 1.9 million.

Its capital city is Belfast.

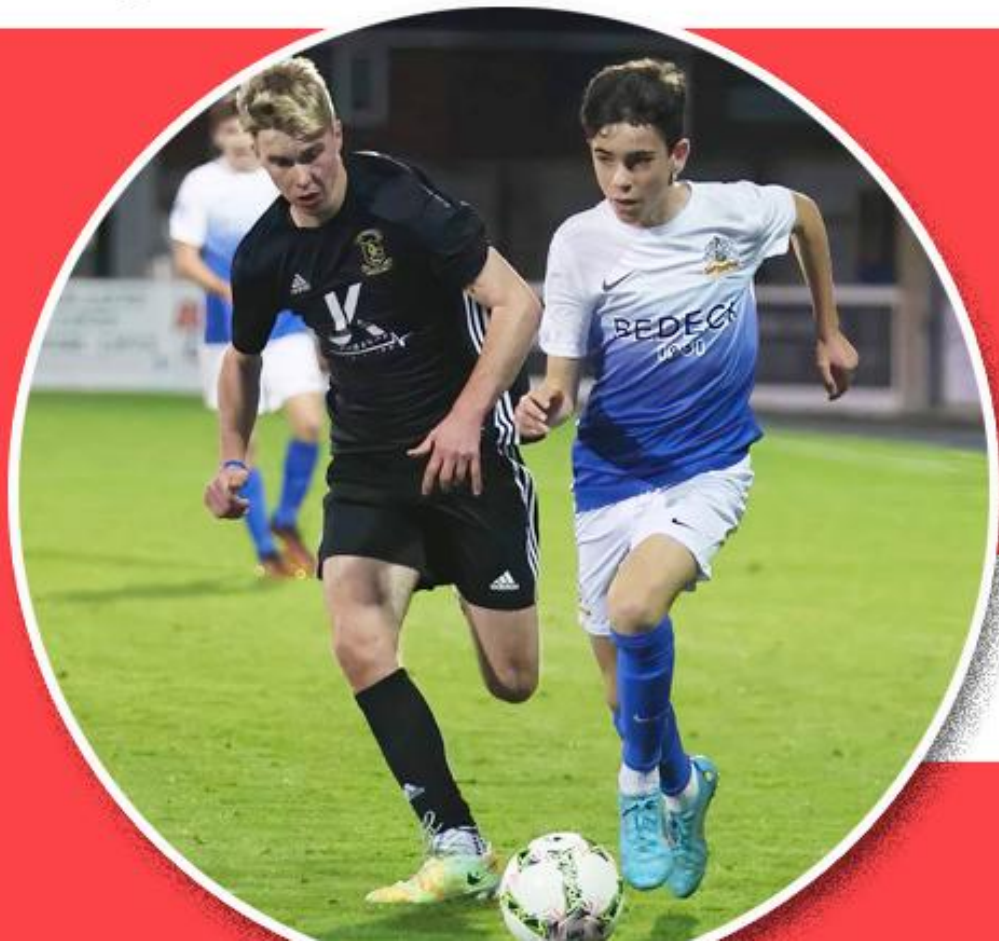
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Hello!



# Why is Northern Ireland in the news?

Because Christopher Atherton has become the youngest ever senior footballer in the UK...



...He is only 13 years old  
and still at school!

# Christopher played his first match for Glenavon, a half-professional football club.

He helped with his team's sixth goal of the match...



...and was called one of the best players at his age!

# Over to you!

Using the world map, where is this country in relation to the Tropics and Equator? What do you think the climate is like?



Do you know any facts about Northern Ireland?



Do you like sports?  
Which is your favourite?



# Over to you!

What does it take to become a professional athlete at a young age?  
Would you like to be one?



***Thank you!***

***We'll see you next week for your new  
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