



## The News

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The Paris Children's Court will be delivering its verdict today to the six teenage students who are accused of handing teacher Samuel Platy's name to his murderer. This morning, each of the teenagers will take the stand for a final time, as they face up to two and a half years in prison. The trial of the adults involved in the case will take place at the end of the year.

With a year to go until Paris' Notre Dame cathedral is due to re-open, Emmanuel Macron is expected at the construction site this morning. The President will be taken to see the newly straightened spire up close. Notre Dame sustained serious damage when fire broke out in the cathedral four years ago.

Elisabeth Borne arrived on Mayotte this morning, for the first visit of a head of government to the island since 2015. The Prime Minister will be discussing two major topics during her visit: insecurity and drinking water supply. Maori people on the island only have access to clean drinking water one day in every three. Otherwise, each resident has the right to one litre of bottled water a day. Elisabeth Borne has promised to take decisive action to tackle the crisis.

In the United States, new charges have been brought against Hunter Biden. The son of the US president has found himself in the sights of the justice system for tax fraud. He allegedly developed a scheme that allowed him to avoid paying nearly a million and a half dollars in tax and continue to lead a lavish lifestyle.

And finally, tonight is the start of the Telethon. This is the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the charity event to raise funds for research on how to treat rare diseases. Last year the Telethon had its best result since 2016, raising more than 90 million euros. This year, despite inflation, organisers are hoping for an even better result. You can donate by calling 3637 or by visiting the Telethon website.